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News Briefs

Association sets meeting today
School Association will open its 23rd year service for school-aged children, birth through age five. The first meeting of the year will be on Friday (Friday) at the Free Methodist Church, 315 Dalton. Welcome, but are first-come, first-serve because. For more information, visit www.rockwallpre.org.

Recruiting meetings slated
Recruiting meetings for Rockwall County Girl Scouts are scheduled at Williams Middle School, 625 E. FM 552, on Thursday at Royse City Middle School, 1310 E. Hwy. 5, on Friday, Cain Middle School, 6620 RM. Grades 5 to 17 are invited to bring their parents to the meetings. Annual membership fee is \$10; however, it is available. For information contact Pat Sherwood at 972-00-442-2260 or visit www.gsnetx.org.

Offers DPS Citizens' Academy
The Department of Public Safety will present a 12-week DPS Citizens' Academy from 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. on Mondays beginning next month. The program will offer insight into public safety, including law enforcement, emergency medical training and other special services. For more information or an application contact Brian Burton at brburton@heathtx.com.

Open house at Amanda Rochell
Amanda Rochell Elementary will run from 6:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. Parents are urged to meet their child's teacher to discuss procedures and expectations. Rochell Rangers t-shirts also will be available for purchase.

Open house at Grace Hartman
Grace Hartman Elementary will take place Tuesday. The open house will begin at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday for students in grades 3-4. The open house for grades 5-6 will begin at 7 p.m. Tuesday start for grades 3-4. Open house for students in grades 5-6 are invited to the open house.

Open house at Howard Dobbs
Howard Dobbs Elementary students will begin at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday.

Open house at Dorris A. Jones
Dorris A. Jones Elementary will have an open house for students of the Dorris A. Jones Elementary. The open house for students in grades kindergarten through 2nd grade will run from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m., followed by 3rd through 5th grades from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Open house at Virginia Reinhardt
Virginia Reinhardt Elementary School students will have an open house on Tuesday. A "camp meeting" for students will follow the open house. The open house for K-2 students will be from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Tuesday. The open house for 3-5 students will be from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Tuesday.

Bookoff meeting set Tuesday
The 2008-09 year of Friends of the Library will be celebrated in the home of Gayle Albritton. The program, "Today's History," will be presented by David Albritton. Reservations required. Contact Leigh Albritton at cplagens65@aol.com by 5 p.m. today.

Early Bird Rotarians to host luncheon
Early Bird Rotary will sponsor the Jim Baker Luncheon to honor police and fire departments from Royse City, Union Valley, Fate and all Rockwall and Hunt County. The luncheon will be held on Thursday at the Royse City Hall. For more information contact Carol McCreanor at 903-348-4713 or cmccreanor@rcr.com.

Live Defensive Driving offered
A course designed to help older drivers cope with age-related changes in driving will be offered Thursday and Friday, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at The Center. The course will be open to drivers 65 and older; cost will be \$10. The same class will be offered on Saturday and Nov. 6-7. Class attendees will be eligible for a discount on their license renewal.

Badge Banquet Sept. 13
The Badge Banquet, sponsored by the Law Enforcement Officers' Association, will begin at 6 p.m. on Sept. 13 at the Hilton Bellaire. The executive chef will prepare dinner, live entertainment will be provided and the public will have the opportunity to meet and thank law enforcement officers. Officers from several area law enforcement agencies will be recognized. Tickets cost \$50 and may be purchased from any law enforcement officer or by calling Mike at 214-683-8122 or Dee at 214-325-3849.

Open house for Aspians Art Fair
The Aspians Arts & Crafts Fair, a Rockwall tradition for over 20 years, will be held on the old courthouse square in Rockwall from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Sept. 13. The bulk of the fair's proceeds go to fund scholarships given to high school seniors; and toward helping other organizations and individuals in need. For more information, visit the group's Web site at www.aspians.com.

Mental Health Support Groups meet Sept. 13
Mental Health Support groups will meet from 1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. on Sept. 13 at the Free Methodist Church, 1200 E. Yellowjacket. The session for people with mental illness will be from 1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.; the meeting for family members will be in the building from 2:30 p.m. to 4 p.m. For more information call Hall or Dee Whitfield at 972-030-1030.

Tai Chi program available
A program of Tai Chi is offered each Tuesday and Thursday from 9 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. at The Center. Tai Chi's slow movements are said to improve not only balance and coordination but also symptoms associated with arthritis, osteoporosis, diabetes, shingles, high blood pressure, COPD and other chronic conditions. The program may attend one or both classes. The first visit is free. Cost is \$7 per drop-in, \$60 for a 10-class package. For more information visit www.rockwall.com/ or call 972-774-0774.

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Rockwall High School cheerleaders celebrate as the Yellojackets outscored Midland Lee last week at the Midland Classic. Kick double flyer Shelby Kennard is supported by Ashley Grandstaff, Alex Macalik, Ashleigh Elsik and Melanie Day. Staff photo by Tim Burnett

Rockwall ISD trustees approve \$131 million budget

by Kathy Williams
The Rockwall ISD Board of Trustees on Monday, Aug. 25, unanimously approved a budget of \$131M for the 2008-2009 fiscal year, while keeping the same tax rate as last year. The budget is based on a projected 5% increase in student population for the coming year. The last three years have shown an 8% increase in student numbers. The average daily attendance for 2008-09 is projected to be 12,984.

In addition to approval of the operating budget, trustees unanimously agreed to a maximum price of \$23.5M for renovations to Utley Middle School. These funds are from the 2007 bond authorization. The existing structure will be turned into classrooms. Additions to the school will include common areas, a new library and cafeteria, offices and fine arts space. The new auditorium will feature a 1,500-seat theater.

Representatives from the architectural firm, SHW, which is working on the renovation designs, said the entrance to the school would be reconfigured. There are currently two doors at the front of the school that leave visitors confused as to which is the main entrance. The new design will have one entrance with a secure vestibule. The parking lot will also be redesigned to lead visitors towards the correct entrance.

The Utley gymnasium will undergo renovations, utilizing a design similar to that of other school gyms in the district. It will feature roll-out style bleachers that, when folded up, allow for space behind them as a practice gym.

The board also heard proposed design alterations to the Aquatics/Wellness Center to be built between Utley and the Wilkerson-Sanders Stadium. The board unanimously approved a guaranteed maximum price of \$16.9M for the center, with funds coming from the 2006 and 2007 bond authorizations. The cost of the center project is approximately \$1.6-\$1.7M over the original proposed budget, but items have been added and altered as the plan developed.

The SHW representatives said they sought community input for the center's design and amenities, and looked at the Frisco and Mansfield natatoriums as models for the Rockwall facility. They said some of the features

in the two natatoriums could be added to the Rockwall facility to enhance the original plan.

