

Congressman Hall votes against bailout measure

Rep. Ralph Hall (R-TX/4) joined the majority in voting down HR 3997, the emergency economic "bailout" plan, on Monday.

The economic plan failed in the House of Representatives by a vote of 205 to 228, with 140 Democrats and 65 Republicans voting for and 95 Democrats and 133 Republicans voting against the measure.

"I voted no on the (Secretary of the Treasury Henry) Paulson bailout

for many reasons," Hall said in a statement following the vote. "Hundreds – and yes – thousands of those reasons are the number of my constituents who called me and urged me to oppose this – the largest bailout in history – a bailout of Wall Street that immediately increases the national debt limit by \$1.5 trillion, from \$9.8 trillion to \$11.3 trillion."

Although the Republicans improved the measure, Hall said the plan still had areas that raised red flags.

"Another reason for my opposition is that there are federal funds available that would have prevented the \$700 billion outlay of taxpayer dollars," he said. "One such source is the Federal Deposit Insurance Corp., which would be a better and more transparent method of putting public capital into the banks – capital spawned by financial transactions and on-hand – and not new capital required from taxpayers."

Hall said he hopes the president will use the approximately \$400 billion the federal government has available to help provide stability in the market.

McLendon-Chisolm VFD to host Saturday chili cook-off

The McLendon-Chisolm Volunteer Fire Department will host its Annual Chili Cook-Off Saturday.

Local residents are encouraged to come out with their chili, beans, cornbread, pies and cakes. Prizes will be awarded to winners in each category.

Entries must be received by 4:45 p.m. Judging will be at 5 p.m. Meal tickets will be sold for \$5 each as soon as judging is completed.

Sidelining the event will be a silent auction and live auction of items donated by local businesses. This year's donors include Nasr Jewelers, Willis Jewelers, Bath Junkie, Tractor Supply, Homemade Gourmet, and independent consultants for Arbonne, and Belifore. Also to be auctioned is a Brad Paisley T-shirt/autograph set and many other items.

A LifeStar helicopter also will be on site for viewing, and live music will be provided.

Funds generated by the event will benefit the fire department.

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to achieve a stronger voice for Rockwall County, as well as increasing the share of transportation dollars sent to our region."

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Rock the Cure 5K Walk
The second annual Rock the Cure 5K will begin at 8 a.m. at Harry Myers Park and begin at 7 a.m. Proceeds will support the Cancer Foundation.

PHR offers reduced-price mammograms
Throughout the month of October, Eastern Presbyterian Hospital of Rockwall offers mammograms. Cost will include the screening and interpretation. Call 469-698-1100 to schedule an appointment. Appointments for Saturday, Oct. 18, also are available.

Flowerpot decorating class
A free come-and-go class will be offered Oct. 18 at Covington's Nursery Landscape Co., 107 E. Bourn Ave., in Rowlett. Open to junior gardeners, and parents and children. Children and parents will decorate clay pots and plant pansies. For details, call 972-475-5888.

Decorating with pumpkins
A free class offering ideas for planting pumpkins will begin at 1 p.m. Oct. 18 at Covington's Nursery Landscape Co., 107 E. Bourn Ave., in Rowlett. Call 972-475-5888.

RARC to meet Oct. 21
The Rockwall Amateur Radio Club will meet Oct. 21 at Community Bank, located at 201 E. Kuykendall. The meeting will take place in the Community Bank lobby. All members and guests are invited to attend.

Aggie Moms' garage sale
The Rockwall County Aggie Moms will be having a garage sale from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the hood Market on Rusk and Lake Shore Boulevard. Proceeds will be used for scholarships awarded to local Aggie students. For the sale contact Teena Hopkins, 469-376-4121 or e-mail kchc@kchc.com.

Ghost Walk slated in Kaufman
The Kaufman County Historical Commission will be sponsoring a ghost walk beginning at 7 p.m. at Poor Farm, Hwy. 34 and FM 1388. Open to all ages 12 and older, the tour will spotlight "ghosts of the past." Advance tickets cost \$10. For more information, call 469-376-4121 or e-mail kchc@kchc.com.

VNA to host memorial service
The Visiting Nurse Association will host a memorial service to honor the memories of loved ones beginning at 7 p.m. at the Wesley United Methodist Church, 2705 W. McKinney. The event will be open to the public. Music, readings and the lighting of memorial candles for all faiths are welcome. For more information, call 469-376-4121 or e-mail kchc@kchc.com.

Pumpkin Patch open through Oct. 25
The Pumpkin Patch is open daily from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at a grassy area of Rockwall's Ridge Road Shopping Center. The patch is open to all ages. For more information, call 469-376-4121 or e-mail kchc@kchc.com.

Blankets needed for soldiers
The Soldiers' Angels Organization Sewing Society is seeking blankets to give to soldiers spending the holidays in a military hospital. Blankets should be made of wool or store-bought fleeces or quilts should be made of wool, cotton, or synthetic materials. Blankets should be made in sizes 48x60, 48x72, 60x72, 60x84, 72x84, 72x96, 84x96, 84x108, 96x108, 96x120, 108x120, 108x144, 120x144, 120x168, 144x168, 144x192, 168x192, 168x216, 192x216, 192x240, 216x240, 216x288, 240x288, 240x324, 288x324, 288x360, 324x360, 324x408, 360x408, 360x456, 408x456, 408x504, 456x504, 456x576, 504x576, 504x648, 576x648, 576x720, 648x720, 648x816, 720x816, 720x900, 816x900, 816x960, 900x960, 960x1008, 1008x1008, 1008x1080, 1080x1080, 1080x1152, 1152x1152, 1152x1224, 1224x1224, 1224x1300, 1300x1300, 1300x1376, 1376x1376, 1376x1456, 1456x1456, 1456x1536, 1536x1536, 1536x1620, 1620x1620, 1620x1704, 1704x1704, 1704x1792, 1792x1792, 1792x1880, 1880x1880, 1880x1968, 1968x1968, 1968x2064, 2064x2064, 2064x2160, 2160x2160, 2160x2256, 2256x2256, 2256x2352, 2352x2352, 2352x2448, 2448x2448, 2448x2544, 2544x2544, 2544x2640, 2640x2640, 2640x2736, 2736x2736, 2736x2832, 2832x2832, 2832x2928, 2928x2928, 2928x3024, 3024x3024, 3024x3120, 3120x3120, 3120x3216, 3216x3216, 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Utley Middle School renovations underway

Heavy equipment have taken over Utley Middle School, gutting the school and grounds in preparations for a major renovation. The school will reopen in time for the 2009-2010 school year.

Rockwall ISD Task Force on geographic zoning by for Utley Middle School

Carri Eddy, former assistant principal at Rockwall Heath High School, was named the middle school principal last spring. The early announcement allows Ms. Eddy to begin working in advance with the issues of opening a new

school, such as facility preparations, zoning, and staffing.

The task force began meeting on Sept. 11 and will meet each Thursday through October. It will make its recommendations to District Superintendent Gene

Burton in November, with a proposal being sent to the Board of Trustees in December.

Additional information regarding the zoning process or the role of the task force can be obtained by contacting the RISD Office of Policy, Planning and Research at 972-771-0605.

Ed Thatcher feted for 30 years of service

Ed Thatcher, Heath city manager, recently was recognized by the International City Management Association for 30 years of public service.

"We are very proud of Ed Thatcher and this achievement," said John Ratcliffe, mayor of Heath. "It's a well-deserved recognition and celebration of his dedication to public service and professional management, not only here in Heath, but in the other local governments he has served during a long and distinguished career."

Thatcher was hired for his current position in June 2005. Prior to working in Heath he served as assistant to the Abilene city manager and as city manager in Navasota, Rosenberg and Greenville.

An active member of the Texas City Management Association and ICMA, Thatcher has served as a TCMA board members and as president of the North Texas City Management Association, which serves the Dallas/Fort Worth region and is the largest region in the state.

Thatcher, who holds a bachelor's degree in criminal justice and a master's degree in public administration from Brigham Young University, and his wife are Heath residents and parents of six sons.

In 1997 he was recognized by his alma mater for his accomplishments when Brigham Young University's George Romney Institute of Public Affairs awarded him its Administrator of the Year award.



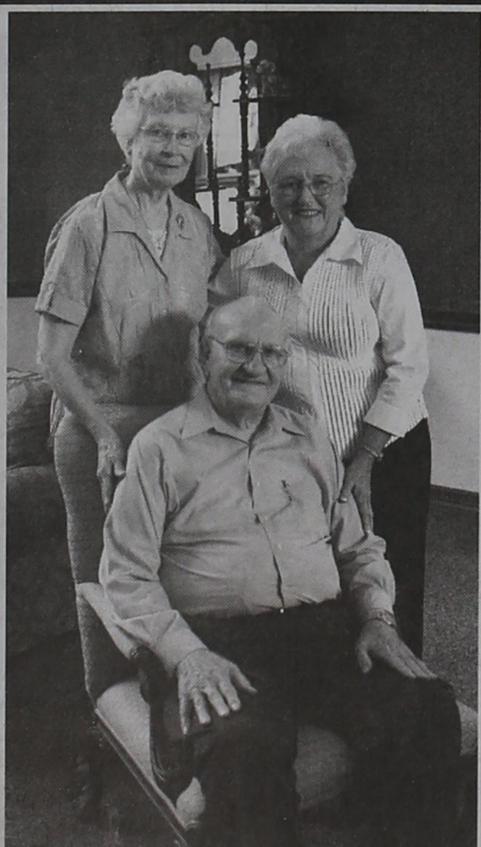
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Weldon Collier, his sister Guyrene Randles (left) & niece Carolyn Bryan (right)

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"Break-A-Thon" at Poetry Community Christian School
 Christian Soldier's Karate students at Poetry Community Christian School participated in their annual "Break-A-Thon" wearing sparring gear. Each student gains pledges toward each board they break during the event. The school began offering the Karate last year with black belt instructors, Steve and Lisa Harrell. PCCS parents enjoy this fitness program for its focus on nutrition and character accountability through teacher and parent surveys. Shown putting his best foot forward with instructor (left), is student Danell Horan. Photo courtesy of Ann P. Horan

RISD distributes laptops to students

Every seventh- and eighth-grade student in the Rockwall Independent School District recently receive a laptop computer to be used inside and outside of the classroom as part of a new one-to-one technology initiative.

The initiative was developed in January when a committee of 50 individuals - teachers, parents, community members and district administrators - created the Long Range Plan for Technology. The plan, which will remain in effect through 2011, serves as a guide for implementing technology within the Rockwall ISD. The provision of one-to-one technology is a major component of the plan.

"After considering national and state directives, the needs of our students and Web-based technologies that support and enhance learning, the committee recommended the purchase of technology that would facilitate a one-to-one student-computer ratio for our secondary students," said Donna Fisher, director of instructional technology. "Having these laptop computers will enable our students to have direct and continuous access to technology throughout the day as well as to extend learning opportunities beyond the classroom walls."

Several Texas and U.S. school districts have implemented similar practices, but the RISD is the first to distribute Intel Comparison laptops to students.

In order to be eligible to take the laptop home, each student was given the option to pay a deposit. The laptops are set up to use the RISD network, which provides firewall protection and security technology.

Personalized blankets needed for soldiers

The Soldiers' Angels Organization Sewing Team plans to send homemade blankets to deployed and injured soldiers who will spend Christmas in a war zone as part of its Blankets of Belief project.

Blankets, hand-made or store-bought fleece or quilts, should be personalized with red, white and blue using buttons, embroidery or appliques.

Anyone interested in contributing to the project, which will see the hand-delivery of blankets on Christmas day, should contact Diane Janik at 972-998-9892.

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20th annual Pumpkin Patch debuts Saturday

The opening of the 20th annual Pumpkin Patch event is set for 9 a.m. Saturday at last year's location—the grassy area of Rockwall's Ridge Road Shopping Center between the main entrance and the entrance closest to Brookshire's.

The Pumpkin Patch, a joint fundraiser sponsored by the Friends of the Rockwall County Library and the Council of Catholic Women of Our Lady of the Lake Catholic Church, has become a community tradition. Proceeds from the event are divided equally between the two sponsoring groups and used to benefit the library and charitable efforts in the county supported by the church group.

More than 500 volunteers — adults and students — are expected to contribute time to this year's event.

Numerous items will be offered at the Patch, including various sizes of pumpkins and gourds, decorative corn, handcrafted seasonal lawn art and traditional deli items such as pumpkin butter and specialty pickles.

A maze of hay bales will be set up as part of Saturday's Patch children's activities. Also scheduled are clowns, face painting, balloon twists and children's musical presentations. Doreen Miller of the Rockwall County library also will entertain with her popular story time.

Following Saturday's grand opening, the Patch will be open daily from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. through Halloween.

Each Tuesday at the Patch will be Senior Citizen Discount Day. Seniors will receive a 10 percent discount on their Patch purchases.

On Oct. 25, a Family Fun Day, sponsored by the Rockwall Police Officers Association, will be conducted. It will feature games and pumpkin-decorating contests.

For a complete schedule of all Patch activities, visit www.rockwallpumpkinpatch.com.

To schedule school visits, contact Dori Hillman at 972-772-2786. To volunteer, contact Sheila Flannery at 214-771-3178. For additional information, contact Patch coordinators Jean Gustafson at 972-771-6743 or Carolyn Duckworth at 972-772-

RC's FunFest set for Oct. 18

Royse City's 19th Annual FunFest observance will unfold in the Downtown Main Street area on Oct. 18.

