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Members of the Rockwall High School girls gymnastics team are introduced at last Saturday's Meet the Jacket night at the newly opened Wilkerson-Sanders Stadium. The long-standing annual event is an opportunity for families and fans to meet all of the teams, and staff from the school. Making their way onto the field are gymnastics team members (left to right) Jessica Moore, Emily Pettett, Ashley, Lindsay Loy, Krystal Haynes, Crysta Hollins (back), Paige DeLatta, Kaitlyn Stoddart, Emily McCarthy and Megan McNabb. They are coached by Denise Hedges.

Photo by Roy Heath/Rockwall County News

## Rockwall YMCA hosts Angel Camp for 40 special needs children

The Rockwall YMCA played host to 40 special needs children in a pilot camping program called Angel Camp held in August. The YMCA of Metropolitan Dallas worked with the Rockwall YMCA to get the camp off the ground. The camp was divided into two sessions with 20 campers attending each week. Camp Director Tom Applegate said specially chosen volunteers took the campers on canoe trips and to the movies, and campers to archery and BB shooting, and sang songs, ate camp food, and played camp games, visited the fire station, rode horses at the

Highland Horse Farm, created outdoor masterpieces with sidewalk chalk and went swimming.

The campers were also treated to a ride on the catamaran Seawolf, where each child got to skipper and drive the boat.

The campers were able to attend for free thanks to a donation from the Rockwall Kiwanis Club, a \$5,000 grant from the Ronald McDonald Foundation and proceeds from fundraisers.

Applegate said the Rockwall camp is the first of its kind and will be reviewed by the Dallas Y to gauge its success. He said that

the two weeks of camp ran smoothly, with only a few minor bumps along the way. "The camp was a success both weeks," he said. "It has been great."

The camp staff of nine Rockwall YMCA staff members and 20 volunteers was recruited from local schools and "from people that we knew - friends, camper siblings. We picked a staff that we knew would be good for the campers," Applegate said.

The Dallas Y will evaluate the Rockwall camp for possible implementation at other YMCAs next summer.



Participants at the Rockwall YMCA Angel Camp were (back row from left) Kaitlyn Payne, Logan Pior, Chase Wood, Leah Packs, David Andring, Joy Turner, Andrew Sauerwein, Brenna, Courtney (second row from left) Joey Casper, Neal Spradlin, Maleri Young, Lauren Murphree, Adam Hooper, Mason Sevier, Joshua Duprey, David Miller, Justin Caldwell, Alex Brown, Camp Director Tom Applegate, (front row from left) Samantha Shaw, Volunteer and Sarah Miller.

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# RHS Orange Wave Band preps for new season, run for UIL contest

The Rockwall High School marching band kicked off its annual summer band rehearsals on Monday, Aug. 3. By 8 a.m., nearly 240 musicians are outside every day drilling their marching skills in preparation of their many Friday night half time shows and their multiple band contests.

The RHS band has many years of superior ratings under its belt and is looking to continue that tradition of excellence under the direction of Band Director Mike McGill, who has been with the RHS band program for 35 years.

Assistant Band Director Michael Jones says, "RHS has always had some of the best and brightest students in our area and we're very proud that we feel the students of the RHS band represent the best of the best. We have valedictorians and salutatorians, people involved in robotics, sports, and every organization you can imagine. Yet they give their time and pour their hearts into learning to perform at the highest caliber in blistering heat conditions doing an activity that is highly underestimated in its degree of athleticism."

The band's halftime show this year is a medley of music from the musical, "Jekyll and Hyde." When it's perfected, the students will be performing an extremely demanding mental and physical eight-minute visual and musical masterpiece that they are all very proud to exhibit. The band will also be competing this fall for a spot in the state UIL Marching Band Competition to be held Nov. 2 & 3 at the Alamodome in San Antonio.

# Heath FUMC Study and Fellowship Opportunities

With the beginning of the new school year, Heath First United Methodist Church is beginning its ongoing long-term and short-term study groups.

As always, the church has a variety of Sunday school study formats, from popular Christian study literature, Bible 101-general overview of the Bible, to Bible interpretation study and contemporary Christian issues.