For instance, the original design called for one extended swimming pool that would be used for both swim competitions and public use. The new design has two pools; the larger pool with diving boards for competitions, and a smaller public pool without diving boards. One of the major benefits cited for having the separate pools is the need to only heat the larger pool when in use for competitions or by schools or other groups. Heating only the small pool, even though it will be in use more often, should cost less than heating one large, extended pool.

The pool deck and second floor seating have also been redesigned. The pool deck has been expanded to accommodate up to 1,000 people. The second floor spectator area will have restrooms, concessions stands, and 150 more seats than originally planned.

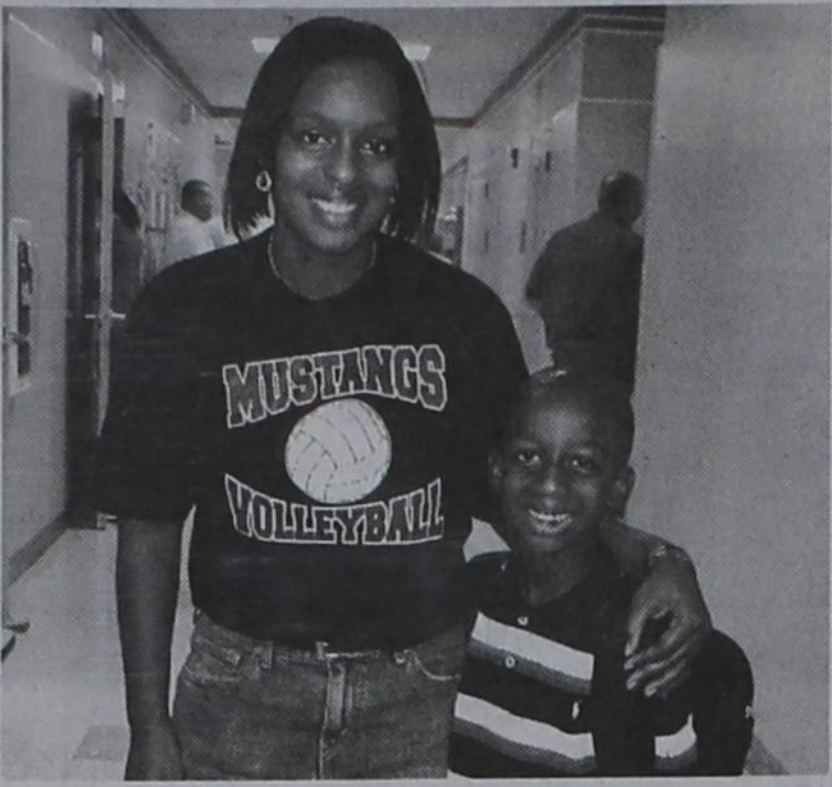
The builders said that, although the alterations to the plans increased the cost of the center by the 1.6-1.7M, by making the changes during the planning stage, and not having to go back to upgrade once the center is built, Rockwall is actually getting \$4 million worth of value with this design plan.

Dr. Gene Burton, RISD Superintendent, said the district would make the Aquatics Center available to other districts and municipalities, with the hope of attracting higher-level swimming competitions to Rockwall. "This will be a facility to be proud of. It will be a facility that will serve the community for many years to come," according to Burton.

In one last budgetary consideration at the meeting, the board unanimously approved \$3.1M for site work at Utley. The funds are from the 2007 bond authorization. Work will be done on the parking lots around Utley and the stadium in preparation for renovations to both facilities.

A student drop-off lane will loop around the back of the school and exit the parking lot on the south side. The existing front parking lot will be taken out and reshaped to work with the new school entrance, as will the parking lot in front of the stadium. The lot at the baseball field and

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It's all smiles and excitement for Pullen mom, Tracey Black, and her son, Jay, on his first day of kindergarten last week.. Photo courtesy of Marcia Carroll-Burzair

Concerns aired at Rockwall city council hearings

by Kathy Williams

The Rockwall City Council chambers overflowed into the lobby on Tuesday, Sept. 2 as dozens of citizens were in attendance to have their say on a number of important issues at the marathon session.

Most were there to speak against two annexation requests by the city. The first request involves approximately 168 acres east of FM 1141, south of Clem Road and west of FM 549, and adjoining the existing city limits.

The second annexation request involves approximately 1,505 acres located along the south side of SH 276 and west of FM 550, and adjoining the existing city limits.

RISD budget

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the bus parking lot will stay the same. Other parts of the existing large parking lot between the school and stadium will be restriped, with some parking spaces taken away by the renovations.

The tennis courts will be moved from the west side of the stadium to the east side. The courts will not be rebuilt with these funds, but grading will be done in preparation for that work.

These were the first required public hearings on the annexation requests. The second public hearing on the proposed annexations will be at 6 p.m., Monday, Sept. 15 during the City Council meeting.

The council also held a public hearing on the proposed tax rate for fiscal year 2008-2009. Only one citizen spoke, requesting a clearer description in the budget of how the funds are designated.

The proposed tax rate is 50.88 cents per \$100 valuation, which is down from the original proposed rate of 51.32 cents. The current tax rate is 48.65 cents per \$100 valuation. As this was a public hearing, no action was necessary by the council. They will vote on the proposed tax rate on Sept. 29.

A brief discussion was heard on the proposed Sept. 15 sale of \$9.5M in general obligation bonds for the completion of the Hwy. 205 bypass. They also considered an ordinance for the sale of combination tax and surplus revenue certificates of obligation to be used for water and sewer projects. This will also be voted on at the Sept. 15 city council meeting.

After a lengthy discussion, the council agreed to a lease extension with Marine Quest for the operation of Chandlers Landing Marina. Representatives from Marine Quest presented an outline of suggested upgrades and renovations to the marina and its surrounding grounds, including the addition of 50 new boat slips and renovations to existing docks.



Mr and Mrs Derwood Boren

Derwood and Boren celebrate 60 years of marriage

Derwood and Louise (Harper) Boren of Fate of marriage at a dinner with their family. They were married in 1939 in Terrell.

Derwood was 21 and Louise only 17 when they were married. They were married in Terrell, Texas. Derwood's sister and brother-in-law, left the movies with them and were witnesses.

During World War II, Derwood and Louise worked for the Army Air Corps in Garland. Derwood continued in the service from LTV in Grand Prairie. Mrs. Boren worked for the Army in Garland before quitting to raise her children and grandchildren.

The Borens have four children, Pat Lovell, Gerry Boren of Fate, Terry Boren of Garland and they have 13 grandchildren, 28 great-grandchildren.