Billed as "a day of family fun," the event will include a Fun Run beginning at 7:45 a.m., a 9 a.m. parade and a myriad of other activities — Kids Komer, vendor and food booths, Hoop Shot Contest, dunking booth, Doggy Contest, a children's pageant, a pie-eating contest, a Hula Hoop contest and a karaoke contest.

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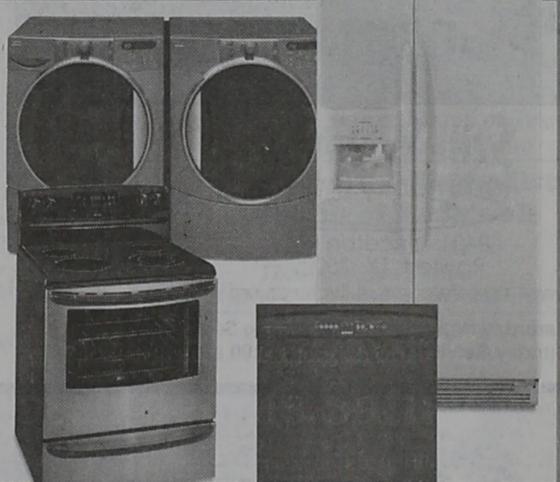
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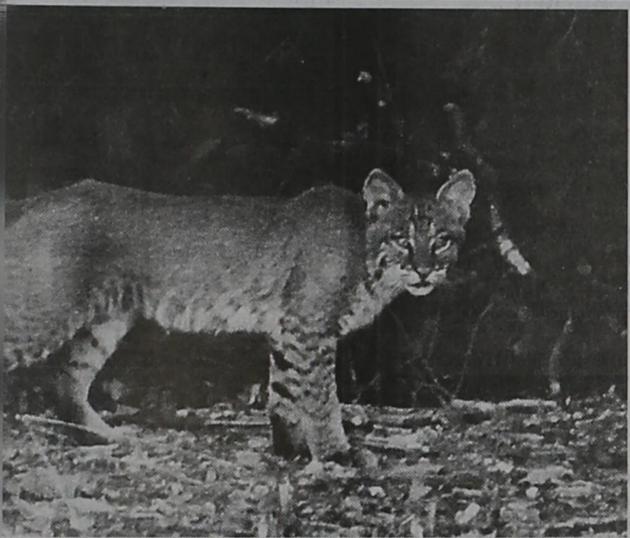
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Bill Cecil serves treats at Coldstone Creamery

Bill Cecil, owner of Coldstone Creamery, is seen serving treats to a young girl at the store. Cecil is the "st scooper" at Coldstone Creamery's Make-A-Wish Foundation on Thursday. Customers could choose from two flavors of Make-A-Wish Kids. Receiving their favor (left to right) B.J. Martin and her mother, Lynn.



Cougar spotted in Rockwall backyard

Blain, along with sons Gannon and Kyler, found their trampoline on Friday, Sept. 26. A cougar cub found their way into the Blain's backyard in Rockwall. This photo was taken by Allen Christian.

Friends, PetSmart Rowlett adoptions

The opening of the Rowlett PetSmart will mark the beginning of adoptions, according to a press release from the Friends of the Alliance.

Several adoptable felines on hand, children's prizes and other activities are planned.

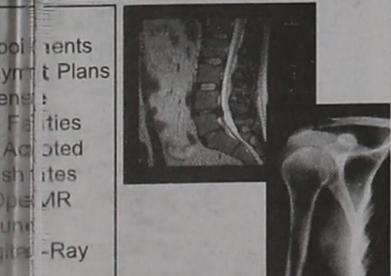
Adoptions will take place from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Sunday. Regular adoption hours are from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturdays.

Several loving cats and kittens to wonderful people, however, this kitten season was extremely busy," said Friends volunteer. "We had close to 100 adoptions in May to September. We urge pet owners to prevent their offspring from being euthanized to survive on their own."

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Rockwall County Obituaries

Floyd Dudley "F.D." Hitt

Floyd Dudley "F.D." Hitt, a lifetime resident of Rockwall TX, passed away September 27, 2008, at the age of 92. He was born December 17, 1915, in Hunt County TX to Walter and Willie (Vining) Hitt. Mr. Hitt was a member of New Liberty Baptist Church, formerly of Ridgeview Baptist where he was a deacon. He was a past member of Woodmen of The World. Mr. Hitt worked for Temco in Garland for several years, but for most of his life he owned and operated farms and ranches in or around Rockwall County and in 2004 was voted best farmer of the year by Peoples' Choice of Rockwall.



Mr. Hitt is survived by daughters: Sue Matthies and husband Harry of Dallas TX, Reba Mendoza and husband Sal of Garland TX, and Patti Radney and husband Jimmy of Rockwall; grandchildren: Beverly Carson of Rockwall, L.R. Tipton of Dallas, Susie Samuels and husband Alan of Plano TX, Erik Matthies and wife Dot of Dallas, Vicki Swafford of Harrison AR, Delena Pool and husband Kerry of Rockwall, Aaron Radney and wife Amy of Caddo Mills TX, Betsy Alt and husband Jon of Rowlett TX; 16 great-grandchildren and 4 great-great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his wife Leola in 2003; sons Bobby Joe and Bobby Floyd; brothers James and O.B.; sisters Georgia, Esther and Cordie.

Funeral services were held 2:00pm Monday, September 29, 2008, at Rest Haven Funeral Home-Rockwall Chapel with Rev. Ken Ashlock and Pastor Kerry Pool officiating. Interment followed in Campground Cemetery. The family received friends at the funeral home Sunday from 4:00 to 6:00pm.

Jane Smith Caughran

Graveside services for Jane Smith Caughran, 86, of Rockwall, formerly of Dallas, were conducted at 2 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 30, 2008, in the Rockwall Memorial Cemetery with the Rev. Valarie Englert officiating. The Rest Haven Funeral Home-Rockwall Chapel was in charge of arrangements.

She died Sept. 26. Born Dec. 7, 1921, in Llano, she was a graduate of Terrell High School and Texas Women's University. She was a member of the First United Methodist Church of Rockwall.

Survivors include her son, Kerry B. Caughran; her grandchildren, Megan K. (Patrick) Robson and Bess and David Caughran; and her daughters-in-law, Pat Caughran and Linda Waincott.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Walter Brown Caughran. The family has suggested memorial donations be made to the Rockwall County Library, 1215 E. Yellowjacket Lane, Rockwall, TX 75087.

Claude R. Roux

Memorial services for Claude R. Roux, 72, of Bellaire will be at 11 a.m. Monday, Oct. 6, 2008, in the Mortensen Funeral Home in Bellaire. A luncheon will immediately follow in the Custer Township Hall.

He died on Sept. 18 at home. Born March 14, 1936, in Redford, Mich., he attended Catholic schools in Redford and Canada. He and his brothers followed in their father's footsteps, attending apprenticeship in carpentry. He served in the U.S. Marine Corps in 1953, spending three years in Okinawa and Japan during the end of the Korean conflict.

He was married Sept. 13, 1958, and he and his wife, Mary Anne, made their first home in Huntsville, Ala. They later moved to Rockwall. He began his own business in electronics as a manufacturers' representatives, then as national sales manager in test and lab equipment. He took a one-year sabbatical, sailing a ketch from Florida to the Bahamas. He retired from his own business in Arlington. In 2002, he and his wife moved to Bellaire. He was a proud member of Alcoholics Anonymous for 27 years.

Survivors include his wife, Mary Anne of Bellaire; his sons, Steve (Kama) Roux of Rockwall, David (Shannon) Roux of Garland, Joseph Roux of Quinlan and Christopher Roux of Denver, Colo.; a granddaughter, Angela Roux (Walker Carver) of Royse City; a grandson, Nathan Roux of Royse City; a great-grandson, Dalton Roux of Royse City; a step-granddaughter, Samantha (Clint) Chapman of Arizona; a step-great-granddaughter, Emma Chapman of Arizona; a step-grandson, Timothy Sykes, who is serving in Iraq; his brothers, Gerald (Josephine) Roux of Auburn, Wash., and Roland (Gayle) Roux of O'Brien, Ore.; and his dog, Cocoa. Other survivors include an aunt and uncle, nieces and nephews, cousins and many friends and other family members.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Nathe and Eva Roux; one brother, Denis Roux; a daughter-in-law, Cindy Roux; and his parents-in-law, Joseph and Marie Nichols.

In lieu of flowers, the family has requested that any donations be made to the charity of the donor's choice.

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On God's Word

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Believing ... Hebrews 11; 20-22

Looking at different examples of believing found in Hebrews 11, we continue at verse 20, "By faith Isaac blessed Jacob and Esau concerning things to come." The record of this is found in Genesis 27 where we learn in verse 41 that "Esau hated Jacob" because their father Isaac blessed Jacob first.

Isaac was approximately 137 years of age with fading eyes so that he could not see. Over the years he preferred Esau rather than Jacob. He commanded Esau to hunt for some tasty venison to eat so that he might bless him before his death. In the end Rebekah arranged for Jacob to get the first-born child's blessing.

At first glance it may appear from the story that Jacob did not deserve the blessing. But looking back in time we learn that Esau sold his birthright for some of Jacob's food (see also Genesis 25:29-34). It says in verse 34 that Esau "despised his birthright."

Although Esau was the first-born child, Jacob ultimately received the blessing according to God's will. Please note how this is a great example of faith in contrast with the will of the flesh. Isaac loved Esau, yet in the end he blessed Jacob according to God's will.

"By faith Jacob, when he was dying, blessed both the sons of Joseph, and worshipped God while leaning on the top of his staff" (Hebrews 11:20). It was only by faith in God that Jacob had the strength to follow through with blessing both of Joseph's sons Manasseh and Ephraim. It's interesting to note that God mentions only Manasseh in this verse, considering that Jacob's son Judah carried the genetic line of the Messiah.

It was because of Joseph that all of Jacob's family lived through a great famine, which ultimately protected the genetic line of Jesus Christ.

God is pretty good at protecting His people! The next verses 23-29 talk about faith in relation to Moses' life, which will be covered in more detail next week.

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The adult class meets from 8:45 a.m. to 10 a.m. on Wednesdays and main worship time at 10:30 a.m. Visit www.woodcreekbiblechurch.com for more information.

Woodcreek Bible Church is located at 7066 W. City.

Do you love quilts?

The Lake Pointe Quilters will have their annual quilt sale and 19 in front of The Bookstore at Lake Pointe from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday, October 4. Handmade quilts will be available for purchase at Lake Pointe Missions. The Bookstore at Lake Pointe is the main foyer and the sale runs from 5:30 p.m. on Saturday and from 9 a.m. to Noon on Sunday.

Jews for Jesus ministry comes to

Ridgeview Church in Rockwall will host Jews for Jesus organization, on Oct. 19 at 10 a.m. Ridgeview Church is a Jewish evangelistic missionary organization with a focus on Jewish evangelism. The purpose is to instruct today's Church on the Jewish faith.

On Oct. 26 from 5:30 p.m. to 8 p.m., Ridgeview Church will host Fall Festival with pony rides, inflatable bounce house, carnival games and a clown for the kids. Everything is free. Ridgeview Church is located at 1362 E. FM 512.

First United Methodist hosts

The First UMC Rockwall youth group will host football games today and Oct. 24 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Youth are invited to enjoy snacks and fellowship. The Fifth Quarter takes place in the second floor, youth center of the First United Methodist Church, located at 1200 E. Yellowjacket Lane. For more information, call 972-771-5500.

Free AARP Driver Safety

Christ Church is offering a free AARP course on Oct. 18 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Lunch is included. Christ Church is located at 749 Justin Road in Rockwall. RSVP by calling 972-722-2621.

Lake Pointe Church's Fall

Lake Pointe Church in Rockwall will host its Fall Festival on Oct. 24 from 5 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. in the main hall and Pier 4:19 building. This evening includes many all ages, carnival rides and games, pony rides, a zoo, a special play area for toddlers, a silent auction and more. Make plans now to bring your family.

The cost is \$5 for children age 2 through 17, and \$10 for adults. Tickets are available during the week of Oct. 4 and will be available the night of the festival. For first-time visitors to Lake Pointe are available at lakepointe.org. Tickets are available during weeks of Oct. 4 and will be available the night of the festival. Saturday evenings at 6 p.m. and Sunday mornings at 10 a.m. For more information, visit www.lakepointe.org.

FUMC Rockwall the Season Bazaar for Saturday, Nov 1

November 1 is the day to set aside to begin your holiday shopping. It's the day for the Twelfth Annual UMW Bazaar at the First United Methodist Church in Rockwall and you are invited. There will be very stylish handmade crafts and home decor, tasty baked goods, and great baking pecans that are made in size of those in some of the grocery stores. The goods are prepared in items you won't be able to find elsewhere.

This year will also bring something new: an antique area with various items donated by members of the church. We also have some real treasures tucked safely away and ready to be discovered.

All proceeds from the Bazaar, as well as vendors and the small admission charge, go to the mission fund of the First United Methodist Church. The Church is located at 1200 E. FM 512, Rockwall, Texas. For booth information (including size), please call 972-771-7529. There will only be about fifty booths available for vendors, and space is going fast! For general information, contact Kathy Lane at 972-977-3922.