During the week, Sisters, a women's group study, meets on Monday night; Wednesday morning brings women's study at 9:30 a.m. beginning Sept. 16; Disciple groups-long term in-depth covenant study of the Bible which began on Sunday, Sept. 6 and runs for 36 weeks, and Wednesday night offers men's study group.

For more information, all are welcome to come by the church office located at 140 Smirl Drive in Heath or call the office at 972-771-6752. Additional information is available on the church website at [www.fumcheath.org](http://www.fumcheath.org).



Rockwall High School Clarinet Section Leader and Band President Emily Green checks posture and spacing during summer band practice for the band's fall show, "Jekyll and Hyde" band hopes to top off its upcoming contest season with a bid to the state UIL competition in San Antonio in November.

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Pictured are members of the 2009-2010 Rockwall Women's League Executive Board members. The group shot was snapped at the board's annual retreat in July at the weekend home of associate member Cindy Bledsoe.

Photo courtesy/Rockwall County News

# Rockwall Women's League readies members for new year

Members of the Rockwall Women's League Executive Board recently met for their annual summer retreat at the weekend home of associate member Cindy Bledsoe.

The group began the weekend with a "tiara-fying murmur," which took place at a mock beauty pageant. Board members donned tiaras and sashes to carry out the theme of the evening. The group concluded with its first board meeting of the year.

RWL board members for the 2009-2010 year are Vicki Alford, president; Pamela Miley, president-elect; Lisa Johnson, first vice president (Social); Jamie Frisby, first vice president (Social); Kendra Jones, second vice president (Community Service); Amy Butler, fourth vice president (Membership); Ann Walton, secretary; Joey Grand-Lienauer, treasurer; Stacy Maul, parliamentarian; Nancy Roland, public officer; Julie Fuller Jones and Tish Johnson, hospitality; Darlene Belmeier, yearbook; Darlene Belmeier, telephone; Susan L. newsletter; Peggy Court, daisy lady; Karen Smartt, finance; Jeannie Bauer, finance chairman-elect; Debbie Danielsen, president; Kendra Jones, past ball chair; Kayla Worley, Web; Maggie Hatfield, associate liaison; Sharon Connor, scholarship; Cindy Bledsoe, Out & About; Diana Grubbs, coordinator; and Patti Poole, gift shop manager.

The league is a local women's philanthropic organization dedicated to uniting and promoting the Rockwall area through service to the community through the initiation and support of civic and social events.

The league's first fall general meeting will be from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. Sept. 18. Contact Amy Butler at 214-763-9614 for more details.

# Jones Elementary kicks off WATCH D.O.G.S. Program

Rockwall's Dorris A. Jones Elementary School will introduce the WATCH D.O.G.S. (Dads of Great Students) program with a Dads and Kids' Pizza Night on Monday, Sept. 14 at the school.

WATCH D.O.G.S. is an innovative father involvement program for fathers and father-figures created by the National Center for Fathering ([www.fathers.com](http://www.fathers.com)). It was created in response to the 1998 Jonesboro, AR school shooting. Since then, the program has spread to more than 800 schools in over 30 states.

Fathers and father-figures are invited to sign up to spend one day this year volunteering at their child's school, serving as a positive male role model and helping increase a sense of security in the building. During their WATCH D.O.G.S. day, dads will engage in various activities, such as welcoming students during arrival, reading to classes, tutoring small groups of students, having fun at recess or simply sitting down and connecting with students during lunch. They can share about their careers and experiences-the possibilities are endless.

The program benefits the schools and students in many ways. Schools gain an extra set of eyes and ears. The presence of WatchDOGS can increase a sense of security at the building for students and staff, and it helps create an environment conducive to learning.

Students gain a positive male role model. Some students do not have a father figure present in their home and the number of male teachers has been steadily declining in recent years. More positive male role models are needed in the school setting.

Fathers and father-figures can spend meaningful time with their students in the school setting and gain a greater awareness of the positive impact they can have on their student's life, just by being a 'dad'.

When WatchDOGS invest a day at school, they can learn how

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better to partner with the school to meet educational goals of students.

The pizza party will run from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m., Sept. 14, at Jones Elementary, 2051 Trail Glen.