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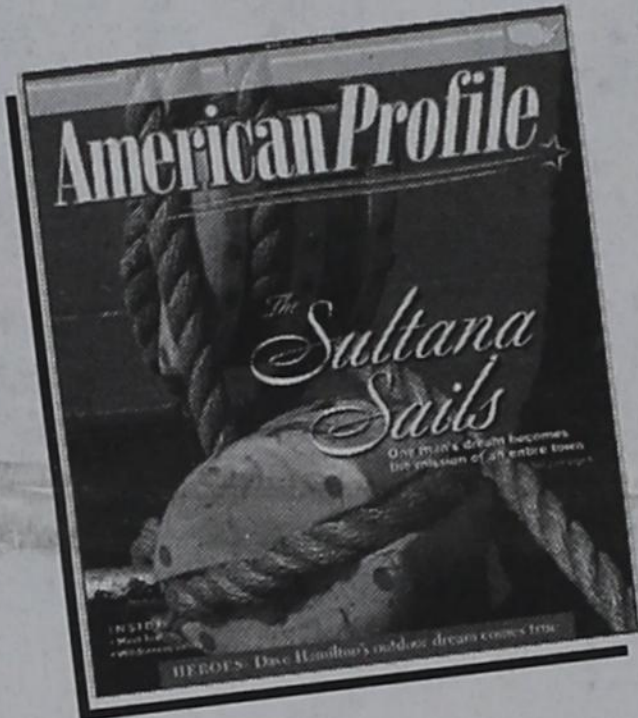
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Of Tax Revenue Increase

The City of Heath conducted public hearings on August 19, 2008 and September 02, 2008 on a proposal to increase the total tax revenues of the City of Heath from properties on the tax roll in the preceding year by 2.9 percent.

The total tax revenue raised last year at last year's tax rate of .3433 for each \$100 of taxable value was \$3,430,887.

The total tax revenue proposed to be raised this year at the proposed tax rate of .3433 for each \$100 of taxable value, excluding tax revenue to be raised from new property added to the tax roll this year, is \$3,509,631.

The total tax revenue proposed to be raised this year at the proposed tax rate of .3433 for each \$100 of taxable value, including tax revenue to be raised from new property added to the tax roll this year, is \$3,682,042.

The City Council is scheduled to vote on the tax rate that will result in the tax increase at a public meeting to be held on September 16, 2008 at the City Council Chambers, 200 Laurence Dr, Heath Texas at 7:30 p.m.

News Briefs

VNA to host memorial service

The Visiting Nurse Association will host its annual memorial service, which will run from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. Sept. 14 at the First United Methodist Church, 208 S. Houston Street, in Kaufman. The service will feature music, readings and the lighting of memorial candles. Attendees of all faiths are welcome. For more information call 972-962-7500 or 1-800-345-0576.

College, Career Week set at school

Dorris A. Jones Elementary School students will observe College and Career Week Sept. 15-19. Daily events will include Slip into College (students are urged to wear slippers to school); Get More Cash in Your Jeans; Mascot Day; Hats Off to College; and College Spirit Day (where students will be encouraged to wear the T-shirt of their favorite college).

Jazzercise available at The Center

Jazzercise for men and women combines a cardiovascular workout with resistance training and stretching to increase muscle tone, flexibility, balance, strength and endurance using easy-to-follow movements. Open to individuals 16 and older, one-hour classes are offered at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays and at 9:30 a.m. Saturdays. Monthly cost is \$30; an eight-week pass is \$75 and a 12-week pass is \$100. To register, call Chris Burkart at 972-551-2136.

American Legion makes meeting changes

Rockwall American Legion Post 117 has changed its meeting schedule. The group will meet quarterly in October, January, April and July at 6 p.m. with a meal and fellowship, followed by a business meeting and speaker at approximately 7 p.m. For more information contact Commander Ray Walker at 972-771-3682 or Chuck Bealmeat at 469-698-0114. All veterans are invited.

RHS PTA sets first meeting

The Rockwall High School PTA will conduct its first meeting of the year at 6:30 p.m. Sept. 22 prior to the school's open house.

Seminar to address senior scams

The Rockwall County Committee on Aging will host a seminar at 1 p.m. Sept. 25 to address many of the scams that target senior citizens. Representatives of the Roysie City Police, Senior Source, Adult Protective Services and Network Realty will present the program. The event will take place in the Evergreen Apts. Clubhouse, 1325 S. Goliad. Seating is limited; reservations required. To RSVP, call 9720771-9514 by Sept. 23.

Diabetes education course offered

The Texas AgriLife Extension Service will offer a 5-week diabetes education program, 'Do Well, Be Well with Diabetes,' in October. This educational program is designed to help people with Type 2 diabetes learn the skills they need to understand and manage the disease. The program begins at 2 p.m. Oct. 7 at the County Extension Office, 1350 E. Washington, Rockwall. Call Emily Nichols, FCS Extension agent, at (972) 204-7660 to register.

Computer basics course slated

A class entitled Computers-Just the Basics will run from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Oct. 7 and Oct. 9 at The Center. Open to individuals ages 50 and older, the class is designed to familiarize participants with computer operation fundamentals. Cost is \$20. For more information visit www.rockwall.com/parks or call 972-771-7740.

Seniors' Exploring the Net class offered

Exploring the Net, a class for individuals ages 50 and older, will be offered from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays Oct. 14-30 at The Center. Participants will learn about browsers, how to use search engines, e-mail, address books and other Internet-related topics. Cost will be \$50. For more information visit www.rockwall.com/parks or call 972-771-7740.

The Center to host Senior Health Fair

The 7th Annual Senior Health Fair will take place from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Nov. 5 at The Center. Refreshments will be served, door prizes will be given away and flu and pneumonia shots will be available.

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Parks-Heath Elementary School WalkSmart Program

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Parks-Heath 5th graders "WalkSmart" for good health

Parks-Heath 5th graders are taking their "WalkSmart" program to the next level. Denise Bennett and Jeanine Thomas of Excel came to the school and presented a pedometer to each 5th grader and their teachers. This program will be a cross-curricular activity conducted by the 5th grade teachers and the physical education teachers. This program will also allow students to use geography, history and social studies as they track their progress with the online program. Students will also track their progress of physical activity through an on-line journal and colorful pie charts to visualize their progress. A typical goal for a child is to achieve 12,000 steps a day, which equals 2 hours of activity. This also empowers students to be accountable for their own wellness. Thomas said, "We hope to continue to support Amy Parks and RISD in the future by possibly expanding the program to other grades."



The recent Rockwall County 4-H Awards event were (left to right) Michelle Morris, Don Malone and Millie Malone. Rockwall County 4-H

Rockwall 4-H presents annual awards to outstanding members

Rockwall County 4-H presented its annual awards to outstanding members at the 4-H Historic House. Shelby Rowe participated in the 4-H District Horse Show. Club members recognized for participating in state 4-H activities included Don Malone and Mollie Malone in Shooting Sports Competitions; Mollie Malone, State 4-H Photography Contest and Gomez, Mollie Malone and Morgan Reynolds.