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How to avoid scams

City Police Department's criminal investigation department supervisor Scott McDonnald explains how to avoid fraudulent activities for citizen seminar last week at the Evergreen Assisted Living facility in Rockwall. The event was hosted by a committee on Aging. Other speakers included Roysse City chief of police Tom Shelton, Amanda Sutherland of Roysse City, Terry Guess of Premier Capital Lending, Joe Vaughan of Network Realty and Elizabeth Hart of Senior Services.

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Maroney tapped as finalist for national award

Peggy Maroney, a member of the Rockwall Community Playhouse and a former Fate resident, recently was named one of eight finalists in the Columbia Entertainment Company's 2008 Jackie White Memorial National Children's Playwriting Contest.

Maroney's full-length script, "A Forest Caper," garnered the honors in the national competition.

"A Forest Caper" was read by seven readers, including current and past members of the CEC's governing board, as part of the contest.

"We liked how the characters were reversed - the trolls were the good guys and the humans were the bad guys," one of the readers wrote.

"Readers liked many things..." said CEC Director Betsy Phillips. "This play portrays a strong message of the importance of working together to come up with a solution to a problem.... This play serves as a good model of friendship for children of all ages."

Maroney holds a bachelor's degree in speech and hearing therapy and a master's degree in elementary education from Texas A&M University-Commerce. She has 27 years of experience in public schools as a speech therapist, a teacher and a counselor.

A longtime member of the Rockwall Community Playhouse, Maroney recently appeared in "A Midsummer Night's Dream" and "It's a Wonderful Life." She won the Playhouse CUE Award as assistant director for Neil Simon's "Proposals" and is a member of the Dramatists Guild of America.

Maroney's other plays include "The Dream of a Lifetime," "Captain Henry and the Robots," "Fires of Destruction" and "A Christmas Peril."



Don Teague named Austin Film Festival semi-finalist

Rockwall writer Don Teague has been named a semi-finalist in the 15th Annual Austin Film Festival and Conference's annual screenwriter's competition.

Teague was selected for his screenplay, "Strong Roads."

The contest regularly draws

more than 4,100 entries, and only the top 10 percent moves on to the second round of competition. Fifty entrants qualify for the semi-finalist round, 20 will become finalists and six will qualify for the final award.

Now in its 15th year, the festival and conference will take place Oct. 16-23.

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- 21 longtime TX Dem. U.S. senator Yarborough (init.)
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- 23 _____ Rodriguez won '72 TX Byron Nelson Golf Classic
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- 29 a "house" used to launder money on TX-Mex border
- 30 early Roy Orbison band: "_____ Kings"
- 31 computer (abbr.)
- 32 TXism for "robbed" (2 wds.)
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- 35 Fred of "Silk Stockings" with TX-born Cyd Charisse
- 37 Houston & Dallas traffic jammers close one's eyes
- 38 Dallas-based newspaper company
- 41 TXism: "don't _____ dead horse"
- 42 noted TX square dance caller Golden

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- 2 TX cartoonist Ace Reid drew _____ cows
- 3 actress Bacall in "The Walker" with TX-born Harrelson
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Entertainment

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Brown Bag Lecture Series
The Rockwall County Historical Foundation will host the Brown Bag Lecture Series at noon on Oct. 10 in the Historic Square. The program will feature the popular "My Fair Lady" dramatic presentation in which Rockwall County to life." The program is free and family-friendly.

October Lunch Basket
The Friends of the Library will host its October Lunch on Oct. 14 at the Rotary Hall. Linda Willis will be the guest speaker. Lunch, catered by the Friends of the Library, is \$15. Reservations required by 5 p.m. Oct. 10, call 972-771-8976 or cplagens65@aol.com.

Monster Mash Party set for Oct. 17
The Monster Mash Party for seniors will be held from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. Oct. 17. The event at the costume contest, games and other activities. Donations are appreciated.

Fall Festival slated Oct. 18
Covington's Nursery Landscape Co., 5518 L. Rowlett, will host a free Fall Festival from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Oct. 18. The event will include a hay maze, a pumpkin gallery and a painted pumpkin gallery. Participants should bring items for the Rowlett Needy Children's Fund. For more information, call 972-475-5888.

RC FunFest set Oct. 18
Royse City's 19th Annual FunFest observance will be held on Oct. 18 in the Downtown Main Street area. The event will include a Fun Run, parade, Kids Korner, vendor booths, a children's pageant, and karaoke. For more information, call 972-636-5000.

Oct. 19 is Night on the Town
The Rockwall County Alliance for the Arts Gallery will run from 5 p.m. to 11 p.m. Oct. 19 at the Historic Square. The event will include cocktails, dinner, auctions of art and dancing with the Stars-style competition. Contact Linda Willis at 972-771-8603 or visit www.rockwallalliancegala.com.

Bridge tournament set Oct. 29
A bridge tournament open to individuals ages 55 and older will be held at 10 a.m. Oct. 29 at The Center. The event will include style scoring; first-, second- and third-place prizes. Drinks and snacks will be provided. Each participant will need a partner to play. Fee is \$3.

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Rockwall County Community News

What's Happening ...

Meeting will be at 5:30 p.m. Oct. 7, not at 7 p.m. as previously announced. The meeting will take place at the Rockwall Community Center, 1300 E. Main St. Contact www.healthtx.com or call 972-771-1000.

Dr. Fulton Day on Oct. 14. Dr. Fulton is a wonderful educator and leader who is still active in the community. Dr. Fulton should arrive at the school at 8 a.m. For more information, contact Joy Greenwalt at jgreenwalt@healthtx.com.

Chatcher was honored recently for 30 years of service to the International City Management Association. He served as city manager for Heath in June 2005. Heath High School will host the SWAT the Jackets pep assembly on Oct. 23 p.m. today.

Weeks/Jacks combined pre-game tailgate at Wilkerson-Sanders Stadium. Game time is 7 p.m. Hawk Huddle, the event will include hand-drawn wings, as well as music by Greg LaRosa.

Leaders Power of One Toy Drive is to be held at the entrance gates. Receive a free spirit bag for your child. The proceeds will be donated to charity.

El Short of Rockwall-Heath High School, as the Dale Hansen Scholar Athlete of the year varsity volleyball player and will be inducted into the Rockwall Sports Special on Oct. 19 on local ABC 10:30 p.m. Rachel was awarded First Team All-City for the 2006 and 2007 seasons and was RHHS MVP for the 2006-2007 school year. RHHS will honor her with a special recognition. Way to go, Rachel.

Crime Blotter - Sept. 19 - Sept. 25

Sept. 22 -- Suspicious activity, 300 block Briar Oaks Drive; alarm, 2300 block I-30; assault, 2800 block Marsha Lane; assault, 1100 block Brazos Court; criminal mischief, 3300 block Taylor Drive

Sept. 23 -- Suspicious activity, 600 block I-30; theft, 300 block Medina Court; alarm, 400 block Ame Lane; suspicious activity, 300 block Welch

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Road; medical assistance, 300 block Adams Street

Sept. 24 -- Alarm, 6500 block I-30; criminal mischief, 2700 block FM 35; disorderly conduct, 1300 block E. Main St.; theft, 1300 block E. Main St.; suspicious activity, corner of Marsha Lane and Matthew Lane; suspicious activity, 300 block Cookston Lane; theft, 700 block FM 2642; assault, 200 block Adams Street; noise disturbance, 100 block E. Main St.; noise disturbance, 400 block Ame Lane; suspicious person, 200 block I-30

Sept. 25 -- Alarm, 2300 block I-30; welfare check, 1300 block E. Main St.; suspicious person, 300 block I-30; noise disturbance, 3200 Spruce St.; theft, 1300 block E. Main St.

Rockwall Fire/EMS Incident Reports Sept. 21-Sept. 28

Fire alarm	9
Grass/wildland fire	1
Minor traffic accident	1
Motor vehicle accident rescue	1
Natural gas leak	1
Other fire not yet classified	2
Wires down/arcng/transformer	1

Rockwall Police Department Incident Reports Sept. 21-Sept. 28

Burglary: 9/21, 2700 block Chalmers St.; 9/24, 1600 block Laguna St.; 9/24, 800 block Steger Towne Dr.; 9/24, 800 block Steger Towne Dr.; 9/26, 2100 block Summerlee Dr.; 9/27, 400 block Interstate 30; 9/27, 1600 block Laguna St.; 9/27, 1600 block Laguna St.; 9/27, 1400 block Hickory Creek Lane; 9/28, 2000 block Glencoe Dr.; 9/28, 800 block Shores Blvd.; 9/28, 1000 block Shores Dr.; 9/28, 300 block, Lake Meadows Dr.; 9/28, 1500 block, Steward Dr.

Shots fired/shooting: 9/21, 1700 Emerald Bay Dr.

Theft: 9/22, 400 block National Dr.; 9/22, 500 block Highview Lane; 9/22, 1300 block Goliad St.; 9/22, 900 block Sids Rd.; 9/22, 1500 block Laguna St.; 9/23, 1600 block Amesbury Ave.; 9/23, 1000 block I-30; 9/23, 800 block Steger Towne Dr.; 9/24, 800 block Steger Towne Dr.; 9/24, 200 W. Rusk Dr.; 9/24, 2900 Ridge Rd.; 9/25, 700 block I-30; 9/25, 800 block I-30; 9/25, 1800 block Yellow Jacket Ln.; 9/25, 1600

block Hickory Creek Ln.; 9/27, Goliad Rd.; 9/27, 1200 block Horizon Rd.; 9/27, 800 block Throckmorton Rd.; 9/27, 2800 block Ridge Rd.; 9/27, 900 block I-30; 9/28, 2200 block S. Goliad Rd.; 9/28, 1000 block Midnight Lane

Other incidents: Abandoned property, six; Animal complaints, six; burg/panic/fire alarms, 41; criminal mischief, 6; criminal trespass, 1; drunk (PI, DWI, DUI) 10; dutyman after hours, 8; escort, 1; extra watch, 2; fire alarm, 2; follow-up inv., 18; forgery, 5; injured or sick person, 21; investigations, 25; major traffic accident, 1; meet complainant, 39; minor traffic accident, 30; missing person, 3; motorist/citizen assist, 18; open building, 1; ordinance violations, 17; prisoner transport, 2; speeding vehicle, 1; reckless driver/possible DWI, 17; repossession, 3; shots fired/shooting, 1; special assignment, 2; street blockage/hazard, 7; suicide, 3; suspicious person, 48; telephone harassment, 5; welfare concern, 3

Heath DPS Incident Reports Sept. 21-Sept. 28
Criminal assault/rape: 9/22, 200

block, Laurence Dr.; 9/25, 800 block Laurence Dr.

Major disturbance: 9/27, 400 block High Meadow Ln.

Theft: 9/23, 800 block Laurence Dr.; 9/25, 200 Block Cedar Tree Ln.

Other incidents: Fire call, 4; burglary/fire/panic alarm, 16; criminal mischief, 1; drunk (PI, DWI, DUI), 1; follow-up investigation, 1; investigations, 2; meet complainant, 7; minor disturbance, 3; minor traffic accident, 4; motorist/citizen assist, 2; ordinance violation, 4; reckless driver/possible DWI, 1; street blockage hazard, 1; suspicious person, 13; welfare concern, 1.

Rockwall Sheriff's Department September Reports

Sept. 14-Sept. 19 - 252 calls
Sept. 20-Sept. 26 - 240 calls
Warrant Activity
Sept. 8-Sept. 12 - 12 arrests; 14 warrants cleared

Sept. 15-Sept. 19 - 8 arrests; 17 warrants cleared

Sept. 22-Sept. 26 - 4 arrests; four warrants cleared

Minter Mortgage Matters

Mortgaging for Wealth - Maintain Your Principles

Pull almost any recently published home finance or wealth-building advice book off the shelf and you will find consistent advice on paying off your mortgage - Don't Do It. A predominant theme in most wealth-building strategies nowadays is to get the largest mortgage loan you can afford and never pay towards principal.

That's not at all consistent with what Grandpa said.

Seminars are being conducted nationwide based on the rules of money touted by such best selling authors as Douglas R. Andrew and Ric Edelman. Although I take exception to some of the techniques designed to direct borrowers to specific mortgage products, the basic principles are sound and convincing.

Grandpa always said to get your house paid off so you can't lose it. At the time, he was right. In his time, mortgage loans used to have due on demand clauses. That meant that if the banks found themselves short of funds (like during the depression) they could insist that you payoff your loan or lose your home. Modern day mortgages provide the borrower with the security that loan terms cannot be altered and prohibit a lender from foreclosing on your home as long as you are making payments in a timely manner. Does that mean that the best way to protect your home against foreclosure is to payoff your mortgage principal as quickly as possible?

Not Necessarily.

In fact, the exact opposite may be true. What if, instead of paying towards principal you paid that same amount of money into a liquid interest bearing account? There are volumes explaining all the wealth building tools that involve separating the equity from your home. These philosophies all invoke the same basic principles:

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- Your home's value is never affected by your mortgage - appreciation is not limited by indebtedness
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• Applications to register to vote or for ballots by mail can be downloaded at <http://www.rockwallcountytexas.com> or call the Rockwall County Elections Office. Applications should be mailed to 107 E. Kaufman, Rockwall, TX 75087.

• Voter registration cards also are available at most post offices, libraries and high schools.

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• All updates changing name or address must be done by mail or in person. Faxes cannot be accepted.

