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News Briefs

Band members Saturday car wash
The School Mighty Hawk Band will have a car wash from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday. Sponsors are CVS, Bank, Community Bank and Car-Toys. Proceeding expenses for the band and the student cover the cost. The car wash is a tax-deductible donation also can be made by calling 972-338-1864. For more information e-mail band@rockwall.net.

Market extended
The downtown square in Rockwall will stay open through Oct. 25. The event will take place on the parking lot (corner of Rusk and Goliad) from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

HS seniors PTA meeting
The Rockwall-Heath High School PTA will meet in the cafeteria. Plans for the coming year will be discussed. The meeting precedes the school's open house and a spaghetti supper. For more information visit www.rockwallpta.org.

Seniors to host spaghetti meal
The Class of 2009, Rockwall-Heath High School, will host a spaghetti dinner from 5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. on Oct. 17. The school will have an open house, which will run from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. and includes spaghetti, salad, break, and coffee.

Open house and senior parent meeting
The school will host its annual open house from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. on Sept. 22. All parents of RHS seniors are invited to attend an Information Meeting at 8 p.m. at the end of open house. Topics include class dues, fundraising activities, prom, and other important items will be shared. To be included in the program, send contact information and student's e-mail address to ell@sbglobal.net.

Address senior scams
The County Committee on Aging will host a seminar at 10 a.m. on Oct. 13. The seminar will address scams that target senior citizens. The event will be held at the Evergreen Apts. Clubhouse, 1325 S. Goliad. Seating is limited. To RSVP, call 972-0771-9514 by Oct. 10.

Computer group to meet Oct. 1
The Computer Council will meet at 6:30 p.m. Oct. 1 at the Rockwall Community Center, located at 108 E. Washington St. The topics will include "Wireless Internet: Layman's Terms (You Didn't Know How to Do)." The RCC is a free resource in the use of computers. For more details call 972-338-1872.

Drop boxes set for Oct. 3 game
The cheerleaders will conduct their Power of One game Oct. 3. Drop boxes will be set up at the gates, and each donor will receive a free t-shirt. Toys will be donated to charity.

Diabetes education course offered
The Extension Service will offer a 5-week diabetes course "Do It Right, Be Well with Diabetes," in October to help people learn to understand and manage the disease. The course is held at 2 p.m. Oct. 7 at the County Extension Office, Rockwall. Call Emily Nichols, FCS 972-338-4766 to register.

Patch opens Oct. 4
The Patch fundraiser co-sponsored by the Friends of the Library and the Council of Catholic Women of Lake Church will open at 9 a.m. Oct. 4. The raffle area in front of the Brookshire's at the Patch Web site at www.rockwallpumpkin.com.

Animal shot clinic set
The Animal Services will host a low-cost shot clinic from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. at a veterinary office, 2001 S. Goliad. All dogs and cats will be vaccinated. Rabies shots will be \$8 for one year. Other basic shots will be \$8 each. Microchipping will be offered. For further details, call 972-338-1872.

Teachers Oct. 13 meeting
The Retired Teachers Association will meet at 1:15 p.m. on Oct. 13 for their monthly meeting. Local school superintendent will be present. "Update and Status of Rockwall County Retirement Program" to all retired school employees and their families. For more information contact the RISD Administration & Education Committee.

Blankets needed for soldiers
The Soldiers' Angels Organization is seeking blankets to send to deployed soldiers who are in a war zone. Blankets (handmade or store-bought) should be personalized with red, white and blue colors. To contribute to the project, which will be completed on Christmas day, contact Diane Janik at 972-998-9892. Deadline is Nov. 1.

Host Senior Health Fair
The Senior Health Fair will take place from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Oct. 17. Refreshments will be served, door prizes and flu and pneumonia shots will be available.

Items needed for PTA fair
The PTA is being accepted for the Rockwall High School Arts and Crafts fair set for 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Oct. 17. Proceeds from the event will benefit various programs. For more details, call Liz Tarter at 972-772-8662 or ltarter@rockwallpta.org.

Profile Magazine
Next Week!



Kathleen Ingram of Rockwall decides which of the many beautiful baubles she likes at The Smoking Elephant booth during the Aspasians Art Fair on Saturday, Sept. 13. Despite the threat of Hurricane Ike, vendors and treasure seekers came out for the bi-annual event on the downtown square. Proceeds from the fair, which has been hosted in Rockwall for more than 30 years, support scholarships for high school students and local charities. The Smoking Elephant booth was sponsored by sisters Dion Hawkins and Kendy Coleson of Garland.

Staff Photo by Kathy Williams

Heath voters to decide on name change with November 4 election

by Kathy Williams
When the residents of Heath go to the voting booth on Nov. 4, they will be voting for more than just a new president or constitutional amendments. They will be voting to redefine their identity and possibly adjusting the course of local government for years to come. Two proposed amendments to the existing Home Rule Charter are on the ballot by unanimous vote of the City Council.

First on the ballot will be an amendment changing the name from "City of Heath" to "Village of Heath." According to City Manager Ed Thatcher, Heath is known as a large lot residential community that has kept its small town, rural feel. He said the city's goal is for Heath to become a "premier community."

Thatcher said that, while past concern has been voiced about Heath's remote location and the distance from shopping and highways, it is in Heath's favor that it is off the beaten path and sheltered from surrounding growth.

He said changing the moniker to Village lends itself to a premier, or upscale, vision in people's minds. "It's a good thing we're not on the highway and are hard to get to. We have the opportunity to do this right."

Heath Mayor John Ratcliffe said the short-term benefits of a name change are largely intangible. He added, "longer term, the benefits to our residents come in how the message we convey attracts future business. The message is that Heath will always strive to maintain that rural charm and the rustic hometown feeling that is so important to this community."

Thatcher said the city would like to have a retail center, but within the parameters of the village theme. He said the city doesn't want big box stores and large strip malls that detract from the rural feel. "We are looking at a smaller version of upscale shopping."

Ratcliffe said the city's Comprehensive Master Plan sets out all of the standards and elements, from architectural to cultural, that the city would

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Students at Rochell Elementary School visit with Chip the horse during a special welcome back to school treat. The students learned about the care and feeding of horses during the visit. Spoiling Chip with their attention are (left to right) Morgan Burton, Ryan Minnich and Angelica Fraire.

Photo courtesy of Geli Marquis

Sarah Cotner, Terry McKinney III exchange wedding vows July 29

Sarah Tisson Cotner and Terry Lee McKinney III were united in marriage on Saturday, July 29, 2008 at Holy Trinity by the Lake Episcopal Church in Rockwall.

Officiate was The Reverend Peter R.R. Getz. A reception followed the ceremony at the church.

Given in marriage by her parents, the bride was attended by maid of honor, Melissa Cotner, sister of the bride, and Brittnee Belt.

The groom's best man was Jeff Davis. Groomsman was Leth McKinney. Ushers were Evan and

Kyle Cotner, brothers of the bride.

The daughter of Herbert and Barbara Cotner of Rockwall, the bride is a 2005 graduate of Rockwall High School. She graduated Magna Cum-Laude from TAMU-Commerce in 2008.

The groom, son of Diane and Terry

Lee McKinney II of Rockwall, is a 2005 graduate of Rockwall High School. He is a graduate of Collin County Community College.

Jeff and Elizabeth Cotner hosted a rehearsal dinner in Heath.

The couple is now at home in Rockwall.



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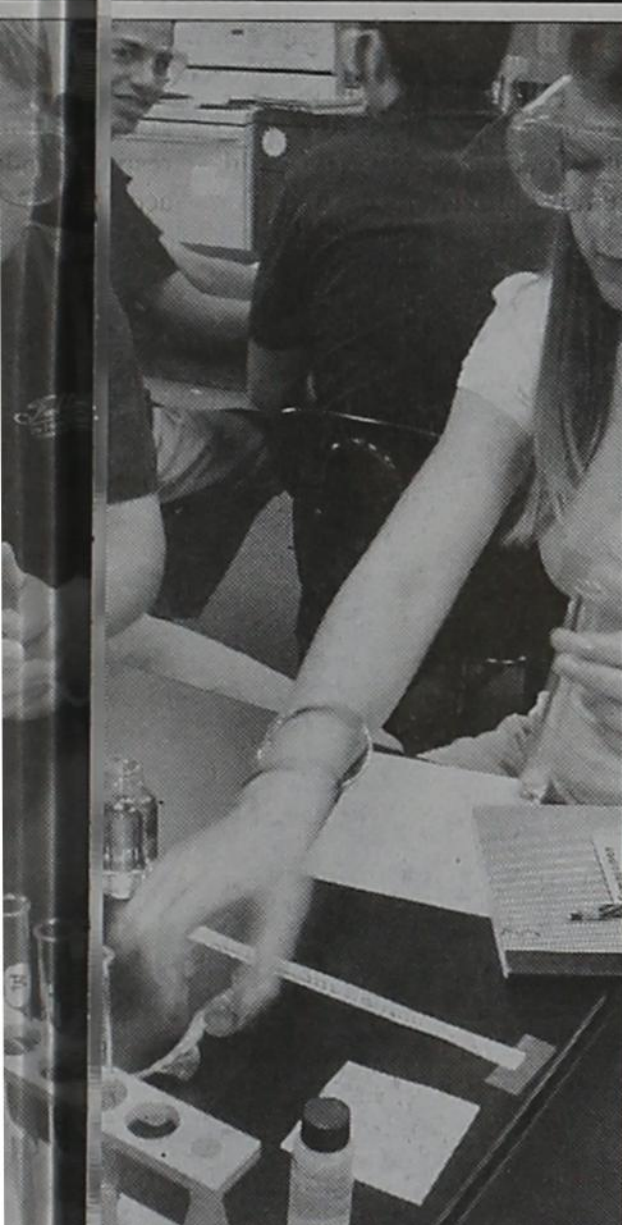
Market resumes Saturday, Sept. 20

Friends of Downtown Rockwall and the City of Rockwall sponsor the market. In addition to the fresh vegetables, fruit, herbs and canned goods that have been offered, shoppers can now buy Texas honey from Round Rock Honey Company, and

flavored dried pasta from The Pasta People.

Vendor spaces are still available for rent. A 10'x10' space is available for \$10 and can be rented by contacting Friends of Downtown Rockwall at 972-772-6789 or downtown@rockwall.com.

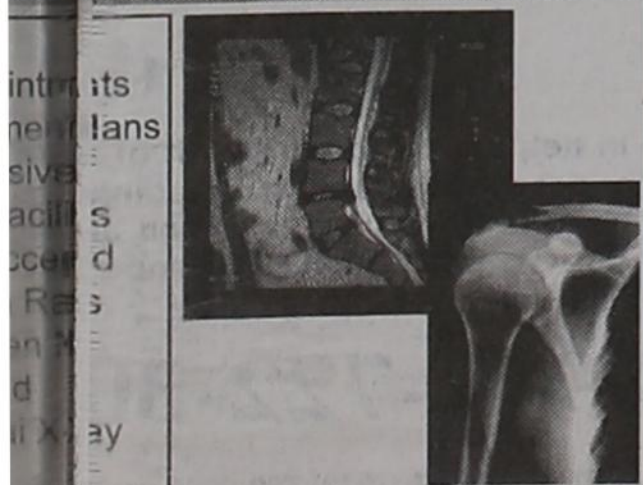
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School Experiments

Science students Brian Tiffie and Whitney studied the effects of mixing chemical lab under the direction of chemistry on students experience science with in-tory setting. Farrens, a former Disney s an extensive background in biochem-

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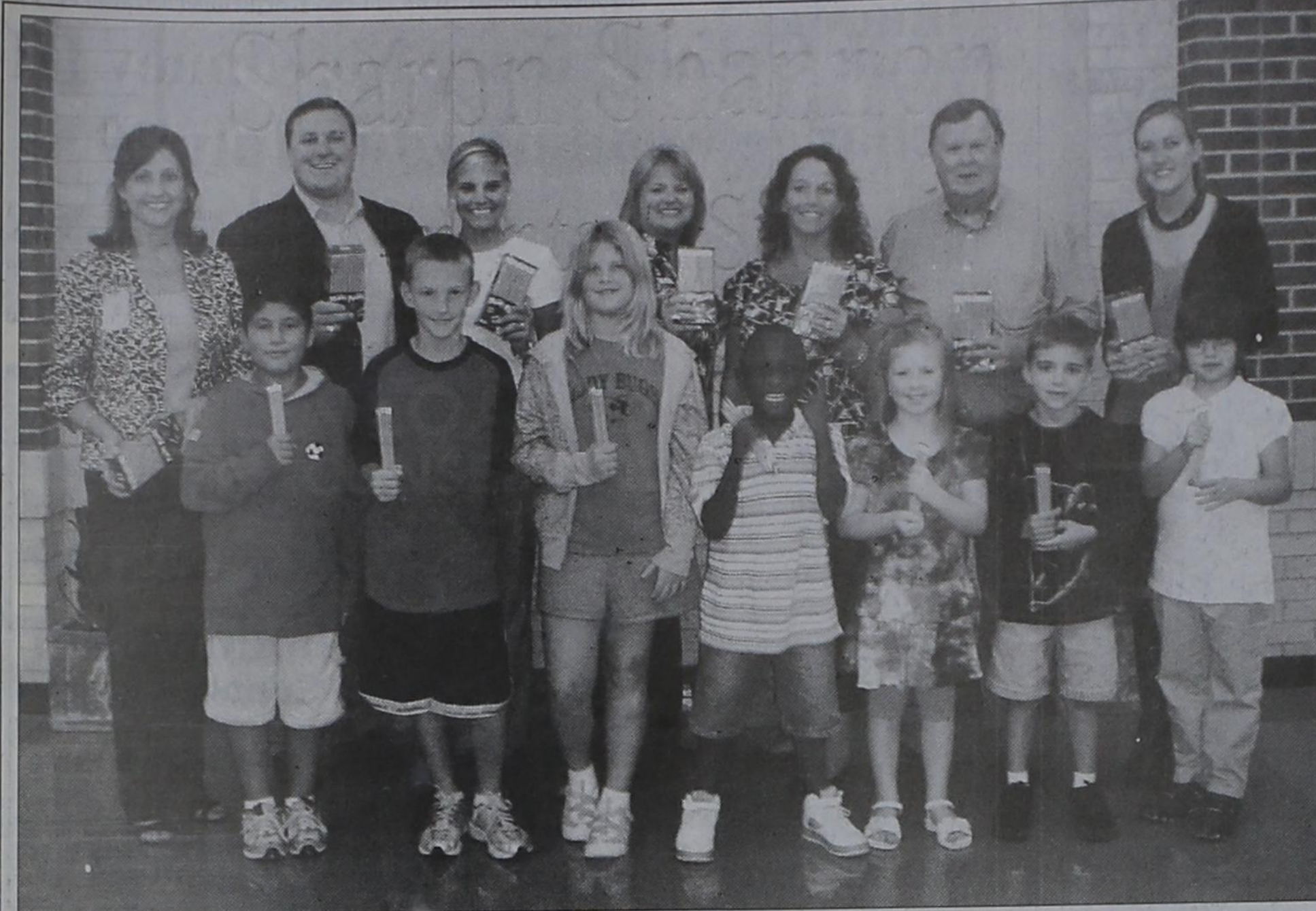
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The Rockwall Noon Lions Club, the city's newest civic organization, wanted its first project to involve Rockwall ISD students, so the group recently donated 84 pounds of pencils – 6,000 pencils to be exact – to Dobbs, Jones, Rochell, Shannon and Springer elementary school campuses. Pictured are Lions Club members and representatives of Sharon Shannon Elementary. At back, from the left, are Principal Katrina Hasley, club president Justin Holland; and club members Neely Holland, Jamie Jacks, Misty Park, John Poer and Megan King. Pictured at front are students Carlos Anaya, John David Hasley, Melissa Allen, Juve Nwige, Courtney Chaffin, William Reed and Audrey Kaup. Photo courtesy of Shannon Elementary School

Tickets now available for September 20 Rockin' On The Docks

Join the fun this Saturday, Sept. 20 at The Harbor on Lake Ray Hubbard for 'Rockin' On The Docks,' presented by Rockwall Hyundai. The event begins at 12 noon and ends at 11 p.m. Tickets are \$10 each and available at the customer service counter at all Kroger stores in the

metroplex. Four great bands that have never played in Rockwall are coming during the day and the evening will close with its fifth band, Emerald City. First in the line-up at 12:15 p.m. will be Mistral, and they will perform a wide range of musical styles, featuring veteran Dallas

musicians and new vocalist Lauren Woods.