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Jane Bounds: The First Lady of Rockwall County news

by Kathy Williams

There is a lot of talk about "the future" these days. With the upcoming presidential election, many are talking about the future of our country, our economy, and our standing in the eyes of the world. A new fiscal year will begin soon, and local governments and residents are talking about the future of our city, our county and our schools. There is certainly plenty of talk about the future of Rockwall streets and will construction ever be complete?

We wonder what the future holds for our children - will they ever know the simple pleasures of life we talk about with longing in our voices, wishing things could once again be the way they were when we were young? Was life really that much better, or has the passing of time created these idyllic memories to help us through our later years?

The sale of the Rockwall County News has also brought up talk of the future and a new era in reporting the happenings of the county. There are new jobs to be had, new advertising to sell, a fresh eye through which to watch the growth of the community.

As the RCN takes on this new challenge, we have also taken a look back to see how the paper has gotten where it is today, and what lessons we can learn from the past. What does the community expect of us? What can we offer in return?

A Family's Dream

A brief history of newspapers in Rockwall is outlined on this page. One publication worth noting and revisiting is the Rockwall Texas Success. Although it has been out of publication for 20 years, it remains the standard to which newspapers in Rockwall County, past and present, aspire. It set the bar for coverage of hometown news, integrity in reporting, the importance of community involvement, and living a dream as a family, through good times and bad, with determination and good ol' pioneer spirit.

The newspaper dream began in the Bounds family with father, Philip J. Bounds Sr., and his two sons, Philip J. Bounds Jr., and Glenn D. Bounds. P.J. Sr. was born in Royse City in 1898. In 1924, he moved his young family to Mexia, Texas to take advantage of the oil boom there, although he was a newspaperman at heart.

Through their growing years, it was the dream of the two brothers and their father to own a newspaper together. P.J. Jr. became the youngest newspaper editor Texas when he took the reigns of The Mexia Daily News, working alongside his brother and father. He served as editor until the outbreak of World War II put their dream on hold. P.J. Jr. volunteered for military service with the U.S. Army in 1942 and served in Europe until his discharge in 1945.

Disaster struck the family when Cpl. Glenn D. Bounds was killed in action on April 20, 1944, en route to Italy from Africa in a military convoy. This tragedy claimed the lives of 552 military men, and is one of the single greatest losses of World War II.

After his discharge, P.J. Jr. returned to his post as editor in Mexia. In 1946, Bounds and his father became co-owners-publishers of The Leonard Graphic in Leonard, Texas. They sold this paper and moved to Tyler, where P.J. Jr. worked for The Tyler Morning Telegraph.

The Rockwall Texas Success

In June 1949, the father-son team reunited with the purchase of the Rockwall Texas Success. Upon P.J. Sr.'s death in 1955, his wife, Geneva Bounds, became active with the publication of the paper until her retirement in 1966.

In 1961, P.J. Jr. left the newspaper and joined The Cottrell Company, which built offset printing machines for newspapers. It was at this time his wife, Jane, became editor-publisher of the Rockwall Texas Success. Mr. Bounds retired from The Cottrell Company in 1975 and died in 1976.

Their daughter, Joy Bounds Greenwalt, said, "When I'm asked about my mother, I say she came from an early Texas pioneer family of Scottish descent. The family came to central Texas around 1850. She came from that spirited people."

Jane Bounds is from Coolidge, Texas in Limestone County, where she met P.J. Jr. They were married in Mexia in 1942. As a young bride, with her family off to war, Jane worked for Pure Oil Company in Mexia, saving her wages to help the family buy a newspaper when they returned.

Joy and her sister, Jill, grew up in the newspaper office on the Rockwall Square. Joy said she had a dollhouse in the back of the shop where she used to play. She also set up a schoolhouse in the front, using a stack of newspapers as a desk as she taught the dolls she lined up as her 'students.' She said growing up, the girls would wander around the square, visiting their neighbors. She also said she often went to the courthouse, going up and down the stairs, visiting the offices. She eventually worked for the paper, writing articles and selling advertising.

Jane Bounds

Joy said her mother was from a ranching family, but soon "caught the newspaper fever. She wrote, she kept the books, she was a good listener, and she was an advocate for the community."

Jane added that she didn't want to work in the family business at first, but "my 40 years were good, very exciting. It was hard work, but it was wonderful."

The secrets to her mother's success, according to Joy, were her ability to listen and her belief in confidentiality. Joy said the newspaper office always had a pot of coffee brewing, and people would come in just to sit and talk. She said she is sure her mother was privy to all sorts of important information from these talks, "but we never heard it. She never came home and talked about what she knew."

Jane received many awards over the years, honoring her work at the paper and her service to the community. In February 1988, she was the first

woman inducted into the Rockwall Rotary her its Community Service Award. In 1983 Hobby presented the Rockwall Texas Success for 100 years of continuous business operation. Other awards and honors included:

- 1983 Ted Lyon, State Senator, 100 Success
- 1984 Rockwall Chamber of Commerce
- 1988 Named by the Rockwall Review influential women in Rockwall County
- 1990 Young Democrats Special Recognition
- 1992 Rockwall Crimestopper president
- 1993 Community Builder Award from the Texas Trinity Lodge #157
- 1995 Frank Springer Award from Rockwall
- Several awards from Rockwall ISD and coverage and promotion of educational programs
- 1999 Paralee Hale Award from Soroptimists

Jane is quick to say her success was due to several individuals who helped her through the Sparks as a "good friend who had a wonderful sense of humor and was the same age as Jane's daughters' life-long friends.

She also said her family was close to R.A. the paper from him. Jane said he was "a lovely him. I tried to carry on his work and his spirit per celebrated its centennial in 1983, the man also honored at the celebration.

When Gaines sold the paper to the Bounds' roll-top desk and chair, which Jane used until the Bounds family sold the newspaper that same chair and other historical documents to the Foundation. The desk and chair are currently Foundation Museum at Harry Myers Park.

Joy said her favorite quote by her mother c as Jane accepted the Paralee Hale Award in 1 "I've said it before; good news is at every turn your eyes downcast. Look up, you might just er make a positive difference in someone's life."



Jane Bounds recalls her active life at the Rockwall Texas Success. Staff Photo by Tim Burnett



Jane Bonds (left) reviews a copy of the Rockwall Texas Success Centennial Edition with her daughter Joy Greenwalt. Staff Photo by Tim Burnett

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Jane Bounds; Breaks the 'Glass Ceiling'

by Kathy Williams

Mrs. Bounds was not only a committed journalist and confidant to those seeking her wisdom and advice; she was also an early supporter of women's rights. The newspaper did not overtly campaign for equality for women, nor did Mrs. Bounds march in the streets demanding change. But, through her work and ability to connect with people, she brought about that change in a dignified and professional manner.

She sought this change not just as a woman and mother of two daughters, but as a professional woman who believed she and other working women deserved the same professional courtesies as their male counterparts.