• Sample ballots for the Nov. 4 general election will be available in October by logging onto <http://www.rockwallcountytexas.com>.

• Early voting will run Oct. 20 through Oct. 31. Watch The Rockwall County News each week for updated election information, as well as early voting and Election Day voting locations and hours.

Pullen students take field trip to the Sky

Pullen Elementary's entire fifth grade class recently traveled to Van to spend three days and two nights at the Sky Ranch.

The field trip, which included water sliding, game playing and milkshakes, provided numerous educational opportunities.

"The Sky Ranch trip is planned in the fall every year to introduce, review and 'act out' the science TEKS," said Amy Efenev, a Pullen art teacher who has made the trip multiple times. "The experiments and activities are chosen to help students better understand the weather cycle, force, gravity, inertia, wildlife, food chains, charts and data-keeping."

Principal Renee Demianovich called the experience a wonderful way for students to interact with each other outside the school setting.

"Our children, parents, and students really look forward to spending quality time together at the Sky Ranch," she said. "We come at the beginning of the year so students can relate this experience to other concepts in the classroom throughout the school year. It also allows for students to form bonds and build relationships with one another as well as with parents and teachers. Their approach to school and learning seems to take on a new and different light after their experience."

The trip, a Pullen tradition, was made possible in large part through the 18 parents who volunteered to chaperone the event.

"As the camp nurse, it was exciting to have so many PTA moms and dads participate... and donate \$500 in scholarships," said Pullen PTA President Dee Young.

Rockwall County Ribbon Cuttings

• Adventure Railroad – serving Rockwall and surrounding areas; 972-293-0634; www.adventurerailroad.com. Adventure Railroad offers train rides for people of all ages and for many events, including birthday parties, church events, fundraisers, city celebrations, neighborhood parties, day care/school activities, holidays and family reunions and celebrations.

• Integrity Transmission & Auto Repair – 4232 E. I-30, Rockwall; 972-772-4441; www.integritytransmission.com. Integrity Transmission & Auto Repair is a full-service transmission shop specializing in all types of transmission repair. They provide free checkup, free road tests, free local towing (with repair) and free transmission computer diagnostic with all repairs.

• Lakeland Academy -- 4271 CR 2546, Union Valley; 972-636-3777; www.lakelandacademy.org. The mission of Lakeland Academy is to create the next generation's leaders through the Montessori philosophy, exceptional staff and faculty and strong parental support.

• Muddle Management – serving Rockwall and surrounding communities; 214-957-1226; www.muddlemanagement.com. The Muddle Management team of trained professional organizers is ready to provide assistance on weekdays, weekends or weeknights. They can help individuals reach their goals for a "peaceful, organized environment" in which to live and work.

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Young athletes celebrate RHS Homecoming

Junior Jackets show their support for the Rockwall High School football team at the Homecoming Parade last Thursday. Staff Photo by Tim Burnett



Rockwall High School 2008 King and Queen

Rockwall High School crowned its 2008 homecoming game against the Royse City Bulldogs. Queen is senior Bethany Lang and King is senior Tyler. Staff Photo by Tim Burnett



Rockwall High School Band leads homecoming parade

Homecoming festivities at Rockwall High School were kicked off with the annual parade on Thursday, Sept. 25. The School Band lead the way through area neighborhoods, followed by brightly decorated floats and spirited football fans. Staff Photo by Tim Burnett



Students celebrate Johnny Appleseed Day

Primer and first grade students at Poetry Community Christian School celebrate "Johnny Appleseed Day." Learning about the legend's life and legacy are (left to right) Zane Irby, Lance Carter, Jay Trischitti, Chase Berg, first grade teacher Cynthia Hewitt, Sam Duncan, Morgan Horan, Primer teacher Laurie Nickel, and Kale Northcutt. Photo courtesy of Ann P. Horan



Dobbs Elementary students study underwater careers

Wesley Scivetti and Holden Moreland learn about SCUBA diving and underwater careers from Caroline and Robert. Photo courtesy of Rhonda Franks

Rockwall County Sports

Roll over Tyler Street, 60-13

Heritage Christian Academy's Zach Reed (7) ripped around his left end on the way to a 60-13 win last week over Tyler Street Christian. HCA logged 12 first downs, while limiting their opponents to two. HCA, 4-1 on the season, has a bye week this week and will resume play on Oct. 10 for a home game against Austin Christian at 7:30 p.m. on the Rockwall-Heath High School field.

	HCA	Tyler
First downs	12	2
Rushing attempts	9	14
Rushing yards	182	113
Pass attempts	8	13
Pass completions	7	7
Interceptions	0	0
Passing yards	205	48
Total yards	387	161
Return yards	2	48
Fumbles	0	0
Punts	0	3
Punts-average	0	31
Penalty yards	4-40	0

Individual standouts:
 • Rushing - HCA: Josh Points 5-160, Zach Read 3-18, Kevin Prater 1-4; TSC: Josh Hunt 12-118, Trevor Martinez 2--15
 • Passing - HCA: Zach Read 7-8-0-205; TSC: Trevor Martinez 7-13-0-48
 • Receiving - HCA: Noah Ward 2-93, Josh Peschell 3-38, Micah Griffey 2-74; TSC: Brian King 3-27, Josh Hunt 2-7, Raymond Macias 2-7, Alex Andrews 1-7



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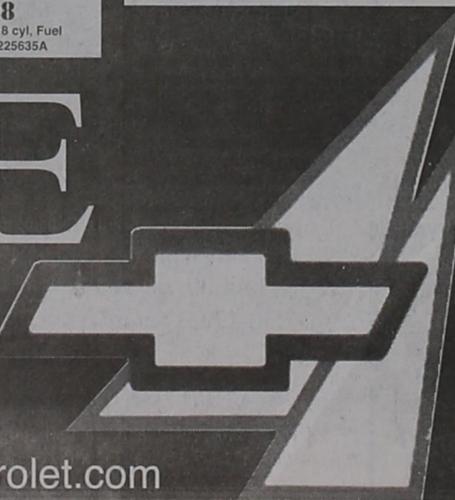
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Yellowjackets struggle in 32-20 loss to Royse

by Lary Bump

Rockwall's alumni came back for Homecoming Friday night. Unfortunately for the Yellowjackets and their fans, Royse City also came back.

The Bulldogs, in their first 4A season, overcame a 14-10 deficit after three quarters to outscore RHS 22-6 in the final 12 minutes for a 32-20 victory at Wilkerson-Sanders Memorial Stadium.

It also was a comeback for the Royse City-Rockwall football series, which reportedly ended in 1962 after Rockwall had begun to outgrow its neighbor to the east. According to Royse City's records, the series was tied 11-11-3 when it resumed after a 46-year absence.

The loss in the District 10-4A opener for both teams dropped the Jackets to 1-3 overall for the first time in head coach Scott Smith's four

seasons. They last started 1-3 in 2004, dropped to 1-7 and finished that season 2-8. Royse City's game in their new district.

On its first possession, Rockwall drove to the line before turning the ball over on downs. The allow just a field goal a minute and 25 seconds later ended and a one-yard touchdown run by Royse at halftime.

Sandwiching the Bulldogs' touchdown were plays of 69 and 76 yards. Anthony Strange ran one yard for the first pass from Jarron White to Drew Beddow gained the Jackets across midfield. White then scored on the down passes from Adam Dingwell, this one from the touchdowns, Grant Gunderson kicked his first season.

Rockwall's defense was bending but not breaking in the first three quarters it held Royse City quarterback Richard Morrison and the Bulldogs' running backs to 80 yards.

"We tried to mash on them," Smith said of the defense. But as the quarter ended, the game was turning in favor of the Bulldogs, and he carried to help the Bulldogs reach the Rockwall goal of the game. With 11:25 to play, Rockwall's defense was tiring, Royse City scored touchdowns on two possessions. Two of those came on third downs, which put RC ahead to stay, J.T. Thompson deep for a 39-yard score on third and five.

The Bulldogs' last score came on fourth and the yard touchdown catch brought the Jackets within 10 points. "We just didn't do a very good preparing them in the right position," Smith said of his staff.

Matt Claggett led the Jackets with 11 tackles in the game in double figures, including a team season high. Allen Aaron Arterburn added 10 tackles, three for the Jackets. The coaches did not name a Defensive Player of the Week.

Smith and his staff chose White as the Offensive Player of the Week and Will Beasley, who had a 49-yard kickoff return for a touchdown, the Special Teams Player of the Week.

Royse City 3 - 7 - 3 - 19 -- 32
Rockwall 0 - 14 - 0 - 6 -- 20

RC - Kollin Padon 27 FG
Rock - Anthony Strange 1 run (Grant Gunderson kick)
RC - Ryan Fedric 1 run (Padon kick)
Rock - Jarron White 27 pass from Adam Dingwell (pass failed)
RC - Padon 27 FG
RC - J.T. Thompson 39 pass from Richard Morrison (pass failed)
RC - Justin Jacobs 19 pass from Morrison (pass failed)
Rock - White 13 pass from Dingwell (pass failed)
RC - Fedric 27 run (Padon kick)

Individual Statistics
Passing: Royse City - Richard Morrison 10-20-160, Adam Dingwell 13-21-0-160, Jarron White 1-1-0-13
Rushing: Royse City - Richard Morrison 12-157, Frank Dave 15-56; Rockwall - Josh Broach 16-88, J.T. Thompson 9-42, Jarron White 2-3, Adam Dingwell 13-0, Scott L. White 1-1-0-13
Receiving: Royse City - Justin Jacobs 5-78, J.T. Thompson 1-1-0-13, Ryan Fedric 1-6; Rockwall - Jarron White 6-68, Drew Beddow 1-31, Luke Wardell 2-28, Josh Broach 1-1-0-13

First downs 21
Rushing Yards 45-321
Passing Yards 137
Passing 10-20-0
Punts-avg. 5-39.2
Penalties 2-10
Fumbles-Lost 1-0

Royse City 19
Rockwall 19
Kollin Padon 19
J.T. Thompson 14
Jarron White 6
Adam Dingwell 3
Grant Gunderson 3

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Yellowjackets running back Anthony Strange (4) breaks through the Bulldogs defense behind his offensive line for more yards during last Friday's Homecoming game in Wilkerson-Sanders Stadium. Staff photo by Roy Heath

Jackets-Hawks rivalry kicks off Friday at WS Stadium

Who: Rockwall Yellowjackets at Rockwall-Heath Hawks
When: 7:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 3
Where: Wilkerson-Sanders Memorial Stadium
Records: Rockwall 0-1 District 10-4A, 1-3 overall; Rockwall-Heath 1-0, 4-0

Last game: The Yellowjackets led 14-10 entering the fourth quarter but lost 32-20 at home to Royse City Friday, Sept. 26. Rockwall-Heath opened its district season the same night with a 42-28 victory at Greenville.

Injuries: Rockwall defensive starters Ugo Nkalari and Melrick Neal left Friday's game because of injuries. After the game, Nkalari limped to the team bus supported by teammates. He was walking better by Tuesday.

History: This is the first game between the Rockwall ISD's two high schools. It is a home game for Rockwall-Heath, so its fans will have the center section of the home grandstand.

RHHS brings into the game the kind of football knowledge common in coaches' sons - on both sides of the ball. First-year head coach Mickey Moss brought his son, linebacker Austin Moss, with him from South Garland to be kind of a defensive coach on the field. Quarterback Drew Hollingshead runs the offense as he did last year under former head coach Tam Hollingshead, now at SMU.

The Hawks' offense has been explosive. Last week, the highly accurate Hollingshead completed 19 of 20 passes for 261 yards and two touchdowns. For the season, he's 50-for-70 (71.4 per cent), with five TD passes. Against Greenville, Kendial Lawrence ran for 131 yards and three touchdowns, giving him 598 yards and 12 TDs rushing in just four games.

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Jackets running back Josh Broach (34) scoots by Royse City defenders as wide receiver Mark Ulbik (9) looks on during last Friday's game at Wilkerson-Sanders Stadium. Staff photo by Roy Heath

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in control, Morrison leads Bulldogs

winning 32-20 victory over Rockwall

short field goal and a one-yard run by Ryan Padon for the first three quarters of their District 10-4A game, the normally high-powered Royse City Bulldogs took control in neutral Sept. 26 at Wilkerson-Sanders Stadium, defeating Rockwall High School Yellow Jackets 32-20.

Bulldogs' quarterback Richard Morrison took the game, as Royse City produced a 12-minute drive to stun the Yellow Jackets 3-1 for the year, and more in district play. Rockwall, which dropped down to 0-3 in the 5A playoffs last season, lost its third game for the year and 0-1 in the district.

Morrison said Royse City Greg Strahm. "We played four quarters and they were down just a little bit at the end. You can't quite do that in the fourth quarter, the Bulldogs got ahead before Morrison found JT Thompson for a touchdown conversion failed but the Bulldogs' senior receiver Ugo Nkomo later in the quarter, this time with a 19-yard catch to push the advantage to 25-14, after another

touchdown. "We're not quite done at that point, however, as Rockwall drove his team down the field, cutting Jarron White for the second time in the game covering 14 yards, to cut Royse City's lead to three minutes left.

With the clock ticking, Royse City kept the ball on the ground, the Bulldogs' Ryan Fedric loose for a 30-yard score with under a minute left. "We're hoping to maintain possession and use up the clock," Strahm said. "We're going to keep the clock running. But Ryan Fedric just refused to go down, broke a couple of tackles and ran for 20 for 137 yards and two touchdowns with 14-of-49 passing attempts, also with out an interception.