For more information on Pizza Night, contact Jones Assistant Principal Brian Neely at 972-772-1070 or [bneely@rockwallisd.org](mailto:bneely@rockwallisd.org).



Jones Elementary School WATCH D.O.G.S. displaying the organization's sign are (left to right) Walter Ventura, Terry Talley, James Collins, James Beatty and Brian Pfahning.

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# Rockwall County Sports

## Jackets hold off Midland to win season opener 31-2

by Lary Bump

Midland knew it had to stop Josh Broach after Bulldogs scouts saw him play in Rockwall's scrimmage against Denison.

But when it came time to take the work in practice and in the film room on to the field at Grande Communications Stadium, Midland couldn't stop the RHS junior.

Broach ran for 188 yards and four touchdowns Friday to lead the Yellowjackets' 31-26 opening-game victory over the Bulldogs as part of the ASCO Midland Football Madness celebration.

Fox Sports Southwest knew what it was doing when it designated the Rockwall-Midland contest as its Dairy Queen Game of the Week.

It was an exciting game, and it was far from a one-man show for the Jackets.

Quarterback Adam Dingwell completed 14 of 19 passes, guided the offense to 383 yards and punted for a 48-yard average.

"Adam managed the game well," said Jackets head coach Scott Smith. He also pointed out, "Our offensive line blocked extremely well."

The defense set up a score by recovering a fumble, and stopped the Bulldogs' final drive. And Rockwall's special teams provided a field goal, blocked an extra point and kept a scoring drive going by converting a fake punt into a first down.

Midland scored first, shortly after receiving the opening kickoff, on a 46-yard pass from Jack Bolger to Antwon Goodley. After that, the Jackets' defense shut down the Bulldogs wide receiver, who totaled zero yards on his other four catches.

That was the 'Dawgs' last lead. Dingwell took Rockwall down the field to the first of Broach's two 1-yard scoring runs in the first half.

The 14-7 lead grew to 17-7 after RHS' defense recovered a fumble to set up Travis Shinn's 31-yard field goal just before halftime.

No doubt, Midland's halftime message included trying to stop Broach. However, the Jackets took the kickoff and drove for Broach's 6-yard score and a 24-7 lead.

Midland then rallied to score two touchdowns. But after the second, the Jackets blocked the extra point kick to retain a 24-20 lead early

in the fourth quarter.

Again, Dingwell took the Jackets down the field. From the Bulldogs' 22 yard line, he handed off to Broach, who scooted through a hole in the middle for his fourth TD.

The Bulldogs scored again, but Rockwall stopped their two-point conversion try. Dingwell punted the ball away on the Jackets' next possession, but Midland couldn't score from deep in its territory before time ran out.

"Any win's a good win," Smith said. "I'm real proud of our kids."

Rockwall had entered the game with questions about its interior defense. Nose tackle Walter Garrett returned from an injury to help out.

Smith said, "Walter made a few plays, and we were doing it by committee with our four inside linebackers."

Two other key offensive players were seniors Scott Loy and Will Beasley - who each caught four passes, Loy for 71 yards and Beasley for 58.

Rockwall received the Game of the Week designation in part because Beasley's father, Neil Beasley, is a Fox sportscaster. A camera crew accompanied the team on its bus trip to Abilene Thursday night and on to Midland Friday.

The win made it worth riding back on the bus all night and arriving back home shortly before sunrise Saturday.

The win could give the Jackets momentum heading into the first varsity game at the renovated Wilkerson-Sanders Stadium, Friday at 7:30 p.m. against Rowlett. The first games of any kind there will be played Thursday at 5:30 and 7, when the RHS freshmen take on the Rowlett frosh.

### Rosehill routs HCA 56-6

Heritage Christian Academy's football season began on a sour note Friday.

The Eagles traveled to Tomball to play Rosehill Christian School, a team they had defeated 71-24 last season. This time around, the Rosehill Eagles avenged that loss with a 56-6 victory.

### Heritage Christian Eagles' schedule

Thursday, Sept. 3 - Volleyball: home vs. First Baptist, JV 5 p.m. and varsity 6 p.m.