One particular incident, and her response to it, demonstrates her ability to bring about change in a constructive, positive manner. Mrs. Bounds' column, Another Week, is reprinted with permission from the Bounds family.

Another Week

(From the Rockwall Texas Success in January 1972)

We have been waiting for the opportune time for our topic of discussion in Another Week. The glad tidings of Christmas and New Year's have passed with the season.

The Success did not choose to mar the excitement of the football season with our story, especially in the final weeks of the State-Play-Offs. Nor, did the Christmas and New Year's season seem apropos.

It is with some spirit of regret, however, that we report to you, our readers, of an incident involving your publisher, the writer of this column. The date was Friday, December 15, 1972. The place: San

Angelo State University Stadium in San Angelo, Texas at the Semi-Finals between Rockwall and Alpine.

On this date, your spokesman for The Rockwall Texas Success was denied the right to stay in the Press Box at San Angelo, because of the fact that she is a woman. A sign posted in the press section clearly stated this ruling.

The woman was told that a woman sports writer, representing a neighboring daily newspaper was instructed in the same manner. She worked her story from the sidelines the same evening. Also, a similar incident, involving a woman from a West Texas publication was denied the same privilege weeks earlier. However, we are not pleading their cause...only ours.

The Superintendent of Rockwall Schools and another faculty member accompanied this Success spokesman from the bleachers to the Press Box and hinted en route they had been told a woman reporter would not be allowed to stay. Just inside the press section, a San Angelo so-called authority told me there was a policy against women in the room. Naturally this writer pleaded our cause to the man, stating that The Success felt this was discrimination and that women are often associated in newspaper publishing and allied fields of reporting.

The informant reported the stadium was owned by San Angelo Public Schools, that he enforced the policy, but did not make the ruling.

The experience, we must admit, was embarrassing, as well as humiliating, since Rockwall's citizens traveled to West Texas via chartered airplanes, buses, and every mode of transportation. The home-

town newspaper spokesman.

Local school pressed regret of ever.

It appears to officials and Board ever-conscious of compliance of FA (namely Civil R overlooked the of sex-discrimination.

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In the capacity of lisher for some associate in the for fifteen years, paigned in behalf of women's liberal Nor have we ever endorsing equal per se, until now the interests of curring the fourth estate press.

We might consider be another sequel some future date.

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Geneva Bounds (left to right), Joy Bounds Greenwalt and Jane Bounds celebrating Rockwall's Centennial in 1954, outside the Rockwall Texas Success newspaper office on the square downtown Rockwall. Photo from the Bounds Family Archives

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On God's Word

by Timothy W. Burnett

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Believing ... look unto Jesus Christ

Believing is a fundamental and simple part of life. God designed us to believe. More importantly, He wants us to believe His Word. Why? Because God knows we inherently need what He has to offer. And His good pleasure is to supply all of our need according to His riches in glory through Christ Jesus.

Our greatest need was met when Jesus Christ did God's will and willfully gave his life as God's purchased price for all of mankind. Not only is it now available to be rescued from the bondage of everlasting death, but to also live more-than-abundant lives.

The perfect example for living more than abundantly as a believer can be seen in the life of Jesus Christ. Go to Hebrews 12:1-2.

"...let us run with patience the race that is set before us. Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of faith, who for the joy that was set before

him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God." The word "finisher" is better translated to mean "perfecter." After having seen all the examples of believing in Hebrews 11, Christians are to ultimately look unto Jesus Christ who perfected believing. He believed to perfectly fulfill all the law. And for the joy that was set before him, he endured crucifixion unto death. He believed God perfectly. Then God raised him from the dead and sat him at His own right hand of authority.

As Christians faithfully continue in fellowship with God, they can prevent themselves from being wearied and fainting by looking unto Jesus Christ the Lord. Although they were not called to the cross as he was, Christians can still endure those painful and difficult times in life for the joy that is set before them. For when they were filled with holy spirit and were born-again, they gained the joy and hope that is in the return of Christ Jesus.

Read 1Thessalonians 4:13-18 and 1Corinthians 15:51-54 to learn more about Christ's return for all born-again children of God during this Age of Grace. This is our comfort and joy as we plunge forward in believing God's rightly divided Word unto fulfilling the victorious more-than-abundant life God has promised.

"But thanks be to God which gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ" (1Corinthians 15:57).

FUMC Rockwall's 'Tis the Season Bazaar set for Saturday, Nov. 1

November 1 is the day to set aside to begin your holiday shopping. It's the day for the Twelfth Annual UMW Bazaar and Craft Fair at First United Methodist Church in Rockwall and you will want to be there! There will be very stylish handmade crafts and home décor items, plus tasty baked goods, and great baking pecans that are almost twice the size of those in some of the grocery stores. The Café will offer yummy prepared items you won't be able to turn down easily.

This year will also bring something new: an antiques and collectibles area with various items donated by members of the church. There are already some real treasures tucked safely away and new things coming in weekly.

All proceeds from the Bazaar, as well as vendor booth rental fees and the small admission charge, go to the mission work of the United Methodist Women. The Church is located at 1200 E. Yellowjacket Lane. For booth information (including size), please call Valerie Sandman at 972-771-7529. There will only be about fifty booths in the space available for vendors, and space is going fast! For general information, call Kathy Lane at 972-977-3922.

Behind the Badge Banquet set Sept. 13

The 2008 Annual Behind the Badge Banquet, sponsored by the Law Enforcement Support Committee, will begin at 6 p.m. on Sept. 13 at the Hilton Bella Harbor.

The Hilton's executive chef will prepare dinner, and members of the public will have the opportunity to meet and greet local law enforcement officers.

Officers from the Heath Department of Public Safety, the Rockwall County Sheriff's Department and Sheriff's Posse, the Rockwall Police Department, the Roysie City Police Department and the Texas Department of Public Safety are scheduled to receive special awards and recognition.

Following the meal, comedians from the Addison Improv will provide entertainment, and J.D. Cobb and Bad Behavior will provide live music.

Tickets to the event cost \$50 and may be purchased from a local law enforcement officer or by calling Mike at 214-228-8457, Jon at 214-683-8122 or Dee at 214-325-3849.

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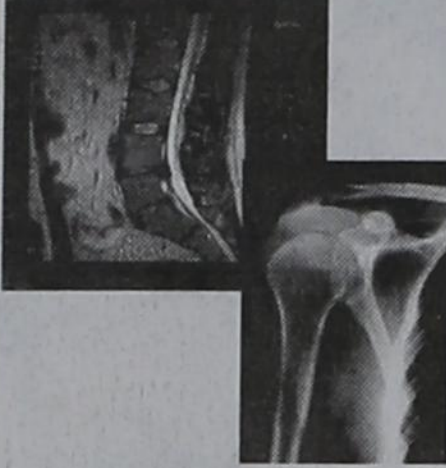
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Galen Odell Cauble, age 87 of Cumby, TX, born October 20, 1920, in Fate, TX, to Hilbert Mr. Cauble proudly served his country in the military as an aircraft mechanic. Mr. Cauble is survived by his wife: Mildred; sons: Dennis Cauble of Fate, TX, and Jerry grandchild: Sarah Haldoman, Jacob Caub, Hannah, Lisa Downs and Brad and Chris Cauble by his parents; and first wife Thera May Duncan. Funeral services were held 2 p.m., Wednesday, September 3, 2008, at Rockwall Chapel with Interment was in Rockwall Memorial Cemetery.