Rockwall's Jarron White picked up 157 yards on just a dozen carries, moving around pretty good," said Strahm. "We're a little with just the way they lined up. We're hoping to pick up 18 carries for RC while Josh Broach led Rockwall with 13 yards on five catches to pace Royse City with two scores, White added four other catches for 65 yards for Rockwall.

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	RC	RH
Points	32	20
First Downs	14	6
Yards	321	133
Passing	137	192
Rushing	10-20-0	14-21-0
Time of Possession	5:39.2	5:41.8
Turnovers	2-10	3-15
Penalties	1-0	3-1

Individual statistics

Rushing: Royse City – Frank Dave 15-56, Ryan Fedric 18-108, Morrison 12-157, Rockwall – Josh Broach 15-80, Adam Dingwell 14-0, Anthony Strange 9-44, Jarron White 3-9.
 Passing: Royse City – Morrison 10-20-0-137, Rockwall – Dingwell 14-21-0-192.
 Receiving: Royse City – Fedric 1-6, Justin Jacobs 5-78, JT Thompson 4-53, Rockwall – Drew Beddow 1-32, Broach 2-12, Grant Gunderson 1-16, Mark Ulbik 2-35, Luke Wardell 2-32, White 6-65.

Next up

Who: Royse City vs. Richardson Pearce
 When: Oct. 3, 7:30

Where: Royse City ISD Stadium

Records: Royse City 1-0, 3-1, coming off a 32-20 win over Rockwall. Pearce 1-0, 2-2, blasted Carrollton RL Turner 58-6.

When Pearce as the ball: The Mustangs operate a two-QB system, with Caleb Lewis and Michael Webb both throwing for 178 yards and combining for 5 TDs against Turner. The two have teamed up to go 69-for-101 passing for 823 yards and nine TDs with five interceptions.

When the Bulldogs have the ball: Morrison has completed 54-of-90 attempts for 723 yards and six TDs with four interceptions. He has also rushed for 31 times for 325 yards and one score.

Injuries: none reported



Richard Morrison (left) outraces a Rockwall High School defender during last Friday's game in Rockwall. Staff photo by Roy Heath

Lady Bulldogs volleyball drop two in recent matches

Dropping both their matches last week, the Royse City Lady Bulldogs tumbled out of first place in the District 10-4A volleyball standings, falling to Highland Park Sept. 30 and Rockwall Sept. 26.

After losing to Highland Park 25-19, 25-19, 25-10, the Lady Bulldogs are now 4-2 in the district and 13-10 for the year.

Skylar Strahm led RC with five kills and five aces and five digs while Kellie Wyrick had five kills and three digs; Fayrina Merrick five kills and 11 digs; Autumn Landers 14 assists and two digs and Shelby Pille two kills, and an ace. "We played well tonight for the first two games against the No. three team in the state," said Bulldog coach Trent Tharp. "Highland Park used every opportunity we gave them to their advantage. I believe we pushed too hard instead of just playing the game and having fun. I am looking forward to playing them again in the second round. Playing at that high level is fun to coach and watch. I am proud of our girls they played well tonight."

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In their match with Rockwall, which the Yellow Jackets prevailed by scores 25-18, 25-23, 24-26, 25-15, the Lady Hawks were led again by Strahm, who had 10 kills, three aces and 20 digs.

Wyrick added seven kills while Merrick contributed another seven kills plus 17 digs.

Landers had 25 Assists and seven digs with Pille adding five kills and Taylor Jordan four kills and 13 digs.

"We didn't finish tonight," said Tharp after the Rockwall match. "We had the chances to win a lot of points in this match tonight. We let Rockwall get too far ahead at the beginning of each game and could not overcome the scoring gaps."

Things get no easier for the Lady Bulldogs as they host first place Richardson Pearce Oct. 3.



Bulldogs T.J. Hardy (44) slams Jackets quarterback Adam Dingwell (6) to the ground during last Friday's hard hitting game in Wilkerson-Sanders Stadium, Rockwall. Staff photo by Roy Heath

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Heath dumps Greenville 42-28; gears up for first-ever meeting with Yellow

by Matt McGillen
 Having already been sacked three times for over 30 yards in losses, Rockwall-Heath quarterback Drew Hollingshead appeared headed for a fourth with his team leading by only six points with five minutes left in the Hawks' District 10-4A opener at Greenville Sept. 26.
 But the 6-4 senior produced perhaps his finest moment of the season as he launched a rocket down the right sideline just as he was hit, connecting with a streaking Matt Bielski for a 50-yard backbreaking touchdown that helped Heath finished off the Lions 42-28.
 The win lifts the Hawks to 4-0 for the season and to 1-0 in the district and sets the stage for the first-ever meeting between the Hawks and the Rockwall Yellow Jackets, who dropped down from the 5A classification to 4A this season.
 But while the Hawks are on a roll under new coach Mickey Moss, seemingly getting a little better each week, the Yellow Jackets (0-1, 1-3) are off to their worst start in coach Scott Smith's four years, having lost three games in a row after winning their season opener by just a single point.
 And while Heath was finishing off the Lions (0-1, 1-3), the Jackets

were surrendering 22 fourth-quarter points while falling 32-20 to the Roysse City Bulldogs, who just moved up from 3A to 4A.
 Despite Rockwall's recent struggles, however, Heath coach Mickey Moss doesn't think the initial matchup between his Hawks and the Yellow Jackets will be anything other than a battle to the end.
 "It's a big game, between two good teams," Moss said. "And it will be very competitive. You have to look at the competition they've played. They lost to Rowlett, a very good 5A team and they lost to Allen, a great 5A team, and to Roysse City, another very good team as well. We just have to play good football."
 The sacks aside, Hollingshead turned in a near-perfect performance when he did get the ball off, completing 19-of-20 passes for 261 yards and two touchdowns and no interceptions, extending his streak of consecutive attempts without a pick to 70.
 His only incompletion came after 14 straight completions when he wisely threw the ball away on first-and-goal at the Lions' six-yard line late in the third quarter.
 "Drew had a great game," said Moss. "He improvised a couple of

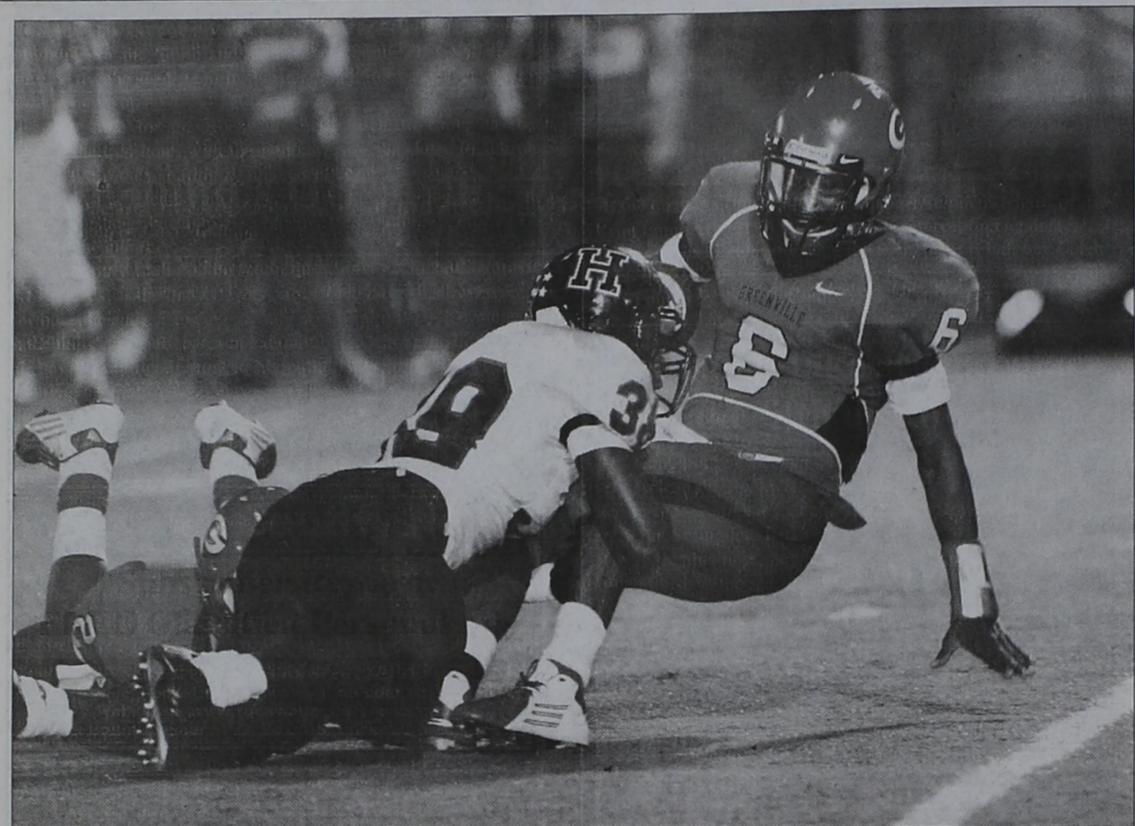
times when he was under pressure to make something out of nothing. Completing 19-out-of-20, you don't see that on the sacks, of course."
 The Hawks opened the scoring just three minutes into the game against the Lions (0-1, 1-3) when Kendial Lawrence scored six yards out for the first of his three rushing touchdowns. Lawrence, a 5-10, 180-pound blur, ended the game with 19 carries and increased his season touchdown total to three.
 The Lions, unveiling a new-look offense that features more blitzes and resets, came right back when QB Alton Davis scored for the first of his three scores to make it 7-7. The Lions then took the lead on 19 carries and increased his season rushing yards to 255. The Lions burst to tie the score 28-28 with 1:38 to play in the second quarter.
 "That was new, they had a week off so they were a little more prepared," Moss said. "They out-athleted us a couple of times, but we did a pretty good job in the second half."
 The Heath defense was especially stingy in the second half, forcing the Lions to go three-and-out on one drive, possession ending when Ryan Lamberth picked off a pass in the end zone with just 0:37 remaining.
 The Hawks' special teams also got in on the action, producing its first score of the season.
 Punting from their own 15, the Lions' kicker kicked a punt that snapped through his legs like a groundhog and was scooped up by the Hawks' Darius Jones and returned 20 yards to put Heath up 14-7.
 Heath linebacker Austin Moss collected 16 assists to lead the Hawks on defense. The 6-2, 210-pounder has 36 solos and 18 assists for the season.
 Bielski finished the game with seven receptions, including his well executed, out-and-up-see-you catch that he hauled in at least 20 yards behind the line of scrimmage. Wilson added five catches for 73 yards while Tyler Harding on the other end of a Hollingshead 21-yard pass had two receptions for 56 yards.

Rockwall-Heath	7	14	7
Greenville	7	7	14

Heath - Kendial Lawrence	12 run (Brad Howes kick)
Green - Alton Davis	34 run (Ryan Rumph kick)
Heath - Darius Jones	5 fumble return (Howes kick)
Green - Dakieston Williams	1 run (Rumph kick)
Heath - Tyler Harding	21 pass from Drew Hollingshead (Rumph kick)
Green - Dennis	4 run (Rumph kick)
Heath - Lawrence	6 run (Howes kick)
Green - Dennis	63 run (Rumph kick)
Heath - Lawrence	1 run (kick failed)
Heath - Matt Bielski	50 pass from Drew Hollingshead (Rumph kick)

First downs	17	14
Rushes-yards	27-146	42-208
Passing yards	261	127
Passes	19-20-0	8-11-1
Punts-average	2-28.0	2-33.0
Penalties-yards	6-38	8-53
Fumbles-lost	3-2	1-0

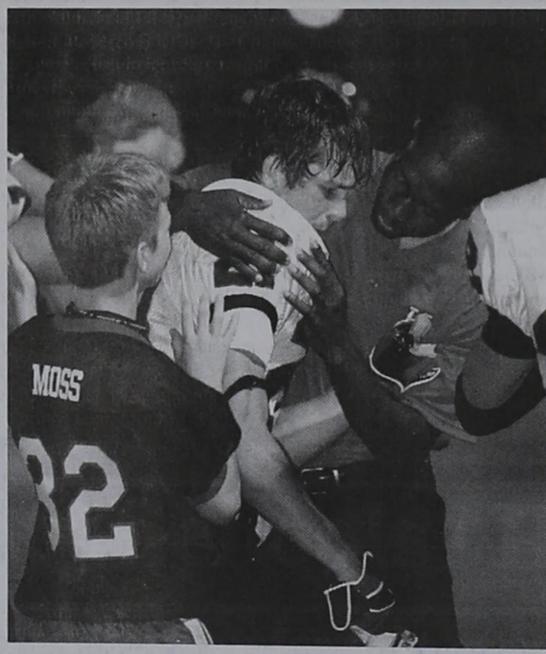
Individual statistics	
Rushing: Heath - Lawrence	20-132, Gilbert 4-(-33), Green - Dennis 25-221, Williams 17-39
Passing: Heath - Hollingshead	19-20-261-0, Green - Alton Davis 1-1-12-0
Receiving: Heath - Lawrence	1-0, Bielski 7-53, Cameron Wilson 5-73, Harding 4-56, Green - Justus Dijun Sheppard 5-107, Aaron Johnson 2-29
Who:	Rockwall vs. Rockwall-Heath
Where:	Wilkerson-Sanders Stadium
When:	Oct. 3, 7:30
Records:	Rockwall 0-1, 1-3. Has lost three in a row. 20 to Roysse City Sept. 26. Heath 1-0, 4-0. Beat Greenville for fourth win in a row.
When Rockwall has the ball:	QB Adam Dingler 54-of-95 for 598 yards and four TDs and two picks.
When Heath has the ball:	Hollingshead is 50-of-100 for 261 yards and five TDs with no interceptions. Lawrence has 19 carries on 69 carries and scored 13 TDs. Bielski has 19 carries and three scores.
Injuries:	none reported