Friday, Sept. 4 - Varsity football: home vs. Calvert, Hobart Wisdom Field, 7:30 p.m.

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### RTU plans Labor Day Mixer

Rockwall Tennis Unlimited will conduct its annual Labor Day Mixer from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday at Rockwall-Heath High. Pre-registered entrance fee for members is \$10; cost for guests is \$15. Registration due by Sept. 3. Entrance fee on the day of the mixer will be \$15 for members, \$20 for guests. Participants will play in a round-robin format with different partner for three hours. To register visit rockwalltennisunlimited.com or e-mail J.R. at rahmanzadeh1@sbcglobal.net.

### Hunters' ed course slated

A hunters' education course will be offered for individuals ages 12 and older from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. Sept. 8 in the Myers Community Center. Instruction in Texas hunting regulations, ethics, firearm and hunting safety and other topics will be covered. Cost for this Rockwall Parks & Rec-sponsored program will be \$15 for Rockwall residents, \$23 for non-residents.

### Fly fishing course scheduled

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

### Punt, Pass & Kick competition planned

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

### Hot Shot contest set Sept. 26

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

### RHHS seniors to host golf tourney

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

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# Rockwall County Sports

## Heath Hawks more than hold their own in shortened scrimmage against 5A power Skyline

Heath Hawks' performance against 5A powerhouse Skyline was more than a few eyebrows when the two squads met in a 60-play controlled affair that was cut short by rain and lightning.

Rebuilding 4A Hawks, who won their first 13 games before losing in the regional semifinals, matched the Raiders' defense also did well, outplaying the Raiders' D, our total rushing yards on 17 carries while Skyline had an equal 17 runs by Heath. Sophomore Dorian Lawrence, who rushed for almost 2,700 yards last year, was committed to LSU, had 58 receptions for 1,138 yards on 9 carries, including a four-yard scoring run. The Hawks' defense did pretty well against the normally high-powered offense with the exception of one play: a 70-yard run by the Raiders' Mike Davis.

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Rockwall-Heath junior Cameron Wilson (7) heads up the field after making a reception in the Hawks' scrimmage with Skyline August 27. Wilson was credited with four catches for 62 yards against the Raiders before play was halted due to thunder and lightning in the area. Photo by Carl McClung

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## Harvest pulls away to defeat Rockwall Christian

Harvest pulled away to defeat Rockwall Christian in a game that was a showcase for the Warriors' offense. The Warriors scored a touchdown in his debut for Rockwall Christian's football team. More important to the opening-game offensive was Turner's four touchdowns nullified by penalties.

Harvest committed 13 penalties for 108 yards as Harvest broke away from a 6-6 halftime tie for a 28-6 victory at Callahan Field in Watauga.

damage. Four of those penalties also wiped out 145 yards Turner gained on a kickoff return, two runs from scrimmage and a punt return.

On a night when RCA's offense totaled a modest 255 yards, the Warriors certainly could have used that extra yardage by Turner, an electrifying junior.

The statistics show that he led his team with 61 rushing yards in nine carries and 79 receiving yards on four catches, and also completed one of three passes for 44 more yards.

Rockwall Christian's first-year head coach, Caleb Palmer, knows scouting tapes will show a lot more of Turner. He'd run from one side of the field to the other, cut back to the original side and weave through would-be tacklers, making them miss.

"We'll use Stephan in a lot of ways. We'll spread him around, because as good as he is, when people see him on film they'll key on him."

The Warriors' only score exemplified Turner's play. RCA had driven with the opening kickoff to the Saints' 16 yard line before Harvest took over on downs. The home team took 12 plays to score on Cody Huett's 4-yard run for a 6-0 lead.

With Turner, a transfer from South Garland, playing quarterback, it took three plays and 26 seconds for Rockwall Christian to score. He ran for seven yards. Just as Harvest Christian's scouts were figuring that Aaron Eastin was the Warriors' passing quarterback and Turner was a running QB, he threw deep to Elvis Below for a 44-yard gain.

From the Saints' 15, Turner rolled out and spun into the end zone to tie the game. On the conversion attempt, he threw a pass into the flat to Sherman Peoples, but he was stopped short of the goal line.