The Keith Davis Band from Austin, Texas will be on stage at 2 p.m. Keith is known as one of the best guitar players in the Texas music scene. He has been on the road as a sideman for many well known Texas artists, such as Kevin Fowler, Django Walker, Larry Joe Taylor, Brandon Rhyder, and many others. At 4 p.m., Fort Worth's Green River Ordinance, a rock band that has just signed with a major label, Capital/Virgin Records, will come on stage.

Next up at 6 p.m. will be Sleeper Star, from Dallas. Their first CD, To Speak, To Love, To Listen was co-produced by Ron Aniello of Los Angeles, and Peer Astrom of Stockholm Sweden. They have performed locally during the past year at the House of Blues in Dallas to sold-out audiences.

The evening will end with Emerald City, whose show will run from 8-11 p.m. This well-known group from the Dallas area has performed for President and Mrs. Bush at The White House and was voted as "Dallas's Best Band" by The Dallas Morning News.

The Seawolf, a forty-foot catamaran, which sails on Lake Ray Hubbard, will have hourly cruises. By showing a "Rockin' On The Docks" wristband, the price for a cruise is just \$10. The boat holds 49 passengers. There will also be artists on site displaying their work. Remote parking will be available

at Rockwall High School, with buses running all day back and forth to The Harbor at no charge. Additionally, The Hilton Bella Harbor is offering room packages and breakfast. Contact: 3700 for more information.

Rockwall-Heath Class of 2009 plans spaghetti dinner

Members of the Class of 2009, Rockwall-Heath parents will play host to a fundraising spaghetti dinner and breakfast on Sept. 22 prior to the open house.

Tickets cost \$6 per person, and each ticket entitles the purchaser to a spaghetti dinner, salad, bread, dessert and a drink. Tickets will be available for purchase starting today (Sept. 12), as well as at all home football games.

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Pullen Elementary School's Grandparents Week. First grader Andrea Hallback is all giggles while having lunch with her grandparents, Andrea and Bill Hallback, during the annual Pullen Elementary School Grandparents Week. The Pullen Elementary School Grandparents Week is an annual Pullen tradition that celebrates the bond between grandparent and grandchild. Photo contributed by Marcia Carroll-Burzair

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Hartman, Williams students 'climbing the wall' to good character

The students at Grace Hartman Elementary and Williams Middle Schools last week received a different kind of lesson in character building, trust, decision-making, and, in an unusual twist, rock climbing. The PTA at both schools sponsored the Rock Solid Character program, which uses rock climbing to reach the students with its message.

Paul Short, a former middle school teacher and rock-climbing instructor from Huntsville, TX, developed the program nine years ago. The climbing wall is a metaphor for life, Short said. As the students climb the wall, they must decide which handhold to reach for, and where to put their feet so they don't fall. He told the students, if they make the right choices, they would reach the top. If they made a wrong choice, they could fall off the wall.

But, he said, the important thing to remember is, if they fall, they get another chance to try again.

The students had a brief classroom lesson before assembling outside to tackle the 25-foot climbing wall. They learned the "7 Handholds for Success-Lessons for Life and Climbing," which are respect, responsibility, honesty, trustworthiness, perseverance, courage, and caring and cooperation.

Instructor Keith Vander Wall asked the students to think about two questions while waiting to climb: How is life like rock climbing, and what are you (the students) trying to get a grip on?

Before they could climb, students were given a safety talk and climbing tips. Vander Wall said the secret to successful rock climbing is to "climb like a girl." After listening to giggles and a few indignant comments from the assembled young ladies, Vander Wall clarified his point.

He said most beginning climbers assume they pull themselves up with their arms. But, he said, girls are strongest in their legs, and climbers should push themselves up to the next handhold using their leg muscles. He said, "Success is in the technique, rather than just strength."

He went on to say that sometimes the answer to a problem is not the most obvious choice - the students should study a problem to see if there's a different way to solve it, just as using their legs instead of their arms could help them reach their goal.

Short said the climbing wall is a fun way to learn. "It's experiential education. They learn while doing, which is the most effective way of teaching," according to Short. "We believe in making learning fun."

The climbing harness is also presented as a trust element. Vander Wall said each harness could hold 5,000 pounds. He challenged the students by explaining, "One of the '7 Handholds' is trustworthiness. Do you trust the harness to hold you? Do you (the students) do what you say you'll do?"

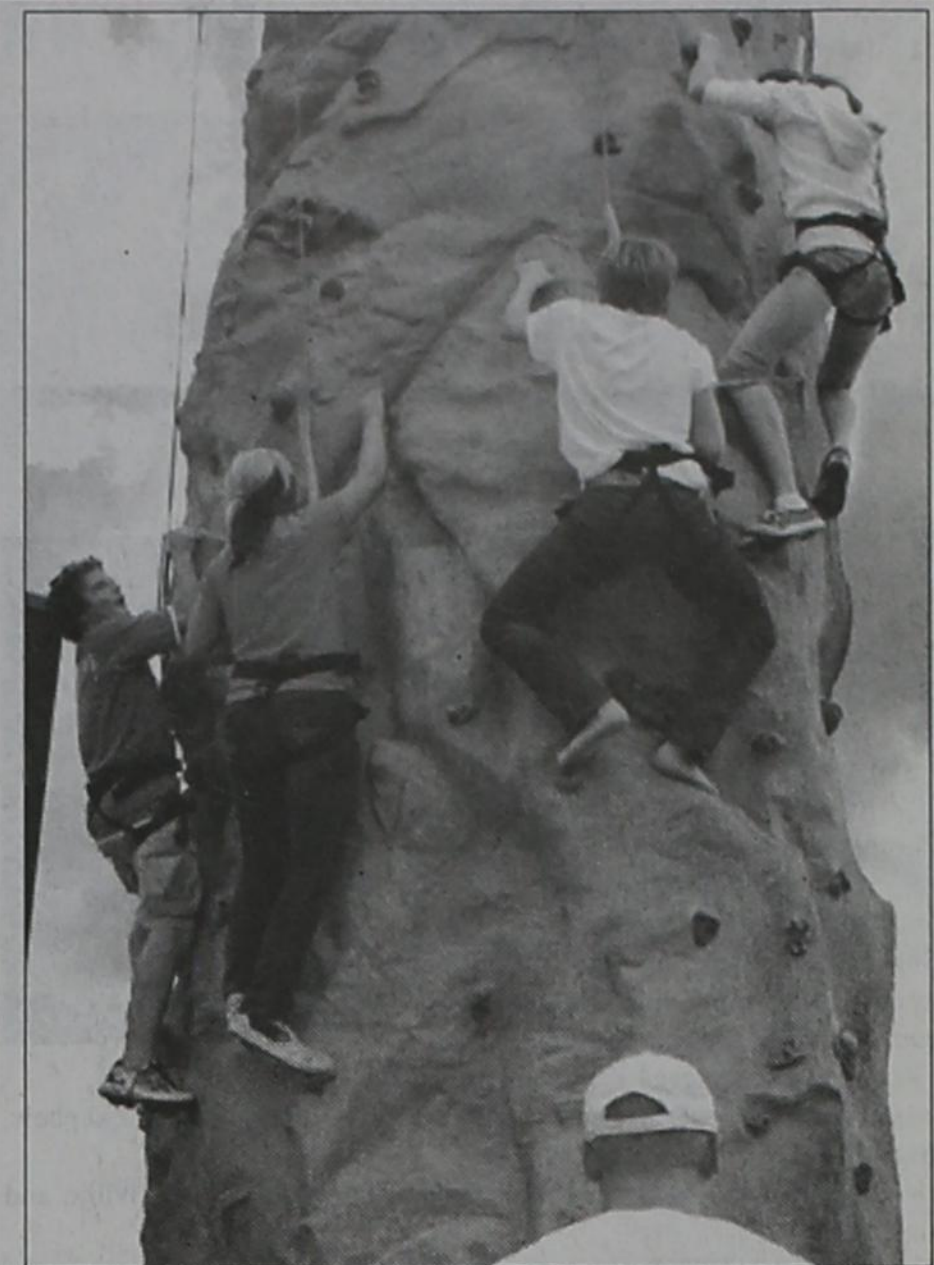
Denise Smith, president of the Williams PTA, learned of the program last spring. She said it is difficult for secondary schools to fit outside programs into their already full schedule, but the Rock Solid curriculum meshes well with existing district character-building programs.

Williams Middle School Principal Billy Pringle agreed that Rock Solid Character is a good match for the district and school. He said, "This program supports activities that are already in place, such as Rachel's Challenge and the Power of One. The teachers have enjoyed it as much as the students."

"This has been a great experience for the kids," according to Pringle. "It's a great boost to talk about character at the start of the school year. It makes sure the kids are headed in the right direction."

He said he appreciates the PTA's effort in bringing the program to Williams. "It wouldn't have been possible to offer it without their support and funding."

He and Smith said they hope to bring Rock Solid Character back to Williams on a rotating basis with the Aim for Success sexual abstinence program that has been in place for several years.



Williams Middle School students participated in the recent "Rock Solid Character" program hosted by the PTA. Staff Photo by Kathy Williams



Lakeland Academy
A seventh grade student at Lakeland Academy reads an essay with her thoughts on the weekly general assembly last Thursday, need to remember those brave men and lives to save others. This is why this day...

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Rockwall County Library has scheduled several new events and activities designed for children. Children from 19 months to 3 years - will be offered on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays. Children ages 3 through 6 will run from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. Sept. 30, offering stories, songs, rhymes and activities.

- Chloe, 11 meteorologist Kristina Kahanek will read "Umbrella" for children ages 4 through 6
- Chloe, 11 meteorologist Kristina Kahanek will talk through 9
- Mr. Goose will visit the library for rhyming fun and all
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Dobbs Elementary Open House

Howard Dobbs Elementary School hosted its annual Open House for students and parents on Tuesday, Sept. 9. Vice Principal Jaime Cardenas, Principal Teresa Twedell and PE teacher Heather Hayley welcome fourth grade students Taylor Showers, Jordan King and Savannah Franks during the evening activities. Photo contributed by Rhonda Franks

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Dobbs Elementary's "Crazy Hat Day"

Students at Dobbs Elementary School show their school spirit on Crazy Hat Day. To promote school spirit, each Fun Friday with a different theme each week. The mad-hatters are (kneeling back to front) Zeke Hartmeier, Key Wooten, Tara McCoy, Madison Laughery, Aidan Brackett, Sebastian Velez, Holden Moreland, (back row) Godsey, Mason Parr, Karina Garner, David Swindall, Summer Cox, Austin Peveler, and Jacob Brandt. Photo by Rhonda Franks

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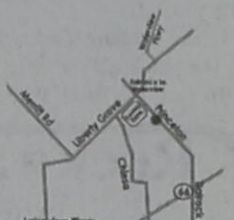
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Rockwall County Entertainment

Volunteers busy with Pumpkin Patch plans

Volunteers are busy coordinating the 20th annual Pumpkin Patch, the October fundraiser co-sponsored by the Rockwall County Friends of the Library and the Council of Catholic Women of Our Lady of the Lake Church.

The event will again take place on the grassy area in front of Brookshire's at the Ridge Road Shopping Center.

In addition to the hundreds of pumpkins that will be available, many other seasonal items also will be offered, including hay and corn stalks, gourds of all shapes and sizes, Indian corn, scarecrows, pumpkin lawn art, ornamental squashes and the traditional Pumpkin Patch deli items: pumpkin butter, jalapeño jelly, peppered pickles and candied jalapeños.

Hundreds of volunteers have been preparing for months for the community project.

Grand opening for this year's Pumpkin Patch will take place at 9 a.m. Oct. 4. The patch will be open daily through Oct. 31 from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.

To view the Patch Web site, visit www.rockwallpumpkinpatch.com.

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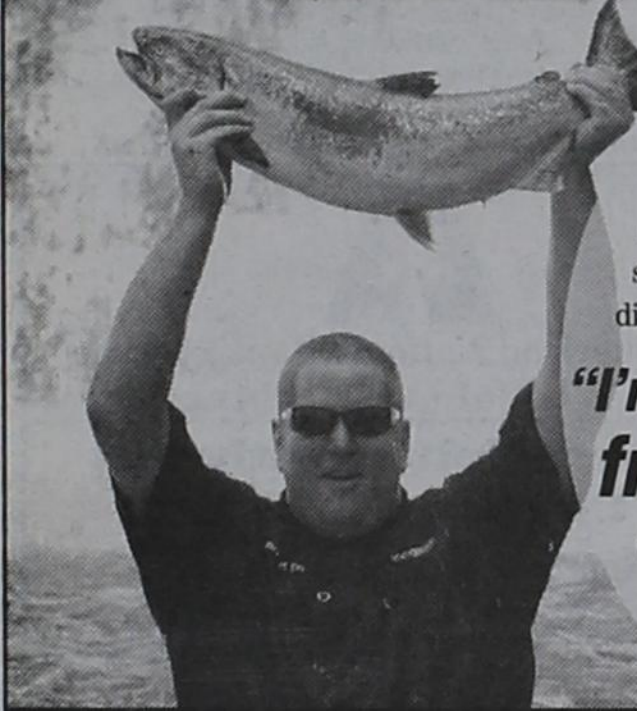
Visitors to the newly opened Rockwall County Library sing along with local entertainer, author and songwriter who he sings them through the perils of eating vegetables in, "I Won't Eat That!" Another audience favorite was "My Backyard." Storytime room in the library is designed to look like a yard, encouraging children to explore the world, starting in their own backyards. Staff Photo by Tim Burnett

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Magician Jeff Lee of Garland stumps his audience as he moves a hole-punched dot around a card while performing at the Rockwall County Library. Trying to figure out how the hole moved are (left to right) Jake Reese, Jacob Hillman and Allen. Staff Photo by Tim Burnett

The Real Scoop: Custard Election Offers Sweet Taste of Public Opinion

Even the most conservative taste buds will be asking for a liberal scoop. Voters can cast their ballots early this election season

— and they can do it with a custard sundae and \$1 ButterBurger in hand. The presidential election isn't until Nov. 4, but the polls for the Culver's Restaurants Custard Election open on Sept. 29 at Culver's of Rockwall. Vanilla custard, peanut butter, heath, toffee, caramel and fudge are contenders in the race to become the leader of the free (custard) world.