Hawks linebacker George Bamfo (38) takes down a Greenville ball carrier during last Fridays game at Greenville. Staff photo by Carl McClung

Lady Hawks split pair of district contests, start time for Rockwall match

by Matt McGillen
 Unable to match the Lady Mustangs' powerful sophomore duo, the Rockwall-Heath Lady Hawks were swept by District 10-4A leading Richardson Pearce 25-13, 25-8, 25-16 Sept. 30 at JJ Pearce High School.
 Heath ended the week 1-1, as the Lady Hawks swept winless Greenville 25-14, 25-22, 25-19 Sept. and now stand 2-4 in district and 9-10 for the year. The Lady Mustangs, the top-ranked Dallas/Fort Worth area 4A team, improved to 7-0 in the district and to 22-4 overall.
 Led by 6-1 Stephanie Holland and 6-2 Katie O'Brien, Pearce has a 21-1 record in district games, the lone loss coming to second place Highland Park.
 The Lady Hawks currently sit in sixth place at 2-4, 9-10 over all, and are fighting for the fourth and final playoff berth. They will face the team directly ahead of them in the standings, Rockwall Oct. 3 with a chance to move up.
 The start time for the Rockwall-Rockwall-Heath game has been moved up half an hour, with the junior varsity scheduled to start at 5 p.m. with the varsity starting 20 minutes after the JV match ends.
 Against Pearce, Heath trailed only 13-10 in the opening game, when the Lady Mustangs began to assert themselves, putting together a 12-3 run to end the game.
 They continued their dominance in the second game, bolting to 10-1 and 14-2 leads, as the Lady Hawks only scored more than two points in a row once the entire game.
 In the third game, Richardson led only 16-13 before the Lady Hawks made several unforced errors to allow the Lady Mustangs to end the match with a 9-3 string of points.



Hawks assistant football coach Michael Stephens (right) praises Ryan Lamberth (21) for a last-minute interception against Greenville last Friday. Sharing the excitement is ball boy Caleb Moss (left). Staff photo by Carl McClung

Heath girls take second place, boys take fifth at Rowlett Eagle

Aly Coughlin and Andrea Moeller finished sixth and ninth, respectively, to lead the Rockwall Lady Hawks cross country team to second place in the 4A division of the Jim Baker Rowlett Eagle Invitational Sept. 27 at Springfield Park.
 It was Heath's best showing of the year, and its fourth consecutive top-five finish of the season.
 Forney, taking four of the top five spots, captured first place, led by overall winner Kara Hyde, who was clocked in 12:12.
 Paced by Hunter Beauchamp's seventh-place finish, the boys' team ended up fifth in the boys' side of the race, which was also won by Forney.
 Heath individual results: girls varsity - 6. Coughlin (12:42), 9. Moeller (12:55), 13. Vanessa Bovee (13:02), 15. Cassie Munoz (13:02), 16. Lenica Morales (13:52), 27. Aimee Arceneaux .27 (14:02), Amanda Penney.
 Boys varsity - 7. Beauchamp (17:46), 22. Aaron Contreras (18:36), 30. Mitchell Howell (19:02), 61. Sabino Retana (21:22), 63. Sam Stone (21:45).
 Girls JV - Baileigh Millender (16:50), Jessica Morales (23:34), Lina Munevar (18:05), Mercedes Serrano (15:30), Brionna Wall (14:55), Maria Zaldivar (14:24), Brittany Wenger (16:35), Ashleigh Lara (18:10), Chelsea Peddecord (19:27), Uniqua Tucker (20:18), Jacky Portillo (20:40), Cori Kelly (14:54), Carolina Rodriguez (19:41).
 Boys JV - Jay Anderson (27:25), Joe Davis (27:21), Eddie Lopez (26:00), Christian Johnson (25:47), Norman Quintero (22:19).



Lady Hawks sophomore cross country team member Aly Coughlin finishes sixth during the recent Jim Baker Rowlett Eagle Invitational at Springfield Park. Photo by Stephen Zivney

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Heath's Night Out scheduled Oct. 7

The City of Heath's 2008 Night Out observance, hosted by the Heath Department of Public Safety, will begin at 6:30 p.m. Oct. 7.

Numerous activities are planned for the family-oriented event.

There will also be a wide selection of popular fair-style foods available. Selections will range from corn dogs, hot dogs and fresh-cut fries to funnel cakes, homemade fried pies and fried pickle chips. Nothing on the menu will cost more than \$3.50. Snow cones will be served free of charge.

A new feature at this year's Night Out will be a giant inflatable movie screen set up to debut the documentary "Into the Fire" directed by Academy Award® winner Bill Couturié. The documentary provides a look into the hearts and minds of America's firefighters and is presented by Fireman's Fund Insurance Company as part of the company's founding social mission to support firefighters for safer communities.

"An important goal for us when we present Heath Night Out is to be able to connect with the citizens we serve and share ideas, suggestions and important crime prevention and safety messages," said Community Resource Officer Brian Burton. "We are very pleased to be able to present 'Into the Fire' to help residents understand how important their involvement and support is to ensure the highest levels of protection and service for their homes, businesses and families."

Through its Heritage Rewards program and its agency partner Waldman Bros., Fireman's Fund also will present a \$10,000 grant to the Heath Fire Department for the purchase of public safety education equipment that will be demonstrated during the event. Representatives from both organizations will attend the event.

In presenting Heath Night Out, the city supports a U.S. tradition

that began 24 years ago when the first National Night Out was established to heighten awareness and strengthen participation in local anti-crime efforts in neighborhoods throughout the country.

"The purpose of Heath Night Out is to bring the community together to meet and visit with other residents and their Department of Public Safety personnel," said Heath DPS Chief Terry Garrett in a press release issued this week.

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2008-01: Replat of Lot 36, Block D, Hillcrest Shores Addition
Hold a public hearing and consider a city-initiated request for approval of a residential replat of Lot 36, Block D, Hillcrest Shores Addition, being 0.25-acre zoned (PD-11) Planned Development No. 11 district and located at 721 Sunset Hill, and take any action necessary.

2008-02: Proposed Historic Landmark - 102 South Goliad
Hold a public hearing a city-initiated request for a Historic Landmark designation for the Flower Shop located at 102 S. Goliad, and take any action necessary. The tract is zoned (C) Downtown and is located outside of the Old Town Rockwall Historic District and identified as a "Contributing Property" within the Downtown Historic & Architectural Survey.

2008-03: Proposed Historic Landmark - 109 St. Mary's Street
Hold a public hearing a city-initiated request for a Historic Landmark designation for the ordinance house located at 109 St. Marys Street, and take any action necessary. The tract is zoned (C-7) Single Family and is located outside of the Old Town Rockwall Historic District and identified as a "High Contributing Property" within the Historic survey.

2008-04: 2625 Rolling Meadows Drive - SUP for Grazing Animals
Hold a public hearing and consider a request by Donna Orr and Roger Shank for approval of a Specific Use Permit (SUP) to allow for a reduction in the land area required for grazing animals on Lot 4, Rolling Meadows Estates, being 4.6-acres zoned (SF-E/4.0) Single Family Estate district and located at 2625 Rolling Meadows Drive, and take any action necessary.

2008-05: Rezone Agricultural to SF-E/1.5
Hold a public hearing and consider a request by Von and Carolyn Maynard for approval of a change in zoning from (Ag) Agricultural district to (SF-E/1.5) Single Family Estate district, for a 1.97-acre tract known as part of Tract 26-2, Abstract 77, E. M. Elliott Survey, located along the west side of FM 549 north of Airport Road, and take any action necessary.

2008-06: Rayburn Country Electric Cooperative - Proposed Wind Turbine
Hold a public hearing and consider a request by Rayburn Country Electric Cooperative, Inc., for approval of a Specific Use Permit (SUP) to allow for a "Utility Installation, Other Than Listed," specifically a wind turbine, on their property located at 960 Sids Road, being approximately 7.403-acres zoned (Ag) Agricultural district and known as Tract 3-6, Abstract 26, Barnes Survey, and take any action necessary.

2008-07: National Tire & Battery SUP
Hold a public hearing and consider a request by Tracy LaPiene of Allen and Ridinger Consulting, Inc., for approval of a Specific Use Permit (SUP) to allow for an "Auto Repair Garage Minor" within the (C) Commercial zoning district, on Lot 2, Block 1, Horizon Village Addition, being a 2.181-acre tract located along the north side of Ralph Hall Pkwy east of Horizon Road (FM 3097), and take any action necessary.

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Crow's-Foot Chronicles

by Cindy Baker
**My body of water
went cruisin'**

Even my daughter Lizann complained about the young clientele aboard last year's Caribbean cruise. She called it the Ghetto Cruise. I wouldn't say it was a cheap cruise, but every time we turned on our cabin lights, the ship slowed down. Hmmm.

I remember an obnoxious little boy who had been getting on everyone's nerves during the cruise. He would run into people on the stairs, push all the buttons in the elevator, draw on the pictures on the photo gallery and generally make a nuisance of himself.

One day, he ran up to the ship's security officer and cried, "I've lost my parents. Can you help?" As they looked around the ship for his parents, the little boy said, "Do you think we will ever find them?"

"It's hard to say," said the security officer. "There are so many places for them to hide."

I'll never forget the teenybopper who spent most of her cruise sunbathing on the top deck of the ship. She wore a bathing suit the first day. But on the second day, she decided that no one could see her way up there. So she slipped out of it to get an overall tan.

She'd hardly begun when she heard someone running up the stairs. Since she was lying on her stomach, she just pulled a towel over her rear end to cover herself.

A flustered deckhand ran up to her and said, "Excuse me, Miss. The cruise line doesn't mind you sunbathing up here, but you are going to have to keep your swimsuit on."

"What's the difference?" asked the young lady. "No one can see me up here; and besides, I'm covered with a towel."

"Not exactly," said the embarrassed deckhand. "You're lying on the dining room skylight."

I figured I could change the cosmetics this year by booking an Alaskan cruise. Oh, I changed it all right--We went from raunchy tattoo to dandruff shampoo.

The first health form we had to fill out was a bit unnerving. It asked if we had experienced vomiting or diarrhea within the past 24 hours--projectile or otherwise. (Believe me, anything projectile would have kept me home!)

In fact, Lizann looked like the "before" on a ship of "afters." While she was touring Ketchikan, the rest of us were chugging Ditropan. I was relieved to know that I wasn't the only senior citizen who accidentally put a cup of coffee in the wall safe and then called the front desk to complain that the microwave wasn't working.

I couldn't help but chuckle at the geriatric dining stations: 3-tiered All-Bran bar, prune juice fountain, and a tapioca vat.

The turbo toilet yanked the label from my nightgown, but I wasn't as unfortunate as the gal on the deck below us. She failed

to heed the warning not to flush while seated and ended up getting stuck. Her husband couldn't pry her loose.

So, he called the Purser's Desk to send help. She was too embarrassed to have a stranger see her, so her husband took off his hat and put it on her lap.

A few minutes later the plumber came in to assess the situation. He turned and whispered to her husband, "The good news is--I can help the lady. The bad news is--That fellow with the hat is a goner."

The highlight of the cruise for Lizann and me was meeting new people. What a delight it was to sit at the breakfast table with an octogenarian couple who had gotten married the day before, when we docked in Juneau!

A few minutes after the bride left the table and went to their cabin, the groom said tearfully, "Yesterday I got married to a woman who is beautiful, sexy, smart and right now in our cabin waiting for me."

"So why are you crying?" I asked.

"I forgot my room number." Lizann and I had heard weight-

RC schools worried about ad scans

At least one company is reportedly misrepresenting itself to area businesses in an effort to sell advertising.

Information provided by Royce City Independent School District Superintendent Randy Hancock this week indicates that a company dubbed End Zone is representing itself as a partner of the school district in order to sell advertising. However, no such partnership exists.

"They were selling advertising for cups or T-shirts and, in turn, they have promised air time during our football games and ads on the scoreboard," Hancock said in a letter to the Rockwall County News. "Please be aware, these groups are not sanctioned by us and they do not have the authority to use our district for their profit. Furthermore, if necessary we will use legal action to stop these groups if they can be identified."

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Hats off to Grinnan and Hogan

My compliments to Commissioner Lorrie Grinnan and to Jerry Hogan for trying to tell the story of Rockwall County's continuing questionable finances under the successive administrations of County Judges Bell and Florence.

Commissioner Grinnan correctly points out an intentional pattern of over budgeting and under spending, which has a deceitful purpose, which is to fraudulently create inflated multi-year reserve funds. To me it is prime-facie evidence of collaborated malfeasance in public office for which the FBI and Texas Rangers should return and prosecute the culprits, including the commissioners who voted in favor and all department heads participating in the scheme.