The first half ended 6-6, with RCA holding a 190-128 advantage in yards gained. The second half was a nightmare. Pounding the ball on the ground, Harvest Christian out-gained the visitors 176-72 and scored three touchdowns - all of which counted.

RCA's Cody Wallace, who couldn't play offense or defense because of an injured left shoulder, kicked off to begin the second half. The Warriors didn't get the ball back for more than nine minutes, and when they did they trailed 22-6.

After that kickoff, Harvest drove 58 yards in just six plays, with Nathan Groover running 1 yard for the first of his three touchdowns. The biggest play was one of just four passes the Saints threw in the game. Huett took an option pitch from quarterback Hayden Howard to throw deep to Cody Callahan. He fumbled the ball at the end of the play, but Harvest came up with the ball 49 yards downfield.

Huett ran in for a two-point conversion, then blooped an onside kick over the Warriors' front line of their return team. The Saints recovered the ball, and eight plays later took a 16-point lead on Groover's 2-yard touchdown and Howard's conversion run.

On the next kickoff, Turner carried the ball to the end zone, but an illegal block took the ball back to Harvest's 45. On consecutive plays, he ran 15 and 30 yards for apparent scores, but again penalties brought the ball back. Turner's final trip to the end zone came when he fumbled a fourth-quarter punt, but picked up the ball and ran 60 yards - only to have the play negated by a holding penalty.

With other problems cropping up, the Warriors couldn't afford to give away touchdowns.

Palmer said, "If you'd asked me before the game how bad we could play, this would be it. We didn't block very well. We ran bad routes. We made some bad reads. Offensively, we were out of rhythm. Defensively, we didn't tackle well."

"Our defensive line didn't play well; their offensive linemen were on our linebackers all night. They ran the ball down our throats

pretty much. "This is not the football team we're going to be at the end of the year. The positive thing is that this shows us we have a lot of stuff to improve."

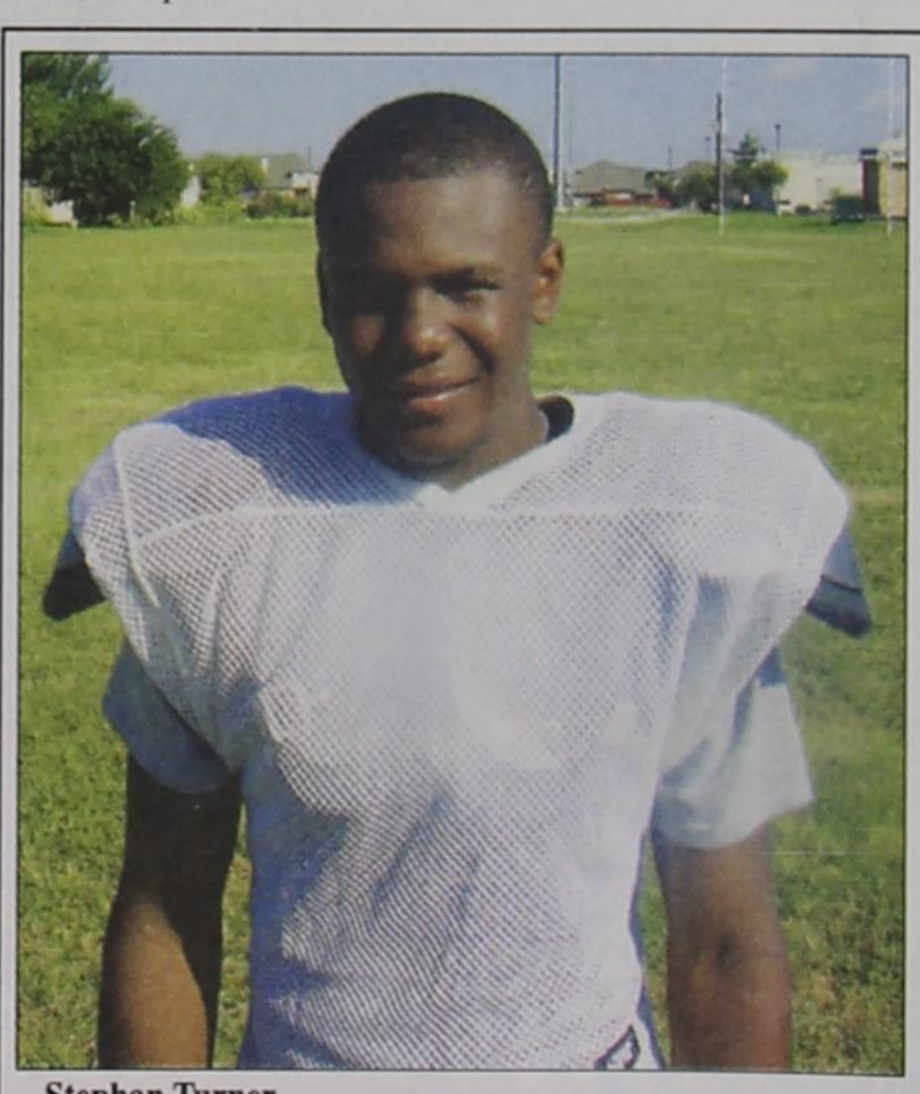
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Rockwall Christian	6	0	0	0	6
Harvest Christian	6	0	16	6	28