"Having our own in-store version of the 2008 election is exciting," said Scott Goetz of Culver's of Rockwall. "It's fun for our guests to see how their votes directly affect the outcome of the national custard election."

Culver's Custard Election is based on two new politically influenced sundaes — Republican Reese E. Buttercup and Democrat Heath Toffeebits. The new limited-time sundaes flavors, which will be available at all participating Culver's restaurants Sept. 29 through Oct. 19, include:

* Republican Representative: Reese E. Buttercup — Vanilla Custard with the traditional toppings of hot fudge and Reese's® peanut butter cup chunks.

* Democratic Representative: Heath Toffeebits — Vanilla Custard with the alternative toppings caramel and Heath bar.

Culver's guests can participate in the Custard Election by purchasing their favorite candidate's sundae in-store or by voting online at www.votecustard.com. Results from in-store purchases make up the "electoral college" vote and online ballots are tracked as the "popular" vote.

Votes will be collected and results will be released on Oct. 27, one week before the national presidential election. Although it might create political custard uproar, Culver's is also attempting to "buy votes" by driving voter traffic in-store with the second annual \$1 ButterBurger Customer Appreciation Day on Oct. 7.

"This has been a very intense political season, and in an effort to provide guests with a fun outlet, we created an election based on one of our signature menu items—frozen custard," said Chris Contino, Culver's VP of Marketing. "Regardless of

political views, October is a fun time to get into the political season. And we're excited to attempt to "stuff the ballot" with our annual \$1 ButterBurger.

The custard election "The Custard Election Talk" with the campaign trail at www.votecustard.com.

For more information on the election, visit www.votecustard.com. Culver's offers a variety of programs, menu items and areas of interest.

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- 1 TXism: "that my cork"
- 5 60s hair style for curly haired TXns
- 6 TX Sandra Brown '88 novel: "Heat in Heaven"
- 7 droops from weight
- 8 some TXns fought on this political continent in WWII (abbr.)
- 9 TX Charley Pride's "Then Who ___?"
- 12 TXism: "got as much to hibernating bear"
- 17 TX Kenny's "Don't Fall In Love With a ___"
- 19 book about TX feuds: "I'll Die Before ___"
- 21 TX Byron Nelson won it in '37 & '42
- 22 in Milam Co. on hwy. 79
- 23 yellowish-brown pigment
- 28 sound mind
- 29 TXns fought in ___ nam
- 30 Tyler's "Texas Rose Festival" is big ___ event
- 31 motherless calf
- 35 this org. puts on Terlingua chili competition (abbr.)
- 36 '24 slogan: "Me for Ma ___ a Dern Thing Against Pa"
- 42 expelled (2 wds.)
- 44 TXns ___ car registration yearly

- 46 TX Lee Ann Womack covered this song by The Band
- 48 cotton-killing boll weevil is a ___
- 49 dir. to Corpus from San Antonio (abbr.)
- 50 Austin has annual "Flora ___"
- 51 "milk" so. of border
- 52 "___ and feathered"
- 53 tennis player Arthur

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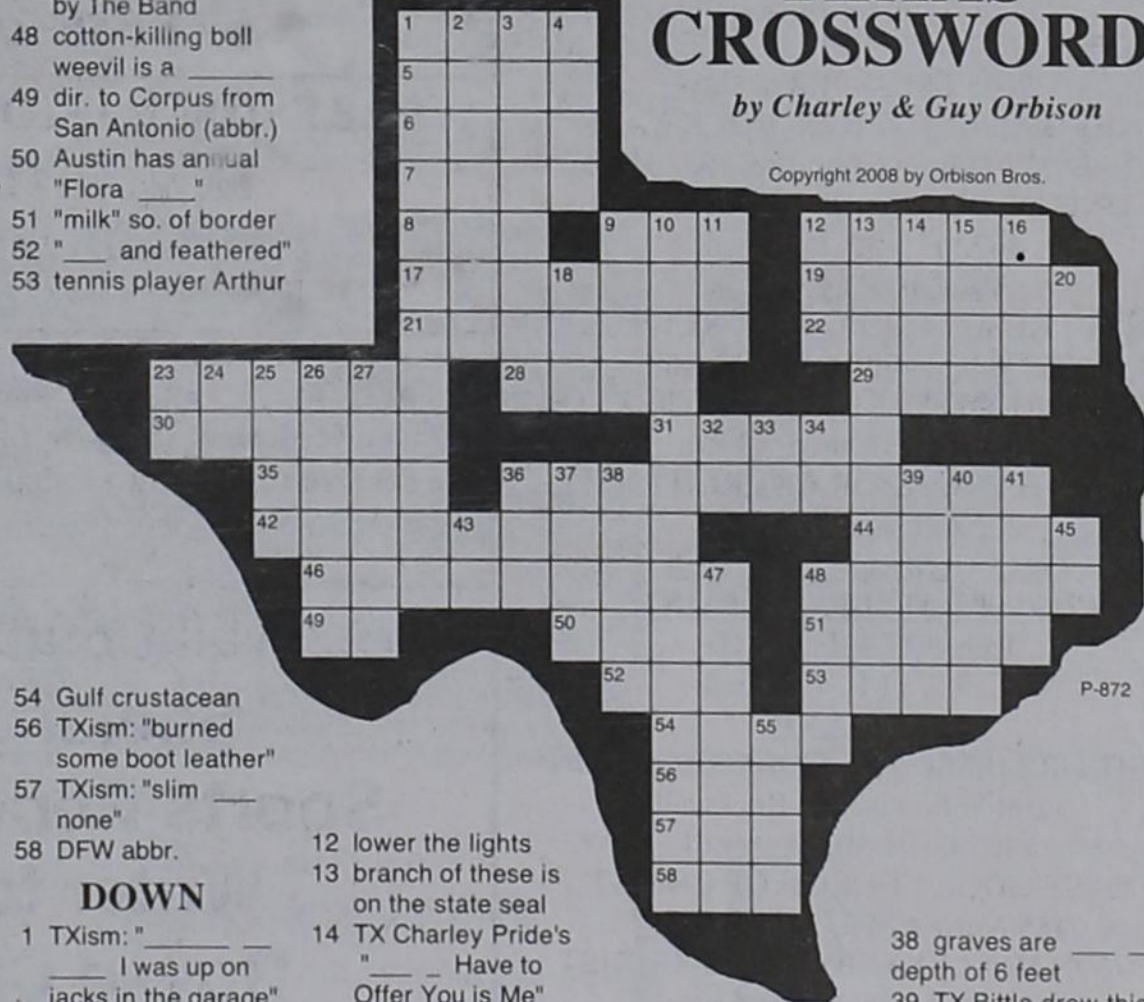
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- 2 TX Tommy Lee Jones film: "Eyes ___ Mars"
- 3 Bartlett, TX newspaper: "Tribune-___"
- 4 female pigs
- 9 TXism: "camps out in the ___ corner" (religious)
- 10 TX-born actress who was "Billie Jo"
- 11 TX Willie owed this agcy. millions in '90

The Original

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- 12 lower the lights
- 13 branch of these is on the state seal
- 14 TX Charley Pride's "___ Have to Offer You is Me"
- 15 TX Lee Trevino won '71 "___ Hickok Belt"
- 16 mom's sister
- 18 TXism: "high as popcorn ___ picture show"
- 20 TX Nolan threw 7 ___-hitters
- 23 ___ Goodrich Co.
- 24 birth state of TX rancher Charles Goodnight (abbr.)
- 25 "___ it to me"

- 26 characteristics
- 27 actor David of TX-based "Silhouette"
- 32 Coach Wade's dad: "___ Bum" Phillips
- 33 many TX soldiers used "___ Bill"
- 34 "Murder ___ Texas"
- 36 lemon suffix
- 37 TX Gene Tierney's "Laura" is example of film ___

- 38 graves are ___ depth of 6 feet
- 39 TX Bittle drew this comic strip (82-'03)
- 40 TXism: "cash ___ barrel head"
- 41 phone prefix
- 43 1st space walker, TX White (init.)
- 45 TX Ginger Rogers film: "Shall ___ Dance?"
- 47 Fort Worth county
- 48 "Spill the beans"
- 55 TX-born Angus Jones show: "Two ___ Half Men"

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Rockwall Children's Chorus auctions a private performance

Performances by the Rockwall Children's Chorus will be among items to be auctioned off as part of the silent auction at the Oct. 19 Rockwall County Alliance for the Arts fundraising gala. Gala participants will enjoy a private performance by a portion of the choir. The chorus provides opportunities for youths in grades 2 through 9 to enjoy singing as a group and perform throughout the community. Last year the choir participated in a Northpark Mall concert, performed at the Summer Ridge Retirement Center, played a role in the St. Anthony's Christmas concert, provided music at the Friends of the Library Pumpkin Patch, shared the stage with the Rockwall Children's Chorus and gave a community concert at the First United Methodist Church of Rockwall. The Rockwall County Alliance for the Arts is a nonprofit organization that supports art organizations in Rockwall County, including MusicFest, Lakeside Civic Chorus, Rockwall Historic Foundation, Rockwall Playhouse, Youth ArtReach grants and Rockwall Children's Chorus. **Thacker**

Rockwall County Community News

Appointments

Yacht & Club Tuesday, Sept. 22, 7 p.m. at the Yacht Club. For more information, call 972-771-6500.

at 501 Yacht Club Drive. The cost is \$48 per person for a four-week class. Contact Margaret Kochen at 903-456-4717 for additional information.

Attention Rockwall-Heath High School parents and students: Please join the Class of 2009 from 5-6:30 p.m., Monday, Sept. 22 for a spaghetti dinner at the school before open house. The dinner includes salad, bread, dessert and drink for \$6 per person. Tickets will be sold at home football and volleyball games. For more information, please e-mail phartnett04@gmail.com.

RHHS Cross Country Team Chiloso Night: All parents, students and friends are invited to Chiloso's from 5-9 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 18. The team receives a percentage of the night's receipts, with funds going towards team supplies. Some of the athletes will be hostesses and

assist in the dining area. For further information, please contact Cathy Bys at 972-771-7669 or cathybys@cebridge.net.

RHHS Environmental Club has started a paper recycling program and has adopted the highway in front of Rockwall Heath High School. The Environmental Club takes paper from the public, such as newspaper, magazines, office and school papers, shopping catalogs, phone books and junk mail. No cardboard. The club discards the paper in large yellow and green dumpsters that are located on the back northwest side of the school. The club receives cash back for the paper so it helps to raise money for RHHS. Their next highway clean up will be from 10:30 a.m.-1 p.m., Wednesday, Sept. 24. For further information please contact Shannon McMahan at smcmahan@rockwallisd.org.

Rush Creek Yacht Club is preparing for the annual George Griffith Memorial Regatta & Charity Fundraiser on Sept. 26-28. Regatta registration is now open at www.rcyc.org. Through a combination of corporate and private sponsors, regatta entry fees, and private donations, Rush Creek and volunteers plan to raise funds for Helping Hands of Rockwall County. Please contact

the club office at 972-771-6500 with any questions about the Regatta. The big boards will be in full force for this regatta, so don't miss out on the annual fun in remembrance of George, and in raising funds for Helping Hands of Rockwall County.

Parents of Cain Middle School: you are invited to spend time at the school for Cain Coffee. This is an informal meeting with Principal Sarah Watkins, held from 9-9:30 a.m. on the third Monday of each month. Please come to hear about the activities and events at Cain Middle School.

Amy Parks-Heath Elementary will hold its "Get Smart" Read-a-thon fundraiser starting Monday, Sept. 22. The students gather sponsors, then read for two weeks. The funds raised are used to fulfill teacher wish lists for book for their classrooms. We wish APHES a fun and successful Read-a-thon.

Join the RHHS Hawks at a pre-game tailgate party from 5-7 p.m., Friday, Sept. 19, at Wilkerson-Sanders Stadium, before the Hawks take on the Hillcrest Panthers. The event is sponsored by Hawk Huddle. Buffalo Wild Wings will cater the party for \$5 per person. Everyone is invited!!

The Pride of Heath, the Rockwall Heath Mighty Hawk Band, will host a car wash-a-thon from 9 am-4 pm. on Saturday, Sept. 20. They will have several locations around Rockwall, including CVS, Walgreens, Community Bank, Lakeside National Bank and Car-Toys. They aim to wash 1,000 cars for the community. The band is raising money for special marching instructors and private music les-

sons for band members. In addition, each band member is raising money to help pay for their spring trip to Corpus Christi. Tax-deductible donations may be made by calling Sandra Nelson at 469-338-1864, or by e-mailing information to her at snelson1@classicnet.net.

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The event will be held at the United States, Guam and Puerto Rico will parades proceeds benefiting the Make-A-Wish Foundation around the country. The social will be from 5-8 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 25. Ice cream will be served in a choice of two 3-oz. confections created by two Cold Stone Creamery artists. The offering was created by Wish Child, Emily, who combined yellow cake, KitKats candy bars, and marshmallows. Wish Child, Jack, combined marshmallow ice cream with yellow cake, KitKats candy bars, and marshmallows to create a treat named for the United States, Guam and Puerto Rico will parades proceeds benefiting the Make-A-Wish Foundation around the country.

Guests joining the festivities will receive a free serving of Cold Stone Creamery's creations, while being encouraged to donate to the foundation grants the wishes of children with life-threatening conditions to enrich the human experience with hope, and throughout the month of September, wish stars can be earned for \$1. The stars are displayed on the walls at the Cold Stone Creamery.

For more information, contact Sheryl Acevedo, Rockwall Cold Stone Creamery, 772-771-6500.

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Rising Rates Demand Mortgage Management

Most families spend considerable time and energy planning things like retirement, education and investment strategies. Although the home and mortgage represent two of the largest items on the family's balance sheet, more time may be spent planning a weekend getaway than examining whether their equity and debt is properly managed.

Mortgage management means monitoring whether your financing is in tune with other things going on in your life. Have you had unexpected expenses or windfalls? Is the family growing or shrinking? Have you increased or decreased the equity in your home? Also, should your loan be fixed or adjustable, interest only or equity accelerating, forward or reverse amortization? What is the current interest rate climate? What new mortgage products are available? These factors, and others, need to be addressed as part of periodic mortgage management.

The answers to these questions are in constant flux, which is why it is recommended that you discuss your situation with a mortgage professional before purchasing, then at least once a year after closing. Currently, for instance, borrowers who have been joyfully riding the wave of low adjustable rate mortgages for the last few years are starting to hit rough waters. It's certainly time to consider fixed rate refinancing in the face of a possible short-term rate tsunami.

Consider this analogy. If someone handed you \$350,000 for investment purposes, how much time and energy would you spend analyzing all the options available to you? Wouldn't you seek out a reputable financial planner, or possibly by asking people you trust to refer you to an expert in that field?

Of Course You Would.

Why then, would you not exercise the same due diligence if you were planning on borrowing the same amount of money, or more. Any professional financial planner would agree that many of the same concerns are addressed whether borrowing or investing. Both involve programs and strategies that are tailored to criteria of long and short-term objectives, risk tolerance and yields. Balance is the key to a sound investment portfolio and to ignore the liabilities side of the balance sheet, especially the mortgage loan would clearly be irresponsible. It's important to treat your mortgage financing as an integral part of your total financial picture because mortgage management can be a critical component of wealth building. It makes great sense to enlist the help of a professional when investing or borrowing.