Insider leaks indicate that Rockwall County may be sitting on accumulated reserves of \$30 million, a remarkable number that just happens to match with the current projected cost of the new County Justice Center twice rejected by voters. And my estimates remain that the county may garner another \$18 million of additional surplus out of the 2009 tax year, which started Oct. 1 for a new total of perhaps \$48 million of off-budget available funds. So, where is the necessity for a tax increase?

Jerry Hogan has reiterated several key suggestions for improvements that I advocated during my own campaign for county judge in 2006, the essence of which is open, transparent and participative county government.

It doesn't take a doctorate degree or even a high school diploma to see the dramatic difference between the City of Rockwall public participation and disclosures and County of Rockwall public participation and disclosures. One quick review of the respective Web sites and you will understand the county does not wish to disclose anything useful beyond a few phone numbers and its mailing address. One gets more information from the www.nohightaxes.org web site than from Rockwall County's web site.

Here is how you can see firsthand for yourself what the county discloses and does not disclose to the public. First, attend a Commissioner's Court meeting. During the meeting, watch the extensive degree to which minutes of the meeting are noted. They are, in fact, also taped and fully transcribed. Then read the minutes of the meeting you attended on the county Web site. I'm betting you won't see a match, only a sketchy super-condensed summary is posted on the county Web site, and sometimes none at all. The county keeps two separate sets of meeting minutes: the one you never get to see is exact word for word in total detail.

Want to do something about your county government? Vote. Get involved in local political organizations, run for public office yourself, write letters to local newspaper editors as good public dialogue sells more newspapers. If nothing else, your writing efforts may help keep a local newspaper business from failing. More likely, your own letter will help promote public dialogue and give momentum to an impetus for change.

I would also like to compliment the editor of the *Rockwall County News* for refusing to publish potentially libelous personal attack letters and encouraging publication of a broad spectrum of opinions. It is the proper role of a local newspaper to promote healthy, balanced public dialogue and to enhance communications between its subscribers.

Thom Bouis, Rockwall

Time for us to rise again

My name is Bill White. My name is not at all important because I'm nobody. I'm not famous, you've never heard of me and I have absolutely no claim to fame of any kind. My importance comes from being a member of a very large group named, many years ago, "The Silent Majority".

The reason I'm writing this letter is to call on this majority of Americans to come together and rise again. It's time folks to let our voices be heard loud and clear in this liberal dominated society.

We need again to stand up for our values. People are being led to believe that the liberals are in the majority, the liberal dominated press corps and the liberal dominated Hollywood personalities, plus the very rich socialists with their own agenda, have led us to believe the country is heavily in favor of their ideas and agenda.

We know that is just wrong and its time for us to stand up against them let them know we will not be pushed around.

The majority of us who go to work each day, take care of our families, and believe in a supreme being, know what is happening today is wrong and we must do something about stopping the lies. They are very good at lying and making people think it's true. They are excellent smooth talkers, and because they are good at it, people believe their lies.

This is what we need: Smaller government, lower taxes; keep our military strong to defend our country from all threats foreign or domestic; keep God in our schools and public lives; freedom of religion; marriage defined as, between a man and a woman; strong enforcement of our immigration laws; the right to bear arms for our own protection; judges who do not legislate from the bench; strongly pro-life, overturning Roe V. Wade; freedom to choose how we want to live our lives and not be dictated to by liberal special interest groups who want to run the world their way; ban the special interest groups from influencing our legislature and judicial systems.

These are just 10 of the major things I know the "Silent Majority" strongly believes in. They are all in jeopardy from the liberals.

It's time now to stand up and speak out. Stand up and be heard, as we have done in the past, and we will win again!

William R. White, Roysce City

When is it okay to steal?

- God said, "Thou Shalt Not Steal"
- He did not say, "Thou shalt not steal, except to help the poor."
- He did not say, "Thou shalt not steal, unless government needs more money."
- He did not say, "Thou shalt not steal, but it's okay if stealing helps feed the homeless."
- He did not say, "Thou shalt not steal, other than to take from those who have and give it to those who have not."
- God's word is solid, complete, simple and profound ... there are no "exceptions" to his commandment: **Thou Shalt Not Steal!**
- Stealing: Taking property without the owner's permission.
- Taxation: Taking property without the owner's permission.
- Those who claim to follow God's Commandments can not justify or support taxation.

Even if the Bush administration had ended all oversight of the banking industry, the government would still not be off the hook for the current difficulties. That is because for many years it has intervened in the mortgage and financial markets not by regulating in the traditional sense, but rather by implicitly promising to protect lending and underwriting institutions from their own folly.

Most egregious of all has been the understanding that Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac — two government-sponsored enterprises — would not be permitted to go bankrupt.

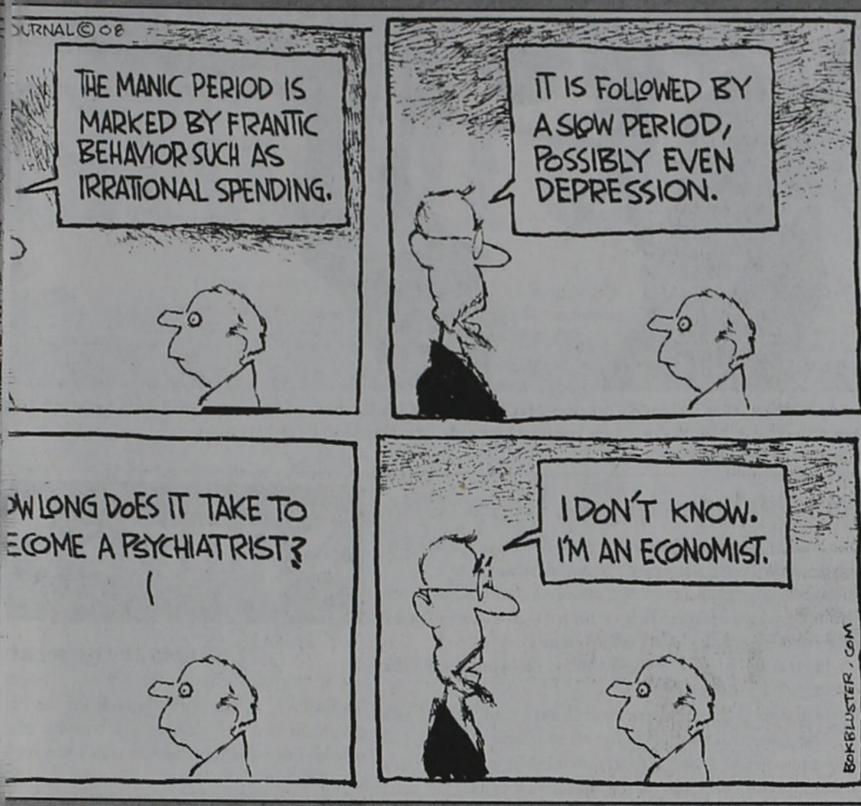
These organizations, both created and subsidized by government, gave us the subprime mess by buying mortgages from banks, bundling them into securities, and then selling the securities to investors — with an explicit guarantee that the income would keep flowing even if the homeowners stopped paying their mortgages.

That system nearly assured that banks would lend promiscuously. What did they have to lose? Ultimately, the taxpayers would bail them out.

The result is what we today call the "subprime mortgage crisis." Make no mistake: the government, not the free market, created this fiasco. The solution, therefore, is not more government, but the end of all regulations and business privileges.

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Opinions



Carrying us to death

we're receiving much better health care. The increase in quality explains part of the higher health care costs.

But health care costs would be dramatically reduced if there were more competition and less government intervention and third-party payers. Cox and Alm say that competition works but because of third-party payers, consumers have little incentive to shop around. They point out that prices for Lasik eye surgery, a procedure rarely covered by insurance programs, have fallen in the past decade because consumers shop around and take their business to surgeons who offer the highest quality service at the cheapest price.

Recall that during President Carter's last year in office in 1980 what was called the "misery index", which was defined as the sum of the inflation and unemployment rates, was about 22 percent: inflation averaged 14 percent; unemployment was 7.5 percent.

Today's inflation just became 5 percent, having been between 1 and 3 percent for a decade, and unemployment is 6.1. Cox and Alm say that today's problems "will turn out to be mere footnotes in a longer-term march of progress." They add that, "Since 1982, the United States has been in recession for a mere 16 months, the present slowdown notwithstanding. Over that period, the country more than doubled its inflation-adjusted output of goods and services and created jobs for an additional 50 million workers."

Things are not nearly as gloomy as the pundits say. Most of today's economic problems, whether it's energy, health care costs, financial problems, budget deficits or national debt, are caused by policies pursued by the White House and Congress. As my colleague Dr. Thomas Sowell suggested in a recent column, we don't look to arsonists to put out fires that they've created; neither should we look to Congress to solve the problems they've created.

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Game Changer

Basically, the feds are playing a confidence game right now. They are assuring the world that our economy will not collapse. That assurance is vital.

But, once again, it is the folks who have to pay the bills, and pay we will. For the next four years our tax dollars will be basically used for two things: Fighting terrorists abroad and bailing out greenheads on Wall Street.

The FBI is investigating some corporate managers who made big money while their companies burned. People like former Merrill Lynch CEO Stanley O'Neal, who allowed his company to buy bad mortgage paper and then, when things went south, walked away with a reported \$150-million severance package. Meanwhile, millions of Merrill stockholders got hammered.

In any federal bailout two things have to happen. First, the companies involved must pay back any "loans" after they get back on their feet. Secondly, the government must control the pay of the managers. That is non-negotiable. No more tax dollars for greenhead incompetents like O'Neal.

In the end, the American working person will pull the country out of this mess just like we always do. But no longer can we the people trust the government to look out for us. The covenant between the folks and Washington has been badly damaged, there's no question about it.

And that may take a longer time to repair than the stupid mortgage mess. Veteran TV news anchor Bill O'Reilly is host of the Fox News show "The O'Reilly Factor" and author of the book "Culture Warrior." To find out more about Bill O'Reilly, and read features by other Creators Syndicate writers and cartoonists, visit the Creators Syndicate web page at www.creators.com. This column originates on the Web site www.billoreilly.com.

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market advocate.

There was no general deregulation. Why do the pundits think differently? Because they are blinded by words. The Bush administration and Republicans talk about the costs of business regulation. But that is not the same as repealing regulations.

As economist Tyler Cowen writes in the New York Times, there has been "continuing heavy regulation, with a growing loss of accountability and effectiveness.... When it comes to financial regulation, for example, until the crisis of the last few months, the administration did little to alter a regulatory structure that was built over many decades.

Banks continue to be governed by a hodgepodge of rules and agencies including the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, the international Basel accords on capital standards, state authorities, the Federal Reserve and the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation. Publicly traded banks, like other corporations, are subject to the Sarbanes-Oxley Act."

Moreover, as Cowen points out, it has been long-standing government policy to make it easier for non-creditworthy people to get mortgages: "legislation that has been on the books for years — like the Home Mortgage Disclosure Act and the Community Reinvestment Act — helped to encourage the proliferation of high-risk mortgage loans."

In fact, banks could be penalized for appearing to avoid lending money to people with poor prospects for repayment. The passionate advocates of this social-welfare policy now call such bank conduct "predatory lending."

Government Failure

Richman and presidential candidates tell it, you'd think for the last eight years and, with a Congress that enacted an agenda of full-blown laissez-faire, could not be in the mess we are in economically.

Interest in portraying the financial meltdown as a hands-off policy. They can't very well advocate government controls are responsible for the debacle. Pundits just don't understand economics.

Problems in the financial and housing industries are a government failure.

Heavily regulated the financial sector since the 1930s have been tweaked over the years. In 1999 — the Clinton administration's Glass-Steagall Act, which had separated commercial banking, was repealed.

That these regulatory changes were in response to deregulation regulations themselves. Separating commercial banking from investment banking was an arbitrary and artificial decision by government. It prevented banks from having the flexibility to better compete in a global economy. They were not part of a free market. Less President Clinton was really a secret free-

Heath Hawks tie for first in basketball tourney

The Heath Hawks varsity boys' squad tied for first place at a weekend tournament in Leonard.

The Hawks shared first place with the team from Whitewright High School.

Heath defeated McKinney Boyd of McKinney and Sulphur Springs. The Hawks' only loss was to Whitewright.

Dustin Morett and Lewis Snowton turned in outstanding performances, according to reports. Other team members included Kyle Whittle, Cameron McClung, Andrew Twedell, Eric Larsen, T.J. Tennison, Todd Franza and Demi Lennard.

Mustangs split volleyball wins

Winning all three seventh-grade matches but losing all three eighth-grade contests, the Cain Mustangs volleyball team split with Ford Middle School at home Sept. 25.

The seventh grade A team won 25-2, 26-24, the B team 22-25, 25-12, 25-21 and the C team 26-24, 25-19.

The eighth-grade A team lost 25-13, 24-26, 23-25, the B team 24-26, 9-25 and the C team 19-25, 25-16, 10-25.

The Mustangs travel to Lovejoy Middle School for another match this week.

Cain Middle School eighth grade B team enjoys third consecutive win

Trever Newell and Edyn Baires each scored a touchdown and defensive back Chase Schults had two second half interceptions as the Cain Mustangs eighth grade B football team downed Ford Middle School 14-6 for their third win in a row at Rockwall-Heath High School Sept. 30.

The eighth grade A team, meanwhile, lost to Ford 9-6 on a 34-yard field goal with just seven seconds left to play.