Craig "R.D." Miller, age 81 of Fate, TX, died March 3, 1927, in Stephenville, TX, to Je Miller. Craig was a member of the First Baptist on the City Council for many years. He also served as a fix-it-man who also enjoyed gardening and working on cars. He loved his family and will be dearly missed. Craig is survived by his wife: Rosie Miller; six daughters: Virginia Fowler and husband Jimmy Whisenhunt and husband Mike of Garland, TX, Linda Hahn and husband Mike of McAllen, TX; grandsons: Colby and Royce Miller; Dusty Broadfoot, Rusty and Amber Whisenhunt, Kimberly Ahmed and De grandchild; brother: Lowell Wayne Miller and VA; sister: Ann Evans and husband Pete of Granddaddy family. He was preceded in death by his parents and daughters: Kathy Duff and Jo Wanda Miller. Funeral services were held 10:00 a.m. Thursday, September 4, 2008, at Rest Haven Funeral Home-Rockwall Chapel. Interment was in Rockwall Memorial Park.

Ruth Kifer, age 71, were conducted by the Christian Church in Rockwall. The Neptune Society will handle the arrangements. She died Aug. 27.

Born July 26, 1937, in Dexter, Missouri, she was the wife of James Kifer. Following her retirement from the military, she moved to Rockwall to be close to her grandchildren and especially enjoyed her job in the school crossing guard. She was active in the Red Cross, having visited more than 10 foreign countries in the United States.

Survivors include her daughters, Lesa Trickett, LaVerna, and Robin Mee and husband, William, of Rockwall; and grandchildren, Justin Trickett, Brittany Trickett, Mallory Mee, and Robin Mee. (Obituaries continued on page 7)

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of Sikeston, Missouri; and numerous nieces and

sted memorials may be made to First Christian 375 Ridge Road, Rockwall, TX 75032.

Adele D. Mayham

Mayham, 87, of Terrell were conducted at 10 a.m. in the Chisholm Baptist Church. Burial was at National Cemetery. The Rest Haven Funeral Home-charge of arrangements.

Newark, N.J., to George and Ora Keefe, she was a member of the Chisholm Baptist Church.

her husband, Tom Mayham; her daughters, Alice Patty Vance and husband, Mike, Debbie Robbins son, Scott Mayham and wife, Karen; and numerous grandchildren.

Pat Sheehan

of Rockwall, TX, and previous 15 year resident of 1215 E. Yellow Jacket, Rockwall, TX 75087. She was born January 18, 1944, to James and Ann (Shelales) Sheehan. Pat worked in the retail industry.

her son: Stoney Johnson & wife Kristen of Roysie City Endtricht of Rockwall, TX; sister: Helen Sheehan six grandchildren: Trevor, Justin, Michael, Thomas, was preceded in death by her parents; son: Delmas Thomas.

Services were held Tuesday, September 2, 2008, at Rest Haven Funeral Home Chapel with Dr. Aubrey Patterson officiating. Burial in Rest Haven Memorial Park.

Amie Elizabeth Sigmon

of Rockwall, TX, died Sept. 2, 2008. She was born 1920, in Fox, AR, to Grover and Mahaley (Johnson)

Cummings.

Mrs. Sigmon married Thomas J. Sigmon on Nov. 6, 1942. She lived most of her life in Roysie City and graduated high school there.

Mrs. Sigmon was a lifetime member of DAV Auxiliary 175 in Mesquite and volunteered with the V.A. Hospital in Dallas for 17 years. She was employed as a seamstress with Stockton Manufacturing Company in Dallas for 30 years and was a member of Graham Point Baptist Church.

Mrs. Sigmon is survived by her son, Tommy David Sigmon of Dallas, daughter, Glenda McCarty of Seagoville, sister, Dorothy Sexton of Roysie City, grandchildren, Troy Eads of Dallas, Matthew Sigmon of Crandall, Kim Tedford and husband David of Seagoville, and Madison Sigmon of Crandall; great-grandchildren; Brittany and Travis Kammerdiener, and a host of nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death her parents, her husband, six brothers, and one sister.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m., Friday, Sept. 5, 2008, at Rest Haven Funeral Home-Roysie City Chapel. Interment will follow in Roysie City Cemetery. The family will receive friends Thursday, Sept. 4 from 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Johannes Vollers

John Vollers, D.C., 55, of Rockwall died at 3:50 a.m. on Aug. 30, 2008, from complications of leukemia. Private memorial services, under the direction of the Rest Haven Funeral Home, are planned.

Born May 16, 1953, in Chicago, Ill., to Kurt and Melanie Vollers, he grew up in Kenosha, Wisc. and attended Fettes College in Edinburgh, Scotland, where he played basketball and rugby. He graduated from Southern Illinois University in 1974 and the Los Angeles College of Chiropractic in 1977. He was a resident of Rockwall, as well as a member of Lake Pointe Church, for the last three years of his life. Prior to moving to Rockwall he resided in Whittier, Calif., where he practiced chiropractic and nutritional medicine for 28 years.

After learning he had contracted leukemia, he began a pursuit for answers to his disease, and in that pursuit his research and wisdom helped many others with the same condition.

Survivors include his wife Debbie Vollers of Rockwall; his sons, Kurt Vollers and wife, Heather, of Dallas and Hans Vollers of Rockwall; his daughters, Elizabeth Vollers Kanczewski and husband, Nick, of Marquette, Mich., and Danielle Vollers of San Gabriel, Calif.; a granddaughter, Sophie Vollers of Dallas; his mother, Melanie Vollers of Houston; his brothers, Kurt Vollers of Houston and Pete Vollers and wife, Linda, of San Leon; his sisters, Brigitta Vollers of Houston and Susie Vollers of Arcadia, Calif.; an uncle, Karl Hock and wife, Liz, of Kenosha, Wisc.; his nephews, Kurt Danson and wife, Robin, of Houston, Chris Danson of Houston, Jack Ulrich of Temecula, Calif., and Justin Ulrich of Ava, Missouri; and many friends.

He was preceded in death by his father, Kurt, and his grandmother, Maria Brenner.

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Rockwall County Entertainment

Entertainment Briefs

Fall auditions set for Children's Chorus

Rockwall Children's Chorus Fall Auditions will be conducted from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday at the First United Methodist Church, Rockwall. Call Lori at 972-722-8187 to schedule an audition.