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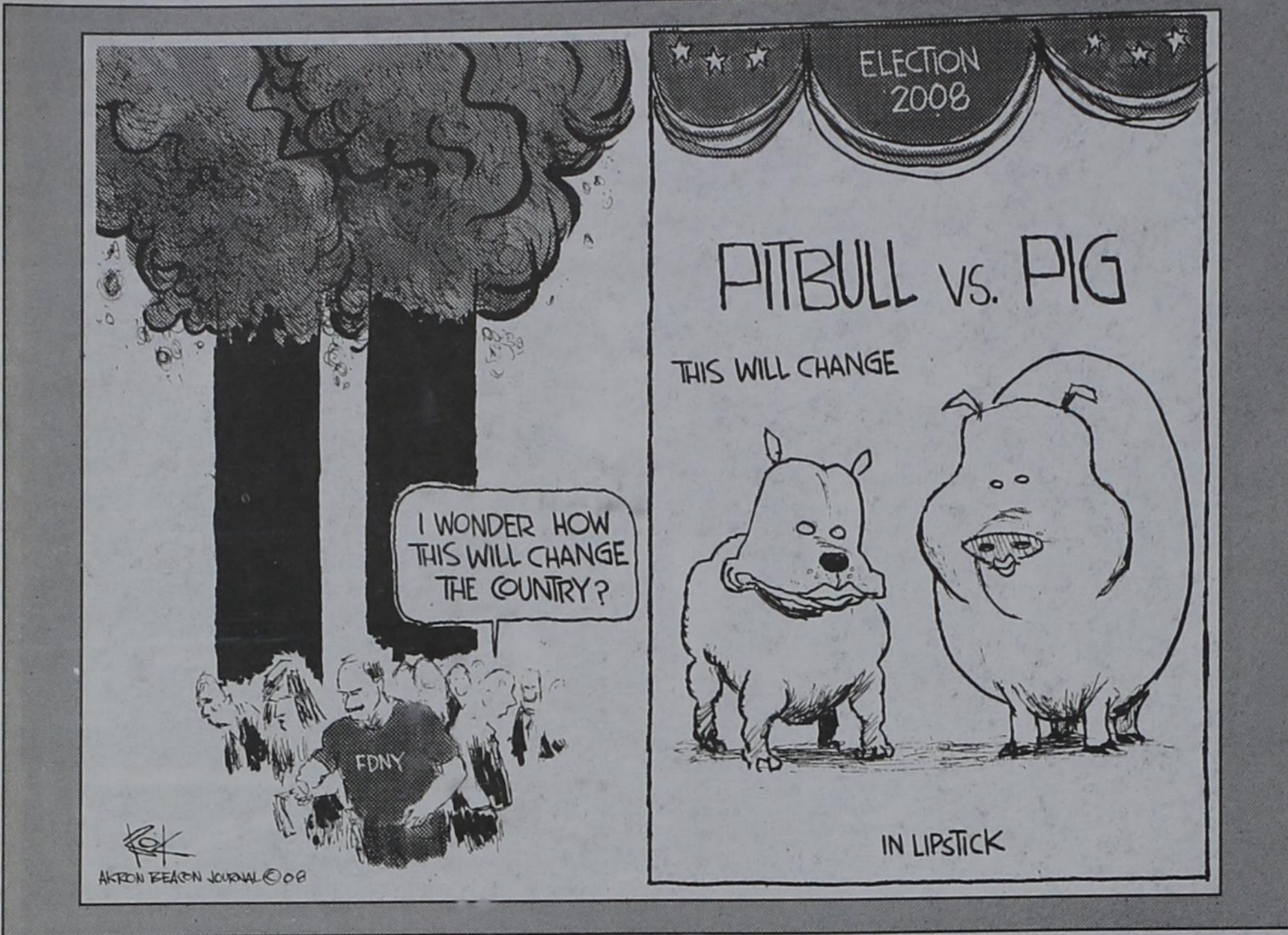
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Opinions



Academic mismatch II

by Walter E. Williams

Last week's column demonstrated the harm, suffered by black students, that results from law school race-based admission policies. The bottom line was that black students who might have done well at lower-tier law schools were recruited to more highly competitive law schools and turned into failures. One might be tempted to place the full blame for such callousness on deans of law schools, but the true villain is the American Bar Association.

The American Bar Association is the accreditation agency for all law schools. If a law school has not been accredited by the ABA, it is ineligible for federal funding; its students are ineligible for student loans; most states do not allow graduates of a non-ABA-accredited law school to sit for the bar examination. As Professor Gail Heriot says in her article "Affirmative Action in American Law Schools," in the *Journal of Contemporary Legal Issues* (2008), "A law school that is not in the good graces of the ABA is thus not a law school at all."

George Mason University Law School's experience provides an excellent example of ABA abuse. In 2004, the ABA summoned the university president and the law school dean before its Accreditation Committee and threatened the institution with revocation of its accreditation for its supposed lack of diversity. Shivering in their boots, the GMU administration reported a diversity improvement since the ABA's site visit in 2000. Their entering class of 2003 was 17 percent minority and their 2004 class was 19 percent minority and they had appointed a diversity czar. Despite these efforts, the ABA was not satisfied. They complained that of the 99 minority students admitted in 2003, only 23 were black, and of the 111 minorities admitted in 2004, still only 23 were black, even though, in 2004, 63 black students had been offered admission.

Virginia has two other major public law schools, College of William & Mary and the University of Virginia. They did not win the ire of the ABA because unlike GMU, they practiced a racially discriminatory admissions policy. The

Center for Equal Opportunity monitors racially discriminatory college policy. Their publication, "Racial and Ethnic Preferences at the Three Virginia Public Law Schools" (<http://www.ceousa.org/content/view/467/119/>), reported that at the University of Virginia, a student with a LSAT score of 160 and an undergraduate GPA of 3.25 had a 96 percent chance of admission if he or she was black, but only a 3 percent chance of admission if white. At William & Mary, a black with a LSAT score of 155 and an undergraduate GPA of 3.0 had a 92 percent chance of being admitted while a white with the same credentials had a 3 percent chance of admission. At GMU, not having racist policies, the chances for admission were roughly the same. Blacks with a LSAT of 155 and an undergraduate GPA of 3.0 had a 53 percent chance of admission while similar whites had a 50 percent chance.

The bullying practices of the ABA are truly a wicked, disgusting perversion. George Mason University Law School, which does not practice racially discriminatory admissions policy, is brought on the carpet by the ABA whilst University of Virginia and William & Mary, which have racially discriminatory admissions policies, have little problem. The sad fact of the matter is the ABA holds enormous life and death power over law schools and they must cave in to ABA demands or else.

Several years ago, I taught "Economic Foundations of Legal Studies" at George Mason University Law School. I have attended many of their lecture series and social functions. As such I can attest to the high quality and moral stature of their faculty and administration. It pains me to see my very distinguished colleagues being forced to cave in to the racist demands of the American Bar Association.

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Some Advice for Sarah Palin

by Bill O'Reilly

A new Fox News/Opinion Dynamics poll says that 50 percent of Americans believe John McCain's choice of Sarah Palin was the most effective pick in the campaign; 40 percent say Barack Obama's selection of Joe Biden was the smarter choice. That confirms the prevailing wisdom that Gov. Palin is dramatically helping McCain's chances of becoming president.

Going forward, Palin must consolidate her initial gains, and it will not be easy. First of all, the tabloid press is all over Alaska looking for dirt on Palin, and you can bet they'll come up with something. No human being is perfect. And then there's the mainstream media, which took a beating last week after trying to marginalize Palin as some kind of country bumpkin, a religious fanatic not fit to serve. The personal attacks against Palin and her family angered millions of Americans and, almost instantly, made the governor a folk hero in some circles.

Of course, that infuriated the establishment press, which doesn't like getting pounded in the court of public opinion. So you can take it to the bank that many left-leaning media members are lying in wait.

But Palin has some skills that can protect her against the inevitable attacks. She is a natural performer — the TV camera loves the woman. She is also a plainspoken American who connects emotionally with the folks. Therefore, she can set her own agenda. As Ronald Reagan once did, she can go directly to the people and around the press.

If I were advising Palin, I would have had her defend Obama in the lipstick/pig incident. If Palin would have stated that she doesn't believe the senator

would compare her to a pig, it would have been a compassionate gesture. Folks love compassion. Giving Obama the benefit of the doubt in the pig deal would have meant more votes in the barnyard, and also would have made it harder for the Obama campaign to lash her in the future.

In addition, I would tell Sarah to be Sarah: feisty, down to earth and funny. Don't try to be Henry Kissinger. Just demonstrate a grasp of the issues and a determination to look out for the folks. The key phrase for Palin should be: "Here's what we want to do." Then, using simple terms, state that.

Right now, American voters want to be reassured that their jobs are safe and that some crazy terrorist won't blow up their neighborhood. Palin has successfully dealt with economic issues in Alaska. On national security she has no record. But I'm sure there are things she wants to do in order to keep her five children safe. Just state them.

The elite media have little in common with everyday Americans, and Palin should laugh off their attempts to demean her. She can best capitalize on her incredibly fast start by simply keeping it simple. Nice goes a long way in life. And in politics.

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McCain's Self-Righteous Fakery

by Sheldon Richman

If John McCain keeps up that self-righteous fakery about wanting to be our servant, we're in for two rather tedious months until election day.

First of all, he also says he wants to be our leader. How can he be both our leader and our servant? We know what's really going on here. The servant shtick is phony humility intended to soften us up. He has no intention of being our humble servant and every intention of being our know-it-all Great Leader, our commander in chief.

It will be disappointing if Americans fall for this. I can't think of a greater betrayal of the ideals expressed in the Declaration of Independence than to yearn for either a national servant or a leader. "All men are created equal" rules out both.

It is no accident that McCain counts among his heroes Abraham Lincoln and Theodore Roosevelt, both of whom betrayed those ideals in ways America still hasn't recovered from. Both aspired to be Great Leaders at the helm of a big, managerial central government, in which individual liberty took a back seat and the mass murder of war was an acceptable way to settle disputes.

An earlier generation of Americans — even Republicans and conservatives — would have been sickened by the spectacle of a national political convention at which delegates waved signs saying, "Service" and "Country First." The rabid and belligerent "U-S-A! U-S-A!" chants would have had our ancestors heading for the doors.

How deep we have sunk into the muck of bellicose nationalism. How unbecoming to our individualist heritage. McCain is the natural leader of this

new America.

When John F. Kennedy called on us to "ask not what your country can do for you. Ask what you can do for your country," the Jeffersonians among us were properly appalled. Here was an American Mussolini, updated with a tan and brash boyish looks, but a Mussolini nonetheless. Conservatives who still had some Declaration in their hearts were justifiably concerned.

McCain now makes the same appeal, and conservatives — who a year ago despised the man — whoop and holler like a drunk college-football crowd.

Service to country is far too abstract a slogan to be any guide to living. In real terms it ends up meaning service to the state, which is to say, service to whatever manipulative, scheming politician happened to have clawed and double-talked his way into the White House at the time. Countries don't call men to war. White House occupants do, and they know that the surest way to be ranked among the "great presidents" is to embroil the country in war. We must stop dressing up the slaughter of foreigners as a great national cause.

When the Navy pilot McCain fell out of the sky over Hanoi, he wasn't delivering pizzas. He was trying to destroy civilian necessities such as dams and power plants. Did his country call on him to do that? No, it was not his country he was serving.

If no White House occupant had sent him to North Vietnam to wreak death and destruction on innocents, no decent, productive American would have thought to do so. What had those North Vietnamese peasants done to us? Nothing.

But John McCain is called a hero for surviving the wrath of people who

Rockwall County Letters to the Editor

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Hurricane brings out the best in us

To love one's neighbor as yourself is true. This was demonstrated by the people of Rockwall, Texas, during the recent hurricane season. I met a friend whom I met about a year and a half ago. He is a friend and foremost for putting people like Dewayne and Michael Guillory. My family, wife, Dina, daughters and Mallory, 5, along with my mother-in-law and mandatory evacuation for hurricane Gustav on Sunday. I spoke with Dewayne on Saturday the 30th just to check if rooms were available in Rockwall. He said he knew and offered to pay for two rooms for my family for an entire week. He said he was not in a hurry to leave.

That, of course, lifted a great burden off of us as his wife and family. We were able to pack and ready ourselves for the night. Truly Dewayne helped our family and I am truly thankful. We just want folks to know that as much as the media puts out news, we should recognize the good people out there like his staff. Also, everywhere we traveled in Rockwall we met a neighbor and a friend.

Thanks again, Dewayne, for your friendship. We believe it is the person that wakes in the morning asking God to bless else or make someone else happy each and every day.

God bless,
Michael P. Guillory

Fire prevention saves lives, property

How often have you left the house in the morning and forgotten to turn off the stove? With our busy lives, the safety of our homes is sometimes relegated to the back of our minds — an afterthought until the car to start the day.

The Rockwall Fire Department is encouraging Rockwall families to put their safety first by performing a home hazard inspection during Fire Prevention Week, October 5-11. The theme of the week is "Prevent Home Fires," focuses on preventing the leading causes of home fires — cooking, heating and electrical equipment and smoking.

According to the latest statistics from the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), there were an estimated 396,000 home fires in the United States resulting in 2,580 deaths, 12,500 injuries and \$6.8 billion in property damage. Home fires caused 80% of deaths and 70% of injuries.

While the statistics are daunting, most home fires are preventable. We narrow our focus and take personal steps to increase our safety to do this is by proactively combing through each room of our home for signs of danger and fix them. The Rockwall Fire Department encourages Rockwall residents and their families to put their safety first by performing a home hazard inspection during Fire Prevention Week.

You can download a home checklist from www.firepreventionweek.org.

There are also a number of simple steps that you can take to make your home safer from fire:

- Cooking: Stay in the kitchen when you are frying, grilling, broiling or barbecuing. If you leave the kitchen for even a short period time, turn off the stove.
- Heating: Keep all things that can burn, such as paper, fabric, curtains, etc. at least 3 feet away from heating equipment.
- Electrical: Replace cracked or damaged electrical cords for temporary wiring only. Consider having all electrical receptacles added by a qualified electrician.
- Smoking: If you smoke, smoke outside and use deep ashtrays. As firefighters and fire safety educators, fire prevention is our top priority. We hope that you use the checklist and home fire checklist to put your safety first not only during Fire Prevention Week but every day.

Tony Santoro, Public Educator/Firefighter/Inspector

Taxes, taxes and more taxes

Last year about this time I wrote a Letter to the Editor to the County Commissioners Court and their adoption of the 2007-2008 budget just passed on Monday, Aug 27, 2007. I requested salary raises for each commissioner and a 17 percent raise for the County Judge. To accomplish these raises and "satisfy" the voters, they decided to raise the tax rate from 35.07 cents per hundred of assessed value to 35 cents to balance the expenditures with receipts, four million dollars withdrawn from the county reserve fund. Don't you wonder next year when the reserve is down, raises are already approved, hearing comes around? You got it... taxes go up again!

Well on Sept 9, 2008, they proved me exactly right. On the budget, the court passed the new 2009 budget. This new tax rate from 35 cents to 37.5 cents per hundred of assessed value.