Newell scored from 20 yards out to give Cain a 6-0 lead that they carried into halftime, before Baires added a scoring run of his own for 32 yards, to put the Mustangs up 14-0 after Alex Caldwell nailed the extra point.

After a long run by Ford cut the lead to 14-6, Schults ended Ford's last two possessions with interceptions.

The A team took an early 6-0 lead when Jeffrey Irokwe's broke loose for a 96-yard touchdown with under two minutes left in the first half. Ford tied the score when Jeffery Harris scored on a 30-yard scamper to even the score at 6-6.

Ford drove 36 yards in eight plays to set the stage for its winning field goal with kicker John Rocha splitting the uprights despite a Cain timeout meant to increase the pressure.

The Mustangs travel to Lovejoy Middle School Oct. 7 for their next game.

Rockwall Lady Jackets' match with Lady Hawks now more important

Rockwall entered this volleyball season with a couple of major objectives. Those will come together Friday at 5 p.m. when the Lady Jackets play at Rockwall-Heath.

RHS is 3-3 in District 10-4A after splitting two matches during the last week. That record has RHS tied with Carrollton Newman Smith for fourth place, the district's final playoff position, as the season reaches its halfway point Friday.

At Rockwall's gym, head coach Damon Wilson will point to the banners on the wall. One shows that the volleyball team hasn't yet won a playoff match. The overriding goal for this season is to end that drought.

The Lady Jackets also have been looking forward to meeting, and ideally beating, the Lady Hawks. Rockwall-Heath is 2-4, but could take a step back into the playoff race by beating their neighbors to the north.

However, Rockwall could very easily finish the first half of the 10-4A season in a three-way tie by defeating Rockwall-Heath. Newman Smith seems likely to defeat Carrollton R.L. Turner (0-6 in the district) Friday, and Roysse City, currently third at 4-2, has to face Richardson Pearce (6-0).

It should be a close race for the final two playoff spots behind Pearce and Highland Park.

The Lady Jackets' matches last week were close ones against their closest competition for a postseason berth.

In its Homecoming match Friday, Rockwall defeated Roysse City in four games 25-18, 25-23, 24-26, 25-15. Tuesday's match at Newman Smith was even closer. The Trojans rallied from a 2-1 deficit in games for a tense 17-25, 25-17, 26-28, 25-22, 15-13 victory.

Girls' lead Rockwall Jackets tennis with win over Carrollton Newman Smith

Rockwall improved its District 10-4A tennis record to 2-1 with a convincing 14-5 victory over Carrollton Newman Smith Tuesday on the Utley Freshman Center courts.

The RHS girls swept all of their singles and doubles matches. Leading the boys were the first doubles team of Josh Miller and Logan Metcalf-Smith, who have lost only once in district and non-district play.

The Yellowjackets already had won a 10-4A match against Carrollton R.L. Turner and lost to Richardson Pearce.

Coach Lana Fulkerson said, "We're looking for good things as we get farther into district play."

Rockwall Yellowjackets' schedule

Saturday, Oct. 4 - Varsity 2 girls' golf: vs. Granbury, Harbor Lakes Golf Club, 12:30 p.m.

Swimming: at Frisco Wakeland, 2 p.m.

Cross country: at Wylie Invitational

Tuesday, Oct. 7 - JV boys' golf: at Plano, Pecan Hollow Golf Club, 8 a.m.

Varsity tennis: at Highland Park, 4 p.m.

Volleyball: home vs. Highland Park, JV and freshman A 5:30 p.m. and varsity and freshman B 6:30 p.m.

Swimming: at Plano East, 6 p.m.

Wednesday, Oct. 8 - Girls' JV2 golf: vs. McKinney, Oak Hollow Golf Course, 9 a.m.

Freshman football: Kaufman at Lion Stadium, 4:30 p.m.

JV White football: at Mesquite, Berry Middle School, 5:30 p.m.

JV Orange football: at Carrollton R.L. Turner, 6 p.m.

Thursday, Oct. 9 - JV1 tennis: at Wylie, 4 p.m.

Varsity football: vs. Carrollton R.L. Turner, Wilkerson-Sanders Stadium, 7 p.m.

Friday, Oct. 10 - Girls' varsity 1 golf: at Rockwall ISD Tournament, Buffalo Creek Golf Club, 7:30 a.m.

Volleyball: vs. Carrollton R.L. Turner, JV and freshman A 5:30 p.m. and varsity and freshman B 6:30 p.m.

Williams Wildcats' schedule

Saturday, Oct. 4 - 8th grade C volleyball: home for tournament

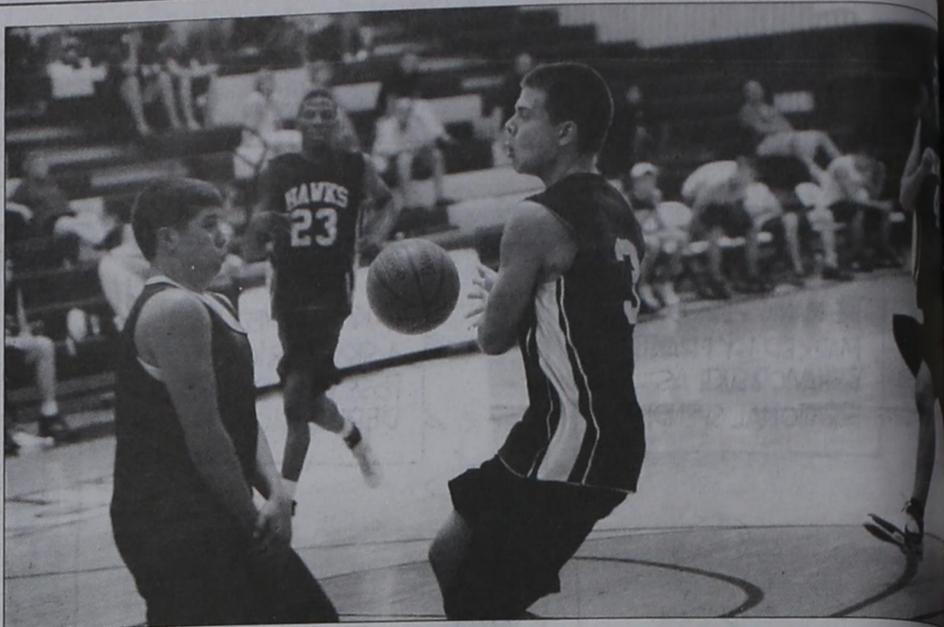
7th grade C volleyball: at Wylie Tournament

Tuesday, Oct. 7 - 7th grade football: home vs. Wylie Burnett, B 6 p.m. and A 7:30 p.m.

8th grade football: at Wylie Burnett, B 6 p.m. and A 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, Oct. 9 - 8th grade volleyball: home vs. Lovejoy, C 5:30 p.m., B 6:30 p.m. and A 7:30 p.m.

7th grade volleyball: at Lovejoy, C 5:30 p.m., B 6:30 p.m. and A 7:30 p.m.



Hawks basketball team member Cameron McClung (3) shuffles the ball off to teammate Lewis Snowton (23) during a tournament at Leonard. Also in the play is Dustin Morett (4). The Hawks tied for first place. Staff Photo by Carl McClung

Freshman Jackets rip past Roysse City

Both of Rockwall's freshman football teams defeated Roysse City Thursday, Sept. 25, at Wilkerson-Sanders Memorial Stadium.

The freshman White team used a powerful offense led by Cansas Estep, Zach Kuntz, Grant Snyder and Blake Kasper for a 41-20 victory. The offensive line supported the running and passing game.

Austin Reynolds had the biggest defensive play, recovering a fumble and running 32 yards for a touchdown.

Defense was the theme as the Yellowjackets' Orange team defeated the Bulldogs 13-0. The game was scoreless after three quarters. Rockwall's D completed its shutout and added a touchdown on Spencer Edwards' interception return. Baylor Black ran for the Jackets' other TD.

Rockwall boys place second at Rowlett Phillips, Miller lead Jackets to second

Jacob Phillips and Corey Miller finished fifth and sixth overall to lead the Rockwall boys' varsity to second place in the Jim Baker Rowlett Eagle Cross Country Invitational Saturday at Springfield Park.

Phillips finished the five-kilometer course in 17 minutes, 32 seconds, 12 seconds ahead of Miller.

They were part of a balanced lineup that helped the Yellowjackets finish with 51 points. Joel Gibbs was 11th in 17:51, Ronnie Pettigrew 12th in 17:53 and Jack Hammond 17th in 18:12.

The varsity girls placed fourth with 96 points. Freshman Kelli Hardenbrook led the way with a 10th-place finish in 12:56 over two miles.

Also scoring for the Lady Jackets were Michelle Conomos, 19th in 13:18; Marissa Valenzuela, 20th in 13:20; Michelle Dose, 23rd in 13:45; and Nicole Salom, 24th in 13:50.

Rockwall's junior varsity girls were sixth in their race with 251 points. Hannah Valenzuela was RHS' first to finish, in 37th place in 14:33. Behind her were Ellen Stein, 39th in 14:35; Alexis Robles, 53rd in 14:58; Keelie Carrell, 59th in 15:01; and Kalea Valenzuela, 63rd in 15:10.

RHS Freshman girls set pace at Lake Highlands cross country meet

Marissa Valenzuela, Kelli Hardenbrook and Hallie Elledge - all freshmen - were the first three Rockwall finishers as the varsity girls' team placed fourth Saturday, Sept. 20, in the Lake Highlands Invitational.

All five scorers for the Lady Jackets were in a group of nine runners who finished the two-mile run 15 seconds apart. Valenzuela placed 19th in 13 minutes, 28 seconds; Hardenbrook was 20th, also in 13:28; Elledge 24th in 13:35; Michelle Conomos 25th in 13:40; and Aly Heuer 27th in 13:43.

Finishing ahead of RHS' 115 points were Dallas Skyline with 46, Bishop Lynch with 69 and Rockwall-Heath with 112. Fort Worth Nolan's

The Jackets' varsity boys finished sixth with 158. Plano was the winning team with 52, and Lake Highlands' Austin Roth was the individual leader with a time of 15:52 over a five-kilometer course.

Jack Hammond paced Rockwall, finishing 12th in 17:35. The other scorers were Jacob Phillips, 27th in 18:01; Corey Miller, 31st in 18:07; Joel Gibbs, 39th in 18:25; and Josh Smith, 49th in 18:46.

Caitlin White placed first overall in the junior varsity girls' race, running two miles in 14:07. It was an overall strong showing, with the junior

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Fishing Derby set at Pickens

A fishing derby is set for 8 a.m. to noon Saturday at Pickens Myers Park. Prizes will be given for the biggest catch in two age groups: 8-and-under and 9-14 person. For more information visit www.rockwall.com 771-7740.

Kayak Paddle Trip at Lake

A half-day kayak trip on the east shore of Lake Lewisville is offered from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday. The \$40 fee includes necessary equipment and a guided tour. Open to 18 and older, participants will meet at the Hwy. 66 boat launch. For more information visit www.rockwall.com/parks or call 972-771-7740.

Fitness 180 Bootcamp schedule

A five-week outdoor program offering conditioning and strength training at The Harbor. Each one-hour program will begin on Wednesdays and Fridays. Cost is \$299 for new recruits. Participants must be 18 or older. For information visit www.fitness180.com or call 972-771-7740.

Hope & Hearts Run/Walk set

The Missing GRACE Foundation will host the 5K Run/Walk on Oct. 11 in Garland's Audubon Park, a nonprofit that offers resources and support for families who have experienced a pregnancy loss, infant loss, infertility or miscarriage. For more information visit www.hopeandheartsrn.org/texas.

Dodge ball tourney set Oct.

The Great Pumpkin Halloween Dodge Ball Tournament for individuals ages 14 and up, will begin at 1 p.m. Oct. 11 at the ISD Education Center Gym. Each team of six players will compete in a double-elimination bracket. Cost to enter will be \$10. For more information visit www.rockwall.com/parks or call 972-771-7740.

Track club plans cross country

The third annual Rockwall Mustang Track & Field Invitational is set for Oct. 25 at Harry Myers Park. Registration will be at 7 p.m. To register, visit www.rockwall.com.

Turkey Shoot slated for Nov.

The Second Annual Turkey Shoot, open to individuals ages 14 and up, will run from 10 a.m. to noon at the Rockwall ISD Education Center Gym. The event is an adult/child basketball-shooting competition. Each parent/guardian will be paired with their child to shoot. Pre-registration is required. For information visit www.rockwall.com/parks or call 972-771-7740.

Lady Jackets totaling 65 points. Behind White were Roysse City in 14:40; Shelby Soldat, 14th in 15:01; Hannah Valenzuela, 15th in 15:18.

The JV boys finished eighth with 175 points. Leading the five-mile course was Houston Smith, who placed 12th in 21:09. Yuen was 22nd in 20:00, Sam Grinnin 40th in 20:46 and Michael O'Boyle 55th in 21:27.



Rockwall Christian Academy Warriors senior running back Xavier Shaw-Van Zandt pushes toward the end zone during Friday's exciting game against Sacred Heart at the Dobb's Elementary football field. The Warriors dropped to Sacred Heart after their fourth quarter rally. RCA is set to play Greenville Elementary Academy at home on Thursday, October 2, Herndon Christian on Tuesday October 7 and McKinney Christian at home on Thursday, October 9. Staff Photo by Tim Burnett