	RCA	Harvest
1st downs	13	14
Rushes-yds.	14-107	59-248
Comp-Att-Int	11-29-3	1-4-0
Passing yds	155	56
Total yds.	262	304
Penalties-yds.	13-108	12-95
Punts-avg.	0-0	2-21.0
Fumbles-lost	1-0	3-1

**Individual statistics**  
 Passing - Rockwall Christian: Aaron Eastin 10-25-2-111, Stephan Turner 1-3-0-44, Sherman Peoples 0-1-1-0; Harvest Christian: Hayden Howard 1-3-0-7, Cody Huett 1-1-0-44.  
 Rushing - Rockwall Christian: Stephan Turner 9-61, Sherman Peoples 3-32, Aaron Eastin 2-14; Harvest Christian: Cody Huett 26-134, Nathan Groover 22-90, Hayden Howard 11-24.  
 Receiving - Rockwall Christian: Stephan Turner 4-74, Elvis Below 1-40, Charlie Wilson 3-26, Sherman Peoples 2-6, Kasey Weadon 1-5; Harvest Christian: Cody Callahan 1-49, Nathan Groover 1-7.

**Rockwall Christian Warriors' schedule**  
 Friday, Sept. 4 - Varsity football: at Muenster Sacred Heart, Tiger Field, 7:30 p.m.



Stephan Turner

## Fulton Falcons improved

Fulton Falcons improved to 26-7 to Winston-Salem.

Fulton Falcons were listed as 45-point underdogs when they met in a match of last season's six-man football season opener.

Fulton coach Matt Burgy earlier said the Falcons are a much better team than last season, and we'll be better than last year. The kids and coaches are very optimistic.

The Falcons were much better than in that 2008 contest, injuries that reduced their roster to just seven fully healthy players.

Quite enough to win, but in a game where the winning margin was in the 60s, 70s, 80s and occasionally into the 90s, it was good enough to trail just 13-7 at half before falling to a 26-7.

That is a very low score," Burgy said. "It was really a defensive battle by both teams defensively."

Vertical-District tight end junior Brett Steffen had 55 yards rushing and 5 yards passing.

Milan Rabah had 142 yards rushing and the Falcons' Harrison Cleek added 40 yards rushing.

The score was, according to Burgy, it could have been perhaps even a Fulton win.

Three drives inside the five-yard-line stall out, and also and threw one interception on key drives," said Burgy. "It was a good performance, but a win we let get past us."

Year coach had no problems with the Falcons efforts on the side of the ball and thinks the offense is not that far from producing consistent scoring.

"I was very pleased; you should win in six man when you score 26 points," Burgy said. "And we just need to polish up in the red zone."

Burgy led the Fulton defense with eight tackles despite a sprained ankle. Due to the being shorthanded on the defense, junior linebacker Kendall Johnson played a key role in the game: offense, defense and special teams.

Heath, who host Mineral Wells Community Christian Sept. 11, need to work on two things this week according to Burgy: "It'll be the execution of the offense, as well as increased work."