Most informed voters understand that services received from the county are paid for. What we don't understand, however, is the total amount of money that the county is spending. And here I am talking about million in tax notes which the court voted in earlier this year for the new Justice Center even though the voters had TWICE the money in the county treasury. If you look at the budget, debt service this year was \$4.5 million (to pay the interest for the Justice Center new Library) or about 2.25 cents per hundred dollars of assessed value in essence your tax increase for next year.

I spent 20 years of my life in the US Army defending the right to vote in free elections. Along with that vote, however, is the right of elected officials to listen and take action based upon the wishes of the voters.

This disregard of the voters causes the citizens to lose faith in our elected officials to lead. Clearly this does not have to be the case. I would suggest to the Commissioners Court several actions:

1. Get the citizens involved in county needs. A good example is the Building Better Roads committee that is composed of concerned citizens. This group is now in the process of explaining to the citizens the details of the proposed \$100 million road bond issue upon in November.
2. Provide to the citizens of the county the Vision of where we are going over the next five to 10 years.
3. Conduct monthly Town Hall Meetings in the evening when the opportunity to ask questions and provide input to the elected officials and their needs and desires.
4. Provide specific goals for the next budget year to the citizens.
5. Be proactive in communications to the voters. Informed citizens can make decisions and can be a terrific asset in making things happen.
6. Listen to the voters and take actions based upon their desires.

Unfortunately you have lost my faith in the way you attempt to run both the Democrats and the Republicans say, "It's time for a change."

Jerry Hogan, Heath

Publisher's Note: The power to tax is the power to destroy. The power to tax removes almost all gripes about government.

resented his trespassing on their lives. We must stop identifying ourselves with the warmongers in office.

McCain's website says that "each and every one of us has a responsibility to our country." If he were seeking a higher ethical philosophy it might be worthwhile arguing with him that a virtue; self-sacrifice is not.

But McCain doesn't want to run a classroom. He wants to be a teacher that is, you and me. In a free country he'd have no business telling us what our duties are. Anyway, it's a funny way for a servant to talk. But really want to be our servant. He wants to be our leader.

Those who want neither to be served nor led will ask this question: How can we be free?

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Government Briefs

On the Docks set Saturday

A concert event will take place from noon to 5 p.m. at the Harbor in Rockwall. Emerald scheduled to perform. Tickets cost \$10 and are available at the Harbor and other participating stores. Remote parking will be offered and shuttle buses will be operating. For more information, call 972-771-7740 or visit www.rockwallchamber.org.

Round Up for Oct. 4

The 12th annual Round Up beginning at 6:30 p.m. at the Heath Dining, entertainment and other activities. The evening's events benefit CASA. For more information, call 972-771-7740 or visit www.rockwallchamber.org.

Lecture Series continues

The Historical Foundation will continue its Brown Bag Lecture Series on Oct. 10 in the Historic Courthouse on the main floor. The popular "Talking Tombstones," a presentation by Rockwall County Citizens "come back to life" will be featured.

Lunch Basket scheduled

The October Lunch Basket at 11 a.m. will be hosted by Linda Wills. Local book reviewer Linda Wills will present "All Night." Lunch, catered by Jose Molina.

Security Police Reports

September 5-11, 2008

1305 Ame Lane; Theft, 1300 block E. Main Street; Theft, 200 block I-30; Two aggravated assaults, 100 block Bulldog Boulevard

1000 block Love Lane; Alarm, 800 block I-30; Suspicious activity, 800 block Nancy Drive; Criminal mischief, 800 block Rowdy Drive; Suspicious activity, 2300 block Taylor Drive; Suspicious activity, 100 block I Street

Hardy Drive and Bruback Drive; Suspicious activity, 200 block I-30; Noise disturbance; Suspicious activity, Hwy 66; Assault, 100 block Hafner Drive

1000 Bruce Street, Burglary, 100 block Singleton Drive; Disorderly conduct, 800 block Rowdy Drive

1000 block I-30; Verbal disturbance, 1400 block Rowdy Drive; Suspicious activity, 1500 block Leslie Drive

1000 block I-30; Suspicious person, 1500 block Hardy Drive; Theft, 1300 block E. Main Street; Alarm call, 700 block Kim Lane; Suspicious activity, 2900 block Redwood Street

1000 block E. Main Street; Suspicious activity, 600 block I-30; West Creek Drive; Disorderly conduct, 1300 block I-30; Disorderly conduct, 1300 block I-30; Disorderly conduct, 1300 block I-30; Theft, 1300 block Cookston Lane; Theft, 1300 block Lorena Drive; Suspicious activity, 800 block FM 548; Threat, 700 block I-30

(underwritten by The Flower Box/Rest Haven Funeral Home, RISD School Board and Ebby Halliday Realtors), will cost \$15. Reservations required by 5 p.m. Oct. 10; contact Leigh Plagens at 972-771-8976 or cplagens65@aol.com.

Monster Mash Party set for seniors

The Monster Mash Party for seniors will be back by popular demand from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. Oct. 17. The event at The Center will include a costume contest, games and other activities. Drinks and snacks will be provided.

Oct. 19 is Night on the Nile

The Rockwall County Alliance for the Arts Gala, A Night on the Nile, will run from 5 p.m. to 11 p.m. Oct. 19 at the Hilton Bella Harbor. The

Lakeside Civic Chorus rehearsals under way

The Lakeside Civic Chorus began its fall season last week with rehearsals at Rockwall High School.

Rehearsals are part of the preparations for the chorus' Dec. 9 Christmas concert at the First United Methodist Church-Rockwall.

The 7 p.m. program will showcase the chorus, orchestra, organ and soloists under the direction of David Bush, artistic director and chorus conductor. Special guests of the chorus this year are members of the Rockwall Children's Chorus, which is under the direction of Alan Clark.

LCC is comprised of member of residents of Rockwall and surrounding communities. Its accompanist is Ken Frerichs.

Individuals interested in joining the chorus this season should contact Bush immediately to schedule an audition. Auditions will conclude at the end of the month.

For ticket information, contributions or more information, visit the LCC Web site at www.lakesidecivicchorus.org/ or call 972-772-0832.

Local officials gearing up for Nov. 4 general election

With the opening of early voting about a month away, officials with the Rockwall County Elections Office are busy making preparations for the Nov. 4 general election.

Currently the office is handling voter registration, which must be completed by Oct. 6 for voters who wish to participate in the Nov. 4 election. According to state guidelines, a voter must be registered at least 30 days prior to an election to be eligible to vote in that election.

Applications to register to vote, as well as applications for ballots by mail, can be downloaded at <http://www.rockwallcountytexas.com>. Voters also may call the Elections Office at 972-204-6200.

Voter registration cards also are available at most post offices, libraries and high schools, according to information provided by the county elections office.

To be eligible to vote in Texas, an individual must be a U.S. citizen; be a resident of the county; be 18 years of age or older (registration can be completed at age 17 years, 10 months); not be a convicted felon (unless sentence is completed, including probation); and not be declared mentally incapacitated by a court of law.

This year's general election will draw a healthy turnout thanks to the presidential race. Because of the high interest in this election, some individuals may want to take advantage of the Early Voting Period, which will run Oct. 20 through Oct. 31 in locations throughout Rockwall County.

Watch The Rockwall County News each week for updated information on polling sites and hours. To read more about elections in Texas, visit the secretary of state's Web site at <http://www.sos.state.tx.us/elections/voter/index.shtml>.

event will include cocktails, dinner, auctions of artwork, dancing and a Dancing with the Stars-type competition featuring local celebrities. Contact Kathy Miller at 972-771-8603 or visit www.rockwallalliancegala.com for more details.

Bridge tournament set Oct. 29

A bridge tournament open to individuals ages 50 and older will take place at 10 a.m. Oct. 29 at The Center. The event will feature Chicago-style scoring; first-, second- and third-place finishers will receive prizes. Drinks and snacks will be provided. Each participant must have a partner to play. Fee is \$3.

Halloween Extravaganza at The Harbor

This year's Halloween Extravaganza will take place at The Harbor from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Oct. 31. Live music, carnival games, concessions, face painting and bounce houses will be offered, and a costume contest will take place on the main stage. For more information visit www.rockwall.com/parks or call 972-771-7740.

Election Corner Nov. 4 General Election Rockwall County

- Deadline to register to vote in this election is Oct. 6. To be eligible to vote in Texas, an individual must be a U.S. citizen; be a resident of the county; be at least 18 years old (individuals may register at 17 years, 10 months); not be a convicted felon (unless a person's sentence is completed, including probation); not be declared mentally incapacitated by a court of law. An individual must be registered at least 30 days prior to an election to be eligible to vote.

- 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.

- Individuals who have registered who don't have a current voter registration certificate (bright orange card) should contact the Rockwall County Elections Office, 972-204-6200.

- Individuals only are eligible to vote in the precinct in which they reside if they are registered in that precinct.

- Individuals who were registered to vote but have moved from another Texas county to Rockwall County will need to register locally before being allowed to vote in Rockwall County. Registration must be completed by the Oct. 6 deadline. Registered voters who move from one county to another may be eligible to vote in the new county of residence if they still are registered in their old county of residence. Voting can be accomplished through a Limited Ballot in the new county of residence. Limited Ballot voters are entitled to vote on all state races and any district offices that are in common between the old and new counties, but such voting only can take place during the Early Voting Period (Oct. 20 through Oct. 31). Call the Elections Office for more details.

- Individuals who have moved from city to city within Rockwall County will need to change their voter registration prior to being allowed to vote in their new precinct. This change must be completed prior to the Oct. 6 deadline.

- Individuals who moved from one address in a city to another address in the same city also will need to change their voter registration prior to being allowed to vote in their new precinct. This change must be completed prior to the Oct. 6 deadline.

- 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.

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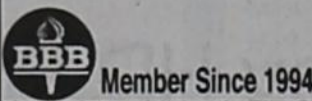
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Rockwall County Sports

Heritage Christian blasts Bracken 86-44

Rockwall Heritage Christian Academy defeated Bracken Christian School 86-44 on Saturday to Thursday, Sept. 11, before a crowd of 1,000 in south Texas. It also was moved from its home in San Antonio to Belton, two hours north of Rockwall.

Heritage Christian showed his versatility by scoring three touchdowns on a 54-yard fumble return, 63-yard kickoff return. He also threw a touchdown pass, led for three touchdowns and threw for 102 yards. Running backs Josh Points and Kevin Prater and scored two TDs. Sophomore kicker Zach Read (10) had two extra-point tries.

Heritage Christian will travel Friday to Wichita Falls to play Tyler Street Christian and return home to play Tyler Street Christian on Saturday.

Passing	10-17-0	11-30-0
Fumbles	1	2
Punts-avg.	2-22.0	3-24.3
Penalties	7-80	4-35

HCA - Josh Peschell 20 pass from Zach Read (Aaron Mateer kick)
 BCS - Tye Sanders 23 pass from Cody Blackmon (Sanders kick)
 HCA - Peschell 54 fumble return (Mateer kick)
 HCA - Josh Points 12 pass from Peschell (Mateer kick)
 BCS - R.J. Braume 27 pass from Blackmon (kick failed)
 HCA - Points 44 run (Mateer kick)
 BCS - Daniel Martinez 2 run (Sanders kick)
 HCA - Read 26 run (Mateer kick)
 HCA - Reed 9 run (Mateer kick)
 BCS - Sanders 57 kickoff return (kick failed)
 HCA - Noah Ward 20 pass from Read (Mateer kick)
 HCA - Kevin Prater 21 run (Mateer kick)
 BCS - Sanders 55 kickoff return (kick failed)
 HCA - Peschell 63 kickoff return (Mateer kick)
 HCA - Prater 75 run (Mateer kick)
 BCS - Braume 20 pass from Blackmon (Sanders kick)
 HCA - Points 30 run (conversion failed)

Noah Ward 1-11, Josh Peschell 3-3, Caleb Cathey 1-2, Travis Arterburn 1-minus 2; BCS: Daniel Martinez 15-68, Grady Achilles 15-53, R.J. Braume 6-25, Cody Blackmon 1-minus 4.

Passing - HCA: Zach Read 4-10-0-102, Josh Peschell 5-5-0-63, Josh Points 1-1-0-minus 1, Colton Read 0-1-0-0; BCS: Cody Blackmon 11-30-0-211.

Receiving - HCA: Josh Points 4-68, Josh Peschell 2-39, Noah Ward 2-19, Micah Griffey 1-22, Spencer McAfee 1-16; BCS: R.J. Braume 6-125, Tye Sanders 5-86.

Lady Hawks district volleyball with Newman Smith ends in

by MATT MCGILLEN

Just two points away from being down two games to none in its District 10-4A volleyball match against Newman Smith Sept. 16, Rockwall-Heath not only battled all the way back to force a fifth game, but the Lady Hawks were serving at double-match point in the tiebreaker.

But back-to-back questionable calls by the match's officials brought a sudden and crushing end to an otherwise valiant performance, as Heath lost 25-13, 29-31, 21-25, 25-17, 16-14 to the Lady Trojans.

Coupled with their easy 25-17, 25-10, 25-5 sweep of RL Turner on Sept. 12, the Lady Hawks are now 1-1 in district and 8-7 overall.

Tied at 14-all in the tiebreaker, Heath's Jordan Hill appeared to give the advantage to the Lady Hawks when she delivered a solid stuff block at the net.

She was called for being over the net, however, and the match ended abruptly moments later on the following Lady Trojan serve that appeared to be just out.

Too spent emotionally from the Newman Smith match in general and particularly the way it ended, Heath coach Maggie Younger opted to withhold comment.

After getting nearly run off the court in the opening game, Heath rallied back from a five-point deficit in the second game, 22-17, to catch the Lady Trojans at 24-24, with the two teams trading points from there until Senior Rachel Short closed at the marathon second game 31-29 with a thunderous spike.

Heath won the third game to take a two-games-to-one edge before unraveling in the fourth game to set the stage for the tiebreaker.

In action last week, the shorthanded Lady Hawks came alive in the fifth game of their non-district home volleyball match Sept. 9 with Terrell, rallying past the Lady Tigers 25-18, 25-21, 22-25, 20-25, 15-7.

"They (the Lady Hawks) told me that they learned how to win," Younger said at the time. "And they really did. Normally in that situation they might have folded."

Playing without sophomore setter Morgan Hawkins, who was injured against Mesquite Horn, the Lady Hawks improved to 6-9 on the season, while Terrell fell to 10-10.

In other action last week, Heath was swept by SA Rowlett 25-15, 25-14, 25-5 Sept. 5.

After taking the first two games against the Lady Tigers, it looked like Heath was headed for a sweep of its own. But led by 6-2 middle blocker Ciara Holmes, Terrell battled back to tie the match at two games apiece.

Holmes was almost unstoppable at the net finishing with 16 kills and six blocks for the night.

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Hawks swimming name former NCAA All-American as head coach

After sharing a head coach with Rockwall High School for the past three years, the Heath Hawks swim team has named former UT Longhorn swimmer Tommy Sacco as their new head coach.

A graduate of Highland Park High School in Dallas, Sacco earned four gold and two silver 4-A High School State Championship medals, as well as multiple NISCA All-American titles in several events. After high school, Sacco continued his career as a member of the UT Longhorn swim team in Austin, where he was named eight-time NCAA All-American and six-time Big 12 Champion. As a Longhorn, Sacco specialized in the backstroke, training alongside and competing against numerous Olympic medalists, including 2008 backstroke gold medalist Aaron Pierson.

Swimming runs in the Sacco family. By age four, Tommy was already in the water and soon competing alongside three sisters, two of which earned their own spots on the UT team. Having Canadian parents, Tommy holds dual U.S. and Canadian citizenship, and both he and his younger sister, Natalie, are current members of the Canadian National swim team. As a part of this team, Tommy swam in the 2007 Pan Am games in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, as well as the Olympic trials this past April in Montreal, where he just missed a spot on the Canadian Olympic Team in the 100-meter backstroke.

Now working with the Hawks, Sacco wasted no time jumping into the 2008-2009 season. Currently training each morning at the Rockwall YMCA, Sacco is in the water daily with his team, working on the many technical aspects of the sport. Most coaches prefer to stay dry on the deck, but the Hawks are excited to share the pool with their coach. According to Coach Sacco, "Some kids learn visually. I was one of those kids. You can tell someone how to do something over and over, but actually showing them can make all the difference."

The Hawks' first meet will be on Saturday, Sept. 27 in Frisco.

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The Yellowjackets offensive line hold back the Allen defense as junior quarter back Adam Dingwell (back, center) turns to hand off the ball to sophomore running back Josh Broach (right) during last Friday's game Wilkerson-Sanders Stadium at Rockwall.
Staff photo by Roy Heath

Yellowjackets drop 24-0 loss to No. 6 Allen

by Lary Bump
There were no smiles on the Rockwall varsity football players' faces when they trudged down the ramp from the portable building serving this year as their locker room at Wilkerson-Sanders Stadium.

They had completed their non-district schedule by holding powerful Allen's offense in check for the last three quarters, but there was no moral victory in the Yellowjackets' 24-6 loss Friday.

"I hate to lose any contest," said head coach Scott Smith. "We're teaching these kids the same thing. We will watch the video and learn from it."

The Jackets (1-2) will have an extra week to do that. Their next game will be the homecoming contest against Royce City Friday, Sept. 26, at 7:30 p.m. at Wilkerson-Sanders Stadium.

Part of the game tape will show Allen, Texas' sixth-ranked 5A team, taking a 14-0 lead in the first quarter, marking the third time in three non-district games that Rockwall has faced double-digit deficits.

The difference was that for the first time since Rockwall played at Southlake Carroll in the third game of 2006, the Jackets lost by more than eight points. Their six points were the lowest total in Scott Smith's four seasons as head coach.

After Matt Brown threw 38 yards to Dakarai Pecikonis for one touchdown and ran 45 yards for another in the first quarter, the RHS defense stiffened and held the Eagles (3-0) to 10 points.

One factor that improved the Jackets' defense was that it avoided giving up big plays. The first-quarter touchdowns were the shortest of seven Rockwall had allowed during nine quarters. The Eagles' only other touchdown came on Brown's seven-yard pass to Jeremiah Williams in the third quarter.

Rockwall's D also was opportunistic, intercepting two passes in the second quarter and recovering two fumbles in the second half. The Jackets' only touchdown came when linebacker Aaron Arterburn jumped to intercept a pass from Brown and ran 25 yards to score.

The offense didn't produce any points against Allen, and RHS is averaging barely 12 points per game.

Special teams also continued to be a problem area. The Jackets missed two field goals and had their only extra-point attempt against Allen blocked. Rockwall hasn't converted an extra-point kick this season, and is just 1-for-3 on 2-point conversions.

As a result of the offensive and special-teams shortcomings, the Jackets' coaches named only one player of the game - Arterburn, on defense.

Smith said, "We had a number of opportunities to score. We as coaches have got to help these kids more."

"Penalties are unacceptable. Our goal is to have no penalties and no turnovers."

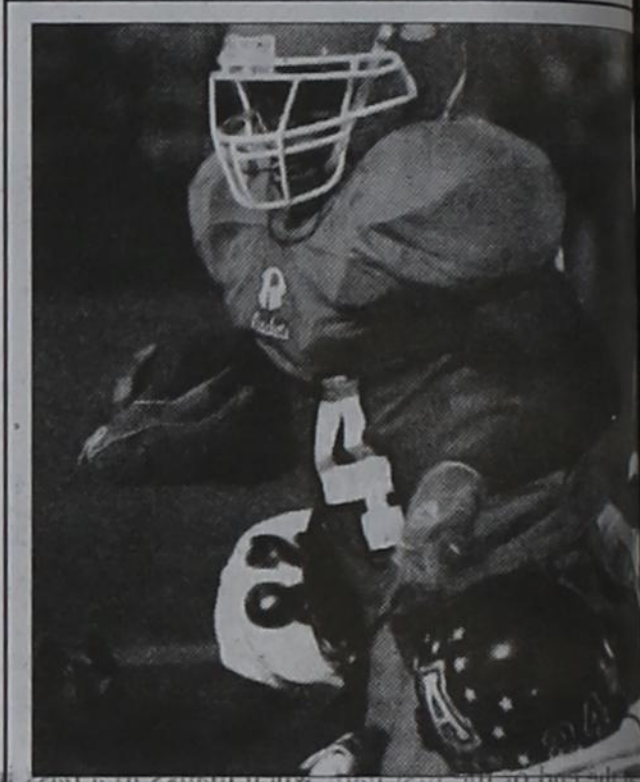
The Jackets were penalized four times for 50 yards. Allen intercepted Adam Dingwell's second pass of the game near midfield, and two plays later Pecikonis scored his touchdown.

To add power to Rockwall's running game, for the first time the 225-pound Arterburn lined up as a running back. He gained 28 yards in five carries. But with the Jackets trailing just 14-6 in the third quarter, a measurement showed that Arterburn came up just short on fourth and one at Allen's 20 yard line.

"We'll utilize Aaron wherever we can," Smith said. "We have to find that fine line where it's too much for him." For the Jackets, there was just too much Allen and not enough Arterburn.

Allen	14	0	7	3	--	24
Rockwall	0	6	0	0	--	6

All - Dakarai Pecikonis 38 pass from Matt Brown (Evan Dobbs kick)
All - Brown 45 run (Dobbs kick)
Rock - Aaron Arterburn 25 interception return (kick blocked)
All - Jeremiah Williams 7 pass from Brown (Dobbs kick)



Yellowjackets senior running back Anthony Wright (14) runs past Allen defenders last Friday at Allen.
Staff photo by Roy Heath

Help on the way for Lady Jackets basketball team

Three of the starters from last season's Rockwall girls' basketball team will be playing in college this year, joining three others who moved on to the NCAA following the state championship season of 2006-07.

That would make it seem as if the '08-09 edition of a team that went at least to the regional semifinals each of the last four years wouldn't have many useful players left.

That's if you didn't know what they did this summer - which was playing basketball against high-caliber competition.

The Rockwall Lady Jackets who won two tournaments and 21 of 30 games aren't the official RHS team, but you'll see a lot of them on the floor for Rockwall when the high school season begins in August.

The only starter returning is shooting guard Peyton Adamson, who as a sophomore last season was second in the nation among high school girls in 3-point field goals. Her summer team's coaches were her father, Chris Adamson, and mother, Dana Adamson. "It was a great summer," Dana Adamson said.

"This year will be the biggest change (for RHS). Except for Peyton, there was nobody who played big minutes or had a lot of experience. "Our objective for the summer was to let them all play together and go through rough times together."

There weren't many rough

times. Dana Adamson explained, "Raven Turner made huge strides in being a point guard - handling the ball, not turning it over, knowing who should get the ball. Kayla Simmons was very surprising and very versatile. Jordan Anterhaus was a very good defender and rebounder."

"We had a post player, Alyssa Lang, who's going to be a freshman moving from junior high to high school ball. She logged a lot of big minutes and improved tremendously. We played against a team that had a good post player about four inches taller who was abusing her. We called time out, and when she went back in the game that was it. She made the transition right on the court."

Lang might not immediately make the transition to the high school varsity, but she was considered good enough to play on a select team, Texas Fire, with Peyton Adamson.

While those two were involved in other competitions for Texas Fire, Bryan Mueller coached the Lady Jackets in two tournaments. They finished second in Katy, falling behind Texas Elite 12-0 before rallying to take the lead before losing a close championship game 38-35. Senior Anterhaus led the way with 13 points and seven rebounds.

In the Prime Time National Tournament in Dallas, the Lady Jackets went undefeated in three

games in their pool and drew a bye into the second round among pool winners. Then, the Houston Heatwave shut down Rockwall 38-25. Anterhaus had eight points and 11 rebounds against the Heatwave.

Among the players elevated to the roster for the tournament was sophomore Virginia Sealock. She scored 10 points in a 48-47 victory over the North Texas Lady Heat and eight as the Lady Jackets defeated the Texas Lady Elite.

Mueller said, "We were able to get some younger girls some good experience while giving the older players a chance to step up and be leaders." He mentioned seniors Anterhaus, Kimmons and Katy Mueller as the new leaders to complement Peyton Adamson.

Even Peyton made strides this summer, along the lines prescribed by RHS coach Jill McDill.

Dana Adamson said, "Coach McDill has a meeting at the end of the season with each player. Peyton really wanted to get better, and she got better. She tried to transition from a shooter to an all-around scorer, shoot on the move and become more of a jump shooter."

This was the fifth year the Adamsons have coached the summer team, which for four years included Peyton's older sister, Shelby. "We're not playing against other high school teams," Dana Adamson pointed out, "but select teams, players from here, there and yonder."

Our players really have to push to compete at a higher level. "It's unbelievable where we started the summer to where we ended."

That could mean that the RHS Lady Jackets will have a good winter.

Jackets split volleyball matches

Rockwall evened its District 10-4A varsity volleyball record at 1-1 Tuesday with a 25-20, 25-13, 25-9 victory at Carroll R.L. Turner.

The Lady Jackets (17-10-1 overall) had lost Friday to powerhouse Highland Park 25-10, 25-10, 25-19 in the teams' district opener.

All four RHS teams - varsity, JV and freshman A and B - will return home Friday to play Greenville in matches beginning at 5:30 p.m.

Allen defeats RHS freshmen

Rockwall's freshman teams held Allen close for most of Thursday evening, Sept. 11, but lost both games to the Eagles at Wilkerson-Sanders Stadium.

Allen held just a 13-7 lead at halftime over the Yellowjackets' freshman White team, but broke loose in the second half for a 40-7 victory. Head coach Steve Bridges said Cansas Estep, Zach Kuntz, Michael McKnight and Blake Kasper played well for the Jackets. In an exciting, tight, hard-fought game that featured two kickoffs returned for touchdowns, Allen edged Rockwall's freshman Orange team 20-19. Bridges praised the play of Josh DeLoach, Nick Noble, Spencer Edwards and Baylor Black.

RHS tennis team routs Turner

After going 19 days without competition, Rockwall's varsity tennis team returned to the courts at the Utley Freshman Center Tuesday and defeated Carrollton R.L. Turner 18-4.

Untimely rains had washed out the Yellowjackets' scheduled matches since Aug. 28. Weather permitting, they'll play again Friday, Sept. 19, at 3:30 p.m. against Mesquite at the Utley Freshman Center.

Rockwall Yellowjackets' schedule this week

Saturday, Sept. 20 - JV volleyball: at Allen Tournament, TBA
Cross country: at Lake Highlands Invitational, Norbuck Park, TBA
Monday, Sept. 22 -- Varsity 2 and 3 boys' golf: vs. South Garland at Eastern Hills Country Club, 8 a.m.

Tuesday, Sept. 23 - Boys' golf: at The Shores Country Club, 8 a.m.
Varsity tennis: at Richardson Pearce, 4 p.m.
Volleyball, at Carrollton R.L. Turner: JV and freshman A 5:30 p.m., and varsity and freshman B 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, Sept. 24 -- JV boys' golf: vs. McKinney North, Oak Hollow Golf Club, 9 a.m.

Thursday, Sept. 25 - JV 1 Tennis: home vs. Richardson Pearce, Utley Freshman Center, 4 p.m.
Freshman football: home vs. Royce City, Wilkerson-Sanders Stadium, A 5 p.m. and B 7 p.m.

JV White football: at Royce City, 5:30 p.m. JV Orange football: at Royce City, 7 p.m.

JV volleyball: at Allen Tournament, TBA
Friday, Sept. 26 - Girls' golf: vs. Hebron, Indian Creek Golf Club, 7:30 a.m.

Varsity tennis: at Lake Highlands, 3:30 p.m.
Volleyball home vs. Royce City: varsity and freshman A 5:30, and JV and freshman B 6:30 p.m.

Varsity football: home vs. Royce City, Wilkerson-Sanders Stadium, 7:30 p.m.

Williams Wildcats' schedule this week
Tuesday, Sept. 23 - 8th grade football: at Wylie Cooper, Pirate Stadium, B 6 p.m. and A 7:30 p.m.
7th grade football: Wylie Cooper at Williams, B 6 p.m. and A 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, Sept. 25 - 8th grade volleyball: home vs. Wylie Cooper, C 5:30 p.m., B 6:30 p.m. and A 7:30 p.m.
7th grade volleyball: at Wylie Cooper, C 5:30 p.m., B 6:30 p.m. and C 7:30 p.m.

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Hawk Huddle plans tailgate
The Hawk Huddle will host a tailgate party today (Sept. 19) in the parking lot outside of the Rockwall-Heath High School vs. Hillcrest football game. Wings will provide the food, with D.J. Greg Williams providing the music. Everyone is invited to attend.

Texas Freestyle Karate offered
A Texas Freestyle Karate class for beginners is on Tuesdays is available at the Rockwall ISD Education Center. Students will learn a blend of martial arts disciplines for defense purposes. Cost is \$50. A \$30 yearly membership is required. For further details, visit www.freestylekarate.com.

Fishing Derby set at Pickett
A fishing derby will take place from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. at Lake, Myers Park. Prizes will be given for the first fish caught in two age groups: 8-and-under and 9-and-over. The cost is \$5 per person. For more information visit www.rockwall.com or call 972-771-7740.

Kayak Paddle Trip at LRH
A half-day kayak trip on the east shore of Lake Pickett is offered from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. Oct. 4. The \$40 fee includes necessary equipment and a guided tour. Open to all ages and older, participants will meet at the Hwy. 66 Bypass. For more information, visit www.rockwall.com/parks or call 972-771-7740.

Fitness 180 Bootcamp scheduled
A five-week outdoor program offering conditioning and strength training will be held at The Harbor. The program will run from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Wednesdays and Fridays. Cost is \$299 for new members. Participants must be 18 or older. For information, contact Julie Matusz at 214-727-9696 or visit www.rockwall.com.

Hope & Hearts Run/Walk set Oct. 11
The Missing GRACE Foundation will host its first annual Hearts 5K Run/Walk on Oct. 11 in Garland's Audubon Park. GRACE is a nonprofit organization that offers resources and support for families who have experienced a pregnancy loss, infertility and adoption. For details, go to www.hopeandhearts.org/texas.

Myers Park site of Family Camp-out
The Rockwall Parks & Recreation Department, in partnership with the Texas Parks & Wildlife Department, will host a Family Camp-out Oct. 11-12 at Myers Park. Registration is completed by Oct. 1; cost is \$100 per family. Check-in is at Park Field No. 1 at 8 a.m. Oct. 11. For more information, visit www.rockwall.com/parks or call 972-771-7740.

Dodge ball tourney set Oct. 11
The Great Pumpkin Halloween Dodge Ball Tourney will be held at Rockwall ISD Education Center Gym. Each team will consist of six players, and tourney will be a double-elimination format. Entry will be \$25 per team. For details visit www.rockwall.com or call 972-771-7740.

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Rockwall Hawks weather 'hankie hurricane', climb to second with 24-8 win over Seguin

storm. Unfortunately for those involved, Ike didn't make its mark on Rockwall-Heath's 24-8 victory over the winless Seguin Panthers Sept. 12 at Arlington's Wilemon Field. The game was riddled with mistakes – seven alone for Heath – and hurricane-force winds flagged a combined 27 times for 282 yards. The Hawks shook off to improve to 2-0 for the year. "At the end of the season it will be a win, and at this point we need to win," said Heath coach Mickey Moss. "We need to win the ball. Too many mistakes again. To play at this level, we need to eliminate those."

Despite the stop-and-go-do-it-again nature of the game, the Hawks showed relatively solid performances on both sides of the field. Quarterback Jevin Colbert was particularly impressive as his five-touchdown, 190-yard rushing performance opened the door to a 43-27 win over Sherman, Kendal Hollingshead was also steady, finishing 12-20 for 135 yards and a touchdown, and has yet to throw an interception.

Colbert's strike on a slant pattern to junior wide receiver Drew Hollingshead up 10-0 just 90 seconds into the third quarter. Colbert's breathing room after they had nursed Brad Dorsey's field goal into a 3-0 halftime lead.

Colbert's first of his touchdowns midway through the game. The Cougar tacklers on his way to a 12-yard score were overwhelmed by 55 yards and included five penalties. Running back Dorsey scored again with 9:42 to play in the second quarter from six yards out to cap a 62-yard, seven-play drive that gave the Hawks an insurmountable 24-0 edge.

The highlight of the game came late in the fourth quarter. Dorsey Griffin tracked down an errant shotgun snap and took him from the original line of scrimmage to his own 21-yard line.

Griffin, a senior, finally did retrieve the ball and attempted to run with it. He found himself alone on an island, caught in the middle of the high school linebackers in the country: 6-2, 235 pounds, Justin Griffin.

Griffin wasn't pretty. Unless you're a Hawks' fan, of course. Griffin's beauty was in his ability to bury himself in the turf for that 14-yard touchdown. His mate Ryan Moseby was credited with 11 yards on the play.

The game on defense and so did Charlie Wilson. Wilson's offs, said Moss. "Zac Salinas also had a great game. He was threatened by the Cougars (0-3), who, thanks to their defense and numerous self-destructing penalties, lost the entire game.

At the end of the first half, when thanks to a pass interference call on Seguin, the Hawks would have been the final play of the first two quarters. Seguin played and lined up for a soon-to-be missed field goal.

Seguin penetrated the Hawks' end of the field came early, when another interference penalty set up Seguin's quarterback Griffin to Jevin Colbert in the end zone for a touchdown.

Colbert failed, but yet another interference call gave the Hawks the points and they converted this one, with Dorsey Griffin.

Hawks cross country second top-five finish, boys finish eighth

The Rockwall-Heath girls' cross country team earned its second top-five finish in as many weeks, finishing second at the Stallick Invitational Sept. 13 at Samuell Farm. The team finished fourth at the Plano Invitational Sept. 5. The boys' team, meanwhile, finished eighth for the second week in a row at the same event.

At the Stallick Invitational, the girls' team was led by Andrea Moeller (14:20), Cassie Munoz (15:52), Cori Kelly (14:53) and Aimee Arceneaux (15:14). The boys' team was led by Aaron Contreras (19:01), Brady Beauchamp (20:44), and Mitchell Howell (20:30).

At the Plano Invitational, Brianna Wall led the Lady Hawks with a time of 16:36, followed by Maria Zaldivar (16:36), Jennifer Elder (17:31), Brittany Wenger (17:54), Baileigh Millender (18:02), Carolina Rodriguez (19:51), Lina Munevar (20:57), Taylor Rice (21:05), Ariana Motlagh (22:37), Jacky Portillo (23:40) and Jessica Morales (23:40).

On the boys' side, Bryce Penney first across for the Rockwall team, followed by Jacob Marsh (26:35), Eddie Lopez (26:53), and Jay Anderson (30). The girls' team finished as Andrea Moeller's eighth-place overall finish in the team's fourth-place finish in the team standings.

The boys' team also wound up eighth overall on the boys' side, finishing eighth in the team standings. The girls' team participant, was timed in 13:28. Meghan Shea first across the finish line in 12:32.

The Lady Hawks were led by Coughlin (13:36), Vanessa Munoz (14:00), Morales (14:26), Penney (14:40) and Norman (17:16), just one second behind the seventh-place finisher.

Enjoy was first across the finish line in 16:51. The boys' race for the Hawks were led by Kirwan (17:54), Norman (19:41), (20:28), Zaldivar (21:20) and Norman (28:04).

The girls' team was led by Cori Kelly (14:27), Maria Zaldivar (15:49), Mercedes Serrano (16:20), Jennifer Elder (17:58) and Jessica Morales (25:20). Boys – Sam Moeller (22:50), Christian Johnson (24:50), Eddie Lopez (28:04), Jacob Marsh (28:06) and Jay Anderson (28:04).

"I'm happy with our performance today," said Heath coach Mickey Moss. "We did an outstanding job in our first meet of the season. We're working hard and I am proud of them." The team will compete in the Lake Highlands Invitational at Norbeck Field Sept. 20.



A Seguin ball carrier takes a hit from Hawks defensive lineman Cole Abston (85) during last Friday's game at Arlington. Bearing down on the opponent is defensive lineman David James (77). Staff photo by Carl McClung

Those eight points, however, were much too little, much too late, against the Hawks, who will host the Hillcrest Panthers (1-1) at Wilkerson-Sanders Stadium Sept. 19 at 7:30.

"Our biggest challenge will be to see how well we can play (against Hillcrest)," said Moss. "It's almost like we are playing against our self. We need to see how good we can be."

Rockwall Heath	3	0	14	7-24
Arlington Seguin	0	0	0	8-8

RH – Brad Lowes 31 field goal
 RH – Armando Villa 10 pass from Drew Hollingshead (Lowes kick)
 RH – Kendial Lawrence 12 run (Lowes kick)
 RH – Lawrence 6 run (Lowes kick)
 AS – Jevin Colbert 30 pass from Dorsey Griffin (Griffin run)

	RH	AS
First downs	23	10
Rushes-yards	39-139	30-45
Passing yards	183	136
Passes	12-20-0	13-23
Punts	2-30.5	5-31.8
Fumbles-lost	7-1	1-0
Penalties-yards	12-127	14-155

Individual statistics
Rushing: Heath – Kendial Lawrence 23-135, Drew Hollingshead 10(-14), Jesse Irokwe 5-23, Kevin Rogers 1(-5). Seguin – La'Rayon Witherspoon 8-15, Todd Hensley 4-6, Dorsey Griffin 6(-18), Darian Hogg 12-42.

Passing: Heath – Hollingshead 12-20-183-0. Seguin – Griffin 9-16-90, Hensley 4-7-46-0.

Receiving: Heath – Matt Bielski 5-44, Armondo Villa 2-20, Cameron Wilson 1-34, Everitt Gilbert 2-53, Lawrence 2-32. Seguin – Justin Reeves 1-13, Hogg 7-66, Colbert 1-30, Robert Owoyele 1-3, Anthony Gale 3-24.

Who: Hillcrest Panthers vs. Rockwall-Heath Hawks
Where: Wilkerson-Sanders Stadium
When: Sept. 19, 7:30 p.m.

Records: Hillcrest 1-1, is coming off a 38-21 loss to unbeaten Parish Episcopal. Heath 2-0, has wins over Sherman (43-27) and Arlington Seguin (24-8).

When Heath has the ball: Lawrence has averaged 8.3 yards per attempt while rushing for 325 yards on 39 carries and has scored 7 TDs. Hollingshead is 20-for-35 for 305 yards and two scores with no interceptions.

When Hillcrest has the ball: Quarterback Jake Sherrington has provided most of the Panthers' offense, completing 17-of-42 passes for 362 yards and four scores with one interception.

Injuries: none reported

Cain opens volleyball season with six wins, five sweeps

Cain Middle School opened its volleyball season in fine fashion, as all six of coach Belinda Stephens' teams emerged with wins against Wylie Burnett Middle School, with five of the teams recording sweeps Sept. 11.

The eighth grade A team won 25-19, 25-15, the B team 25-14, 25-12 and the C team 28-26, 25-21. The seventh grade A squad prevailed 25-4, 25-9, the B team 25-17, 18-25, 25-9 and the C team 25-12, 25-13.

Cain travels to Cooper Middle School for another match Sept. 18, with the seventh and eighth grade C teams starting play at 5:30, followed by the B teams at 6:30 and the A teams at 7:30.

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Bulldogs wide receiver Justin Jacobs (7) pulls the ball in for a reception last Friday against Wakeland at Frisco. Photo by Erin Strahm

Lady Bulldogs atop District 10-4A after wins over Greenville and Newman Smith

by MATT MCGILLEN
Following decisive wins over Greenville Sept. 16 and Newman Smith Sept. 12, the Royse City Lady Bulldogs find themselves atop the District 10-4A volleyball standings after the first week of conference play. The Lady Bulldogs swept the Lady Lions 25-8, 25-14, 25-15 to improve to 2-0 in district play and to 11-8 overall. Greenville fell to 0-2, 4-12. "Tonight we played a clean game," said Royse City coach Trent Tharp. "Our ball control was better than it has been in a while. The way the girls are becoming consistent and smart is very encouraging." Setter Autumn Landers had 25 assists, six digs and an ace for the Lady Bulldogs, who have won six of their last eight matches. Skyler Strahm had eight kills, 11 digs and 2.5 blocks, while

Kellie Wyrick added nine kills, two assists and four aces. Fayrina Merrick contributed four kills, three aces and four digs and Shelby Pille had six kills, two aces, five digs and a block. Against Newman Smith (1-1, 3-19) the Lady Bulldogs prevailed 25-16, 19-25, 25-20, 25-23.

Landers had 41 Assists and eight digs against the Lady Trojans while Strahm had a whopping 17 kills and 12 digs. Wyrick chipped in 12 kills, four assists and two blocks with Taylor Jordan contributing 14 digs and 10 kills.

Merrick had a dozen digs to go along with her seven kills and Pille also had 12 digs and seven kills.

"Tonight, I thought the girls would come out a little nervous being our first district game in 4A playing a team that just dropped to 4A from 5A," Tharp said following the win over Newman Smith. "Just the opposite happened. We came out really focused and had good ball control. When our girls make their passes they are a fun team to coach and watch. I am proud of the way the whole team worked tonight. Everyone did what they needed to do to earn the win."

The Lady Bulldogs travel to RL Tuner for another district match Sept. 19.

Sports Notes

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Turkey Shoot slated for Nov. 8

The Second Annual Turkey Shoot, open to individuals ages four 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 contest where a parent/guardian will be paired with their child to shoot "fowl" shots. Cost is \$5 per pair. Pre-registration is required. For information visit www.rockwall.com/parks or call 972-771-7740.

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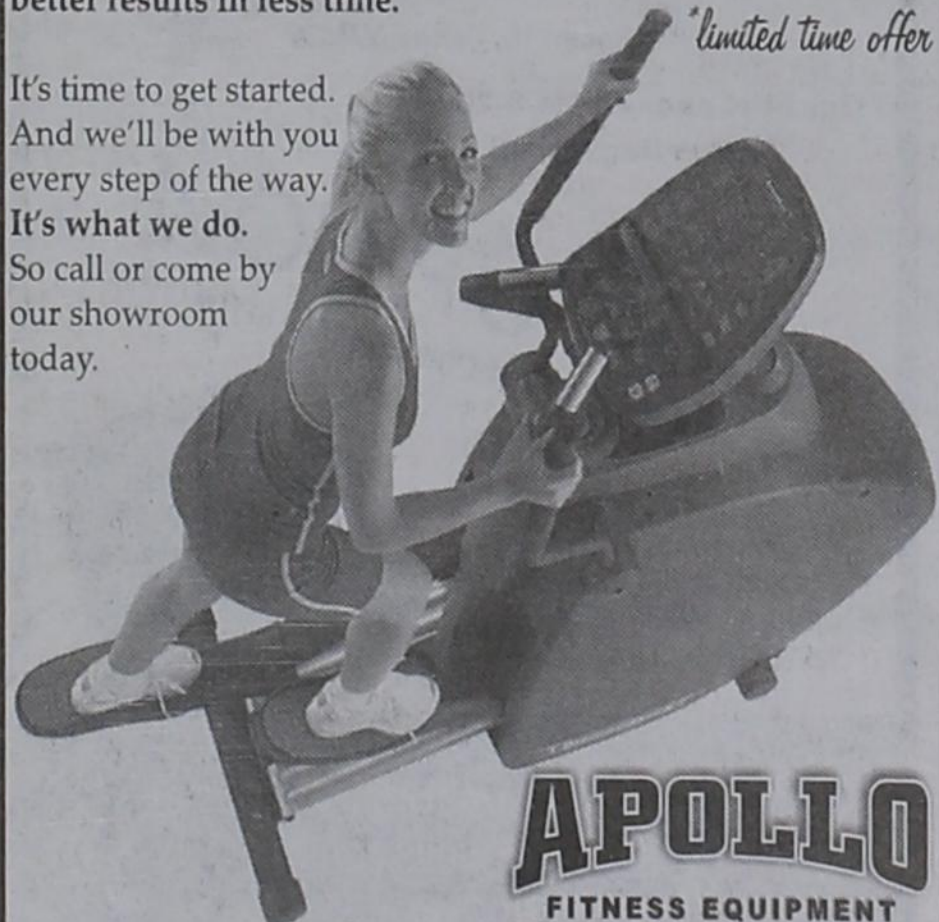
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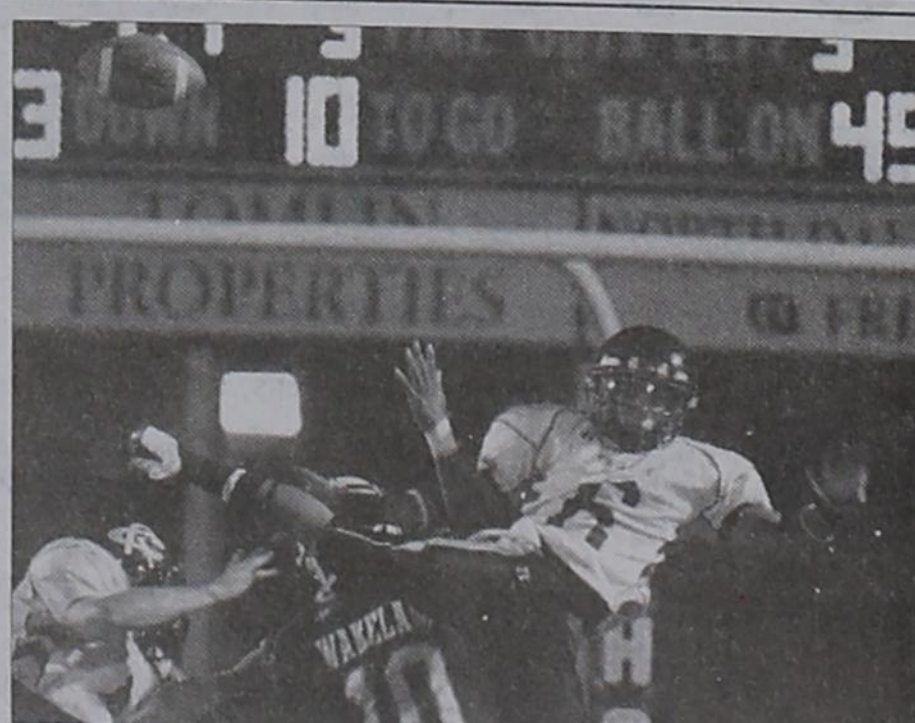
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Senior Fayrina Merrick (12) helps to rally the Lady Bulldogs to a victorious sweep against Greenville with three aces, Tuesday at Royse City. Staff photo by Tim Burnett



B.J. Farrar (6) leaps to deflect a Wakeland pass during last Friday's game at Frisco. Also in the play is Scotty Arterberry (4, left). Photo by Erin Strahm

Fourth-quarter rally short as Bulldogs fall to Frisco Wakeland 31-17

by MATT MCGILLEN

Having already completed 30 passes for over 400 yards, senior quarterback Richard Morrison needed just one more to bring the Bulldogs all the way back from a two-point deficit in the fourth quarter against Frisco Wakeland at FISD Stadium Sept. 12.