Astronomy Day set Saturday

The Texas Astronomical Society and Russell Planetarium will offer Astronomy Day, "Big Universe," beginning at 2 p.m. at the Russell Planetarium in Mesquite. Activities will begin with a free planetarium show, followed by a solar observance and an evening stargazing. Astronomy and space-related lectures, along with mirror grinding demonstrations, also will be offered. The event is free and open to the public. For more information, visit www.texasastro.org.

RHS cheerleaders plan Cabaret shows

The Rockwall High School cheerleaders will host their 21st annual Cabaret fundraiser at performances set for Saturday and Sunday. Shows will be conducted at the Williams Middle School Theater. The Saturday matinee show will begin at 1 p.m.; doors will open at 12:30 p.m. Ticket price will be \$8. A 6:30 p.m. dinner show also will be offered, with doors opening at 6 p.m. Tickets will cost \$15. The final show is scheduled for 3 p.m. Sunday. Doors will open at 2:30 p.m. Tickets will cost \$8. Advanced ticket purchases are suggested. Tickets may be purchased from any RHS cheerleader. For more information call 214-929-6455.

Planet Kidz offered on Saturdays

From 7 p.m. to 11 p.m. each Saturday night, youths in grades 3 through 8 can be dropped off at the Cain Middle School Gym for a safe, fun evening of professionally supervised activities, including games, music, inflatable rides and contests. Cost is \$9 each week. For more information and a complete schedule of dates, call 972-772-6000 or visit planet.kidz.org.

Next Lunch & Learn set Sunday

The next Lunch & Learn event, sponsored by the Zaner Robison Historical Museum at Royse City, will be conducted Sunday. The topic will be "Bulldog Days of Glory." Cost will be \$6 for members, \$10 for non-members. Make plans to visit the "Z" museum. For more information, visit www.roysecitymuseum.com.

Tea, reception planned for grandparents

In conjunction with September's Grandparent's Day observance, the charter members of the Grandparent Century Club of the Rockwall Independent School District Education Foundation Inc. and Foundation Staff will host a tea and reception at 3 p.m. Tuesday at the RISD Administration/Education Center, 1050 Williams St. To join the Grandparent Century Club, an individual must either have or have had grandchildren in the RISD and contribute \$100 to the Foundation. For more information contact Cindy Benefield at 972-771-0605.

Inner City All Stars to perform

The Inner City All Stars will be in concert beginning at 7 p.m. Thursday as part of the Jazz at Sunset series at The Harbor Amphitheatre stage. Upcoming concerts will include the Texas Gypsies on Sept. 11, Corner Pocket on Sept. 18 and Fingerprints on Sept. 25.

Square dance lessons begin Thursday

Lessons for beginner square dancing will begin Thursday in the Williams Administration Building, 1050 Williams St., in Rockwall. The first two lessons will be offered free of charge. For more information, contact the Rockwall Square and Round Dancing Club's Don or Natalie Hagler, 972-771-2802; John or Charlotte Chupik, 469-338-0021 or 214-538-7746; Claudine Bendorf at 972-557-2869; or the City of Rockwall Parks & Recreation Department, 972-771-7740.

Dance classes offered

Couples-only classes in beginning Progressive Double Two (a triple rhythm two-step with West Coast Swing movements), salsa and triple swing will be offered this month and next month at the Rockwall High School Cafeteria Annex. Cost is \$50 per couple. For more information or to register, contact the Rockwall Independent School District's Community Education Department, 1050 Williams St., Rockwall, 972-771-0605.

Brown Bag Lecture Series begins

The Rockwall County Historical Foundation will conduct the first of its Brown Bag Lecture Series of the fall season on Sept. 12. The program, "School Namesakes: Living and Learning," will focus on living namesakes and their continued contributions to the campuses that bear their names. The monthly meetings are conducted in the Courthouse on the Square at noon, are free and open to the public. Attendees are welcome to bring a lunch.

Ping pong tournaments scheduled

The first of upcoming monthly ping pong tournaments for individuals ages 50 and older is set for Sept. 12 beginning at 10 a.m. at The Center. Upcoming events are set for Oct. 15, Nov. 14 and Dec. 3. Fee is \$3. Drinks and snacks will be provided for players.

Line dancing class offered for adults

Line-dancing classes for adults will be offered at The Center from 11 a.m. to noon Saturdays from Sept. 13 to Oct. 25 and from Nov. 1 through Dec. 13. Participants will learn the basic dance patterns. The class is available to individuals ages 12 and older. Fee is \$36. For details visit www.rockwall.com/parks or call 972-771-7740.

Western Dancing classes scheduled

Individuals ages 18 and older can participate in the Western Dancing classes at The Center. Classes will run from noon to 1 p.m. Sept. 13-Oct. 25 and Nov. 1-Dec. 13. Cost is \$72. For more information visit www.rockwall.com/parks.

Rockwall artist's exhibit benefits Cystic Fibrosis

by Dawn Richardson

The photography of Jason Janik, a 1992 graduate of Rockwall High School, is currently on exhibit at the Kettle Art Gallery in Deep Ellum. The show will wrap up this Saturday, Sept. 6.

Titled "A Decade of Texas Music," the exhibit will benefit the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation. "So far we've raised \$1,500 and hopefully this weekend, we can match or exceed that," stated Janik. "I wanted to do something beneficial with the exhibit and I'm glad to have a really important charity like this."

Janik has about 35 images on display at the exhibit. The photos show a wide variety of authentic Texas music; Janik said he has included something for everyone. There are images of older, more well known artists, such as Willie Nelson, as well as newer and younger artists - some that are brand new.

"You can go anywhere and see 'big names'," said Janik, but this exhibit will display photos of real Texas musicians for true Texas music fans. "When you see all of these photos together, you can see how special the Texas music scene really is. It makes the music and artists seem more tangible."

Janik has photographed many local artists from Dallas, Fort Worth, "and even Rockwall," as well as from other areas of Texas. "Basically I've made a career out of doing something I love." Janik said that even if people don't find something at the exhibit they would like to buy (which he hopes they will) they can still make a donation to Cystic Fibrosis.

The exhibit started on Aug. 29 and will wrap up this weekend, starting at

7 p.m. on Thursday, Aug. 4 through Saturday, Aug. 6. The band "Smile Smile" will perform at the exhibit that they are a duo that combines "a little country to lend to the atmosphere of the whole event. Friday will perform - a band that is jazzy, sort of martini-modern twist to it.

Finally, on Saturday night, Club Dada, which is at the Kettle Art Gallery, will open its doors and stage to the cause by having local bands after they've viewed the exhibit there will be many local bands performing that night including hip-hop and punk.

To view some of Jason's photos and art, visit www.kettleartgallery.com or donate to a good cause, the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation weekend to the Kettle Art Gallery, at 2714 Elm Street, Rockwall, TX. For more information on the gallery, visit [kettleartgallery.com](http://www.kettleartgallery.com).

'Night on the Nile' Art Gala set Oct. 19

The Rockwall County Alliance for the Arts Gala, A Night on the Nile, is scheduled for Oct. 19 at the Hilton Bella Harbor.

The event will open with cocktails served in an atmosphere rich with art exhibits and piano music. Following cocktails a meal prepared by the Hilton's chefs will be served to the accompaniment of the Texas Winds String Trio.

Next the bidding will open for the Celebrity Art Auction featuring artwork created by local celebrities: Dr. Carol Poole, Julie Couch, Dr. Joan Terry, Dr. Debbie Smothermon and Mary McClure - all mentored by professional artists Laura Whitmore, Joetta Currie and Jim Bryant. In addition there will be a silent auction of both donated artwork and musical performances by Texas Winds String Trio, Rockwall Children's Chorus and Lakeside Civic Chorus.

Following the auction and dinner, celebrities from the community will take to the dance floor during the Alliance's version of Dancing With the Stars. Rockwall City Councilman Mark Russo will be performing a waltz, and Amy Parks Elementary School principal Dan Crawford will demonstrate a Cha Cha. Justin Holland, with the American National Bank Commercial Loans Division, will be dancing the Merengue with his wife, Neely. Donna Mussotter, director of the Indigent Health Care Program for Rockwall County, will be dancing Swing with her husband, George. After weeks of training with professional dance instructor Margaret Kochan, the competitors' performances will be voted on by audience members and scored by a panel of judges including: Leigh Plagens, Dennis Bailey and Paul Longinotti.

To end the evening, the dance floor will be opened to everyone as the 15-piece band, Nobles of Note led by Director Gary Zerfas, provides two hours of dance music.

The evening's proceeds will benefit Rockwall Community Playhouse, Rockwall Children's Chorus, Lakeside Civic Chorus, Rockwall Art League, Rockwall Historical Foundation, Youth ArtReach Grants and MusicFest.

The Alliance also is offering the Pharaoh's Package, which includes: wine-tasting and accommodations at the Hilton Bella Harbor, Sunday brunch at Blue Canyon, an afternoon cruise on Seawolf and tickets to the gala.

For more information, call Kathleen Morrow at 972-772-1111.

Preschool music program

Preschool music program offered

A class that will allow parents and their children ages 1-5 to learn and sing traditional and original songs while following a structured curriculum to learn rhythm and tonal patterns will be offered Mondays beginning next week and running through Dec. 8.

As part of the Half Notes Music program, participants also will be introduced to various types of musical instruments and sounds while singing and participating in hands-on activities: puppets, props and kid-friendly instruments.

The free 45-minute class will take place at The Center on the following schedule: 9:30 a.m. to 10:15 a.m.; 10:30 a.m. to 11:15 a.m.; 1 p.m. to

1:45 p.m. and 2 p.m. to 2:45 p.m.

Kami Beck will serve as instructor.

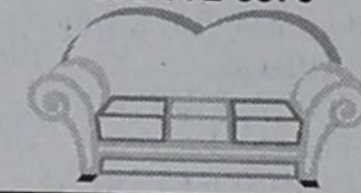
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Most families spend considerable time and energy planning things like retirement and investment strategies. Although the home and mortgage represent two of the largest assets on the family's balance sheet, more time may be spent planning a week-end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

Mortgage management means monitoring whether your financing is in line with your goals and needs. Have you had unexpected expenses or windfalls? Are you retiring or shrinking? Have you increased or decreased the equity in your home? Are you refinancing? What is the current interest rate climate? What new mortgage products are available? What 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 important to discuss your situation with a mortgage professional before purchasing, refinancing or after closing. Currently, for instance, borrowers who have been hit hard by rising adjustable rate mortgages for the last few years are starting to hit rough waters. It is time to consider fixed rate refinancing in the face of a possible short-term rate increase.

Consider this analogy: If someone handed you \$350,000 for investment purposes, would you spend time and energy you would spend analyzing all the options available to you? Would you seek out a reputable financial planner, or possibly by asking people you know, for an expert in that field?

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Rockwall Farmers Market extended to October 25

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DimeBox announces screening schedule

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Arts classes set to begin

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Celebrating the fifth anniversary at Culver's of Rockwall last weekend are staff members (left to right) Alexis Gonzalez, Gloria Arriaga, Pete Hamilton, general manager Mike Mangram, Courtney Grimes and Josh Taylor. Others not available for the photo are Rebecca Bothwell, Ricardo Sanchez and assistant manager Michelle Hamilton. The restaurant is located at 2475 Ridge Road. Staff photo by Tim Burnett




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Opinions



Is college worth it?

by Walter E. Williams

As parents pack their youngsters off to college, they might ask themselves whether it's worth both the money they will spend and their children's time. Dr. Marty Nemko has researched that question in an article aptly titled "America's Most Over-rated Product: Higher Education (www.martynemko.com/articles/americas-most-overrated-product-higher-education_id1539)."

The U.S. Department of Education statistics show that 76 out of 100 students who graduate in the bottom 40 percent of their high school class do not graduate from college, even if they spend eight and a half years in college. That's even with colleges having dumbed down classes to accommodate such students. Only 23 percent of the 1.3 million students who took the ACT college entrance examinations in 2007 were prepared to do college-level study in math, English and science. Even though a majority of students are grossly under-prepared to do college-level work, each year colleges admit hundreds of thousands of such students.

While colleges have strong financial motives to admit unsuccessful students, for failing students the experience can be devastating. They often leave with their families, or themselves, having piled up thousands of dollars in debt. There is possibly trauma and poor self-esteem for having failed, and perhaps embarrassment for their families. Dr. Nemko says that worst of all is that few of these former college students, having spent thousands of dollars, wind up in a job that required a college education. It's not uncommon to find them driving a taxi, working at a restaurant or department store, performing some other job that they could have had as a high school graduate or dropout.

What about students who are prepared for college? First, only 40 percent of each year's 2 million freshmen graduate in four years; 45 percent never graduate at all. Often, having a college degree does not mean much. According to a 2006 Pew Charitable Trusts study, 50 percent of college seniors failed a test that required them to interpret a table about exercise and blood pressure, understand the arguments of newspaper editorials, and compare credit card offers. About 20 percent of college seniors did not have the quantitative skills

to estimate if their car had enough gas to get to the gas station. According a recent National Assessment of Adult Literacy, the percentage of college graduates proficient in prose literacy has declined from 40 percent to 31 percent within the past decade. Employers report that many college graduates lack the basic skills of critical thinking, writing and problem-solving.

Colleges are in business. Students are a cost. Research is a profit center. When colleges boast about having this professor who has won a science award or that professor who has won the Nobel Prize, very often an undergraduate student will never be taught by that professor. It is a "bait and switch" tactic and very often your youngster will