# Rockwall County Sports



Rockwall-Heath Hawks defensive back Jeb Smartt (middle) brings down a Skyline running back during scrimmage action last Thursday. The Hawks are preparing for their 2009 season opener at Sherman Friday, September 4.  
Photo by Carl McClung/Rockwall County News

## Colonel Gadson to speak at RISD Honor Before Victory program

An inspirational speaker will highlight the Rockwall School District's second annual Honor Before Victory program Tuesday.

Army Lieutenant Colonel Greg Gadson will address the RISD's two high schools and three middle schools at 6:30 p.m. His topic will be "Pride, Poise and Honor."

Colonel Gadson, who played football for Army as a member of the 1989 team, was serving with a field artillery unit in Iraq when a bomb exploded near him. The blast caused him to lose his right leg.

One of his West Point teammates, Mike Sullivan, was killed in action during the Vietnam War.

Sullivan asked Colonel Gadson to speak to the Giants against the Redskins in Washington, New York, in 2007. The Giants won the game, but beat the Redskins to begin a 10-game road trip that took the Giants through a victory in Super Bowl XLII.

Colonel Gadson has been credited as the inspiration to become champions. The RISD is hoping he can inspire students with the Honor Before Victory message of healthy competition.

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## Habitat needs volunteers for committee positions

The Rockwall Area Habitat for Humanity, which is dedicated to building homes for families who might not otherwise afford one, is seeking individuals to serve on various operating committees: fund-raising, communications/public relations, volunteer outreach, and family selection.

The Fundraising Committee is planning a multifaceted donor campaign for the fall that will include an event at the San Martino winery on Nov. 8.

The Volunteer Outreach Committee oversees all aspects of volunteer labor, including coordinating volunteer construction efforts, tracking volunteer hours, volunteer recognition and securing food and beverage donations for volunteers.



Sharing information and ideas last Saturday morning at the Rockwall Conservatives & Conservatives meeting are (left to right) Appeals Court Justice Jim Mosely, Rockwall City Council member Mark Russo, Appeals Court Justice David Bridges and Rockwall County Judge Chris Flores. Mosely is a candidate for Texas Supreme Court Justice.  
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Students Kayleen Escobar and Vivian Segura are pictured with Janet Caporaletti of Doris Cullins-Lake Pointe Elementary, one of two of the school's recipients of a Rockwall ISD Education Foundation Innovative Teaching Grant. Caporaletti and Kathy Riley, not pictured, received a group grant for Project: Dream Room, where students used common items such as crayon boxes and construction paper to create "dream rooms" in cardboard boxes. Each semester the foundation invites Rockwall ISD teachers to write grants to fund classroom projects that might otherwise be impossible because of budgetary constraints. Over the past 11 semesters the foundation has awarded 148 grants for a total of more than \$218,000. The next round of grant applications is due Oct. 1. For more details visit [risdeducationfoundation.com](http://risdeducationfoundation.com).

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## Rockwall Tennis Unlimited tournament draws big turnout