It was not to be, however, as Morrison's last-second answer when his 47th and final throw of the game fell short in the end zone after time expired in a 31-17 loss to the Wolverines.

The defeat was only the second for the Bulldogs this season and dropped them to 1-1 for the year. The loss also ended their revenge for the Wolverines (2-0), who lost to RC 21-17 in the 3A bi-district playoffs last year.

With his team trailing 31-17, Morrison connected on a 27-yard touchdown late in the final period to pull the Bulldogs within a touchdown but couldn't get them in the end zone.

The 6-foot senior finished 30-for-47 for 353 yards and was intercepted a career-high four times, including a pick-six that was returned 28 yards for a touchdown by the Wolverines for a Wakeland 7-0 lead.

The fleet-footed Morrison made up for that poor play 65 yards for a score later in the opening quarter. A full extra point try left the Bulldogs trailing 7-6.

Wakeland quarterback Will Secord then sandwiched two scoring throws - both to wide receiver Jamie Harris - Morrison, this one covering nine yards to Kris Smith. He traded field goals to give the Wolverines a 24-17 lead.

The scored stayed the same until the fourth quarter when Dallas Grier for a 15-yard touchdown to put Wakeland ahead 29-17.

Secord finished the game 26-of-31 for 270 yards and one interception. He teamed up with Harris for a 128 yards.

Morrison also finished as the Bulldogs' and picked up 79 yards on 13 carries, the bulk coming on a scoring run. His final dozen carries produced only 14 yards.

The Bulldogs hope to rebound against Mt. Pleasant host the District 13-4A Tigers Sept. 19 at RC ISD Stadium. Coming off a 6-5 record in 2007 and have made four appearances.

Royse City	6	11	0
Frisco Wakeland	14	10	0
FW - Ryan Collins 28 interception return (Satre kick)			
RC - Richard Morrison 65 run (run failed)			
FW - Jamie Harris 25 pass from Will Secord (Satre kick)			
RC - Kris Smith 9 pass from Morrison (Collins kick)			
FW - Harris 49 pass from Secord (Satre kick)			
FW - Satre 25 field goal			
RC - Padon 32 field goal			
FW - Dallas Grier 15 pass from Secord (Satre kick)			
RC - Ryan Fedric 27 pass from Morrison (Padon kick)			

RC	
First downs	18
Rushes-yards	26-158
Passing yards	353
Passes	
Punts-ave.	1-30.0
Penalty-yards	10-72
Fumbles-lost	0-0

Individual statistics
Passing: RC - Morrison - 30-47-353-4, Frisco 14-27-158-0, Chase Boudreaux 1-1-0-38.

Rushing: RC - Dave Frank 4-6, Ryan Fedric 1-1, Smith 1-5, JT Thompson 2-3, Trevor White 3-14, 1-2, Jamie Harris 1-0, David Robason 14-26, Secord 1-2.

Receiving: RC - Jonathan Burns 4-43, Frisco Smith 1-9, Gardner 3-27, Justin Jacobs 4-88, Eric Schmitt 7-60, White 1-35. FW - Dallas Grier 5-100, Harris 1-1, Sterling Bobbitt 1-11, Boudreaux 4-41.

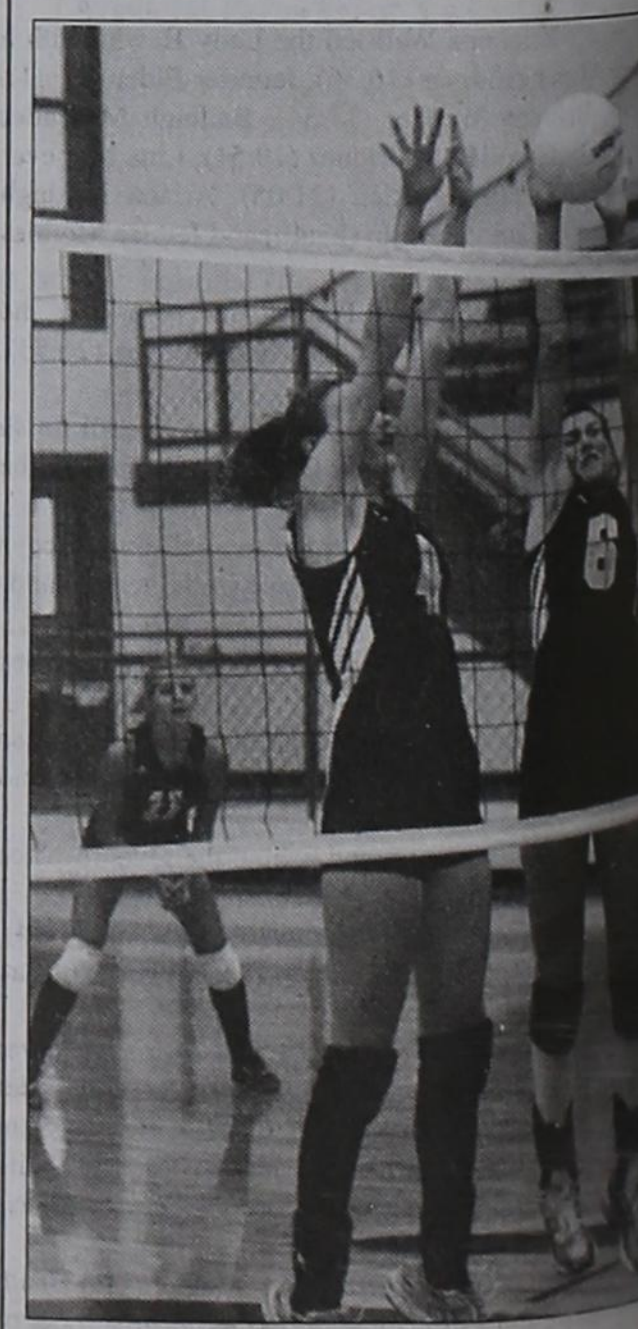
Who: Mt. Pleasant Tigers vs. Royse City Bulldogs
Where: Royse City ISD Stadium
When: Sept. 19, 7:30 p.m.

Records: Mt. Pleasant 2-1, coming off a 14-12 win at Frisco. Royse City 1-1, lost to Frisco Wakeland 31-24 after beating Frisco 21-17.

When Royse City has the ball: Morrison has completed 30 passes for 551 yards with four touchdowns and four interceptions. He also ran for 121 yards on 21 carries and scored a touchdown.

When Mt. Pleasant has the ball: QB Terrell Howard has completed 14 passes for 147 yards with one touchdown to run or pass and also returns kicks.

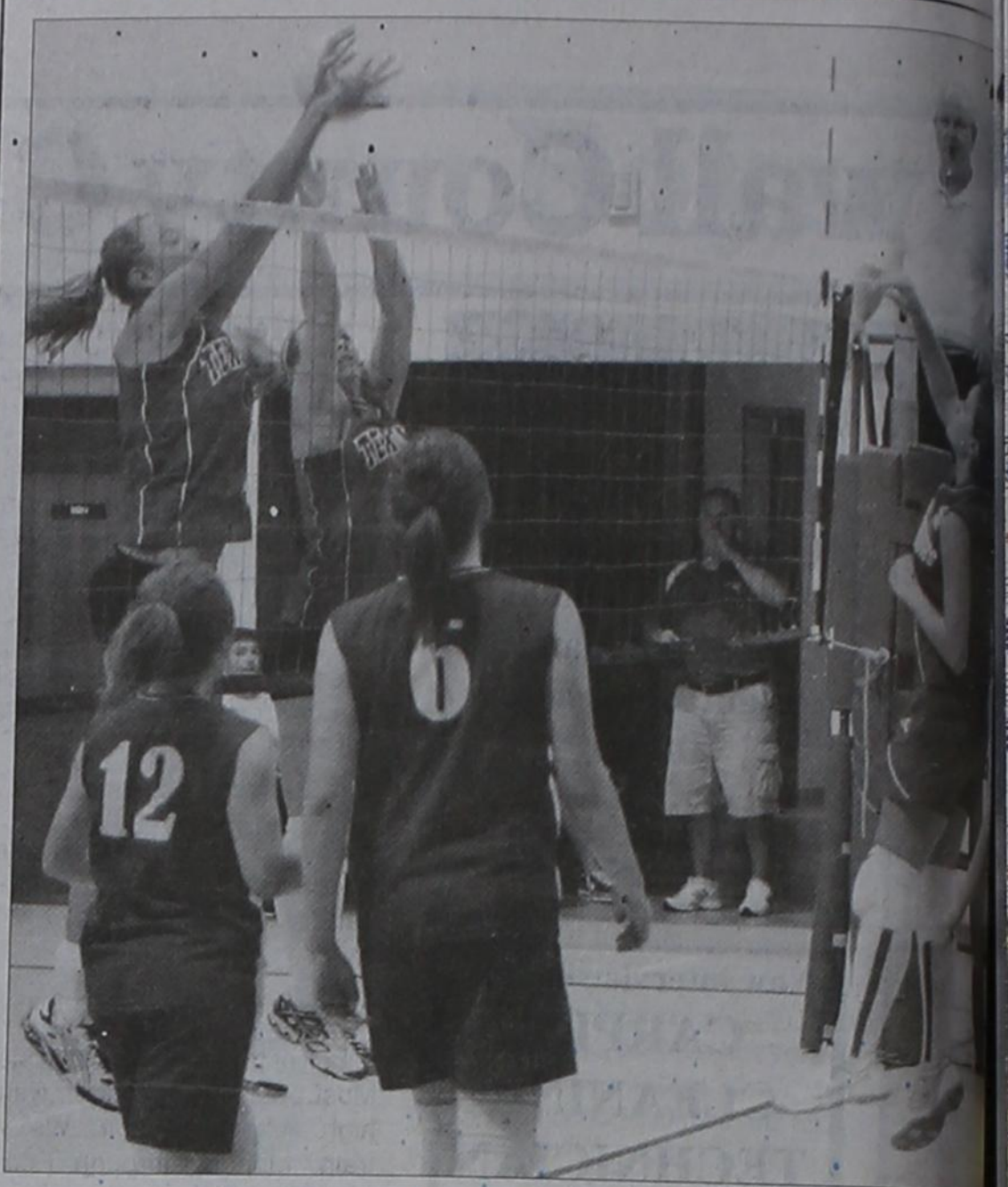
Injuries: none reported



Lady Bulldogs J.V. team members Erica Poe (4) and B.J. Farrar (6) stop a Greenville spike during Tuesday's game at Frisco. Ready for back-up support in the back is Jennifer Howard. Staff photo by Tim Burnett



Heath High School swimming coach Tommy Sacco works with swimmer Coral Pickar. Photo courtesy of Jan Miller



Rockwall Christian Academy (RCA) varsity volleyball team member Lauren spikes the ball through the hands of Texoma Christian School defenders during the RCA gym. Also in the play are (front, left to right) Megan Mooney (12), Jessica Danielle Robison (13). Texoma won 18-25, 22-25 and 5-25. Staff photo by Tim Burnett



The Rockwall Heath High School cheerleaders show off the more than 200 teddy bears collected from RHHS students during the first week of football season. Students gave the bears and donated money during their lunch periods which was used to buy additional bears as part of the Cheerleaders Community Service Program, "Heath Hawks Have A Heart." The bears were delivered to local charities. Photo courtesy of Krissy Edwards

RARTA plans Oct. 13 meeting

The Rockwall Area Retired Teachers Association will meet at 1:15 p.m. Oct. 13 for its regular monthly meeting.

Gene Burton, superintendent of the Rockwall Independent School District, and Superintendent Randy Hancock of the Royse City Independent School District will present the program, "Update and Status of the Rockwall County Schools." With the local population growth and the construction

necessary to keep pace, this topic should be of interest to all Rockwall County citizens.

RARTA meetings are open to all retired school employees and

their guests on the 10th month at the and Education 1050 Will

Lady Hawks district

The Hawks regrouped in the tiebreaker, however to 5-1 and 8-2 leads.

Jordan Hill's kill off a short set and service net cord by Laine Garret pushed the score to 10-4. Two more kills around an ace by Hailey Horton to point at 14-6.

Terrell hung on for one more point before set the match.

Heath continues district 10-4A play at home Park Sept. 19, with the freshman and junior varsity followed by the varsity at 6:30.

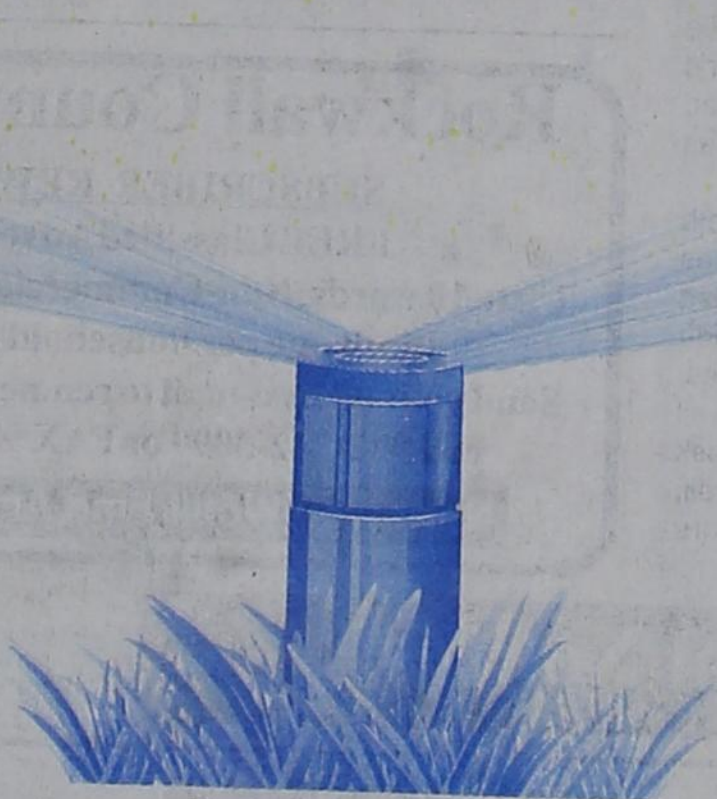
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