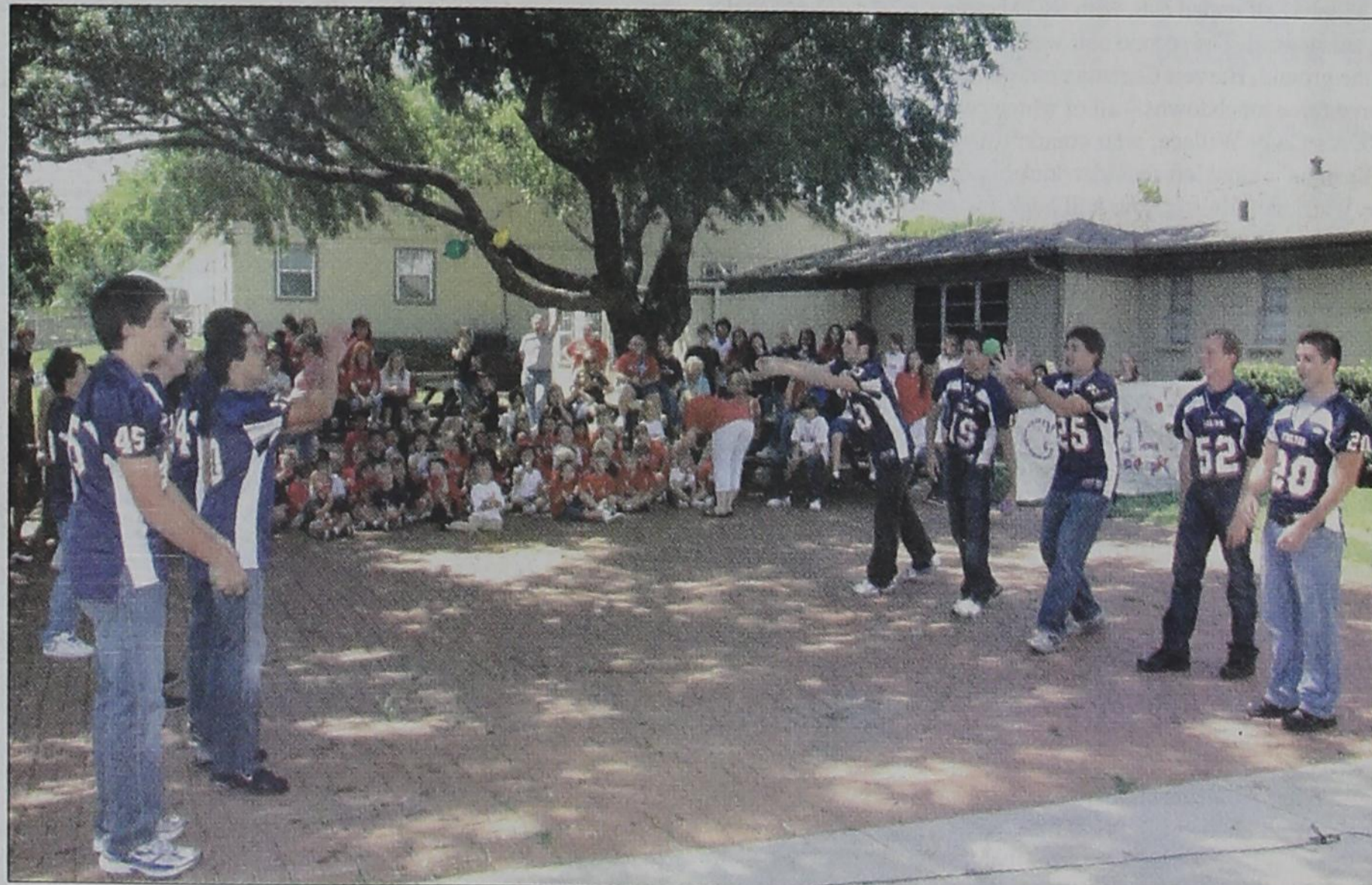
by Cindie Taylor  
RTU Director of Camps

Rockwall Tennis Unlimited (RTU) held its annual Triples Tournament on Saturday, August 29, at Rockwall-Heath High School. More than 30 players participated on three- and four-member teams in a day-long event full of lively and fast-paced tennis.

Participants played 11 rounds to get to the finals of two divisions. Trophies were awarded to the winners of each division. The Division A winning team included Paul Bovee, David Taylor, and John Taylor, who overpowered Steve Russell, Sandy Doigg, Gary Cannavo and Adam Taylor. The Division B winning team included Pete Morken, Joanne Piper, Brooks Williams and Ethan Barto.

The tournament was held in conjunction with a Support our Troops clothing collection. Those interested in donating any new or gently used t-shirts or shorts can still drop off items at the home of JR Taylor, 10 Stillwater Drive in Heath. RTU is a non-profit, community tennis association founded by JR Rahmzadeh.

For further information, please visit the website at [www.Rockwalltennisunlimited.com](http://www.Rockwalltennisunlimited.com).



The Fulton School football team plays a game of Football Balloon Toss at last Friday's pep rally. The wet game, along with speeches, cheers and cool Popsicles, revved up the students and faculty for Friday's first football game of the new school year against The Winston School of Dallas. Team captains this year are senior Brian Tiffie, junior Brett Steffen and junior Kendall Johnson.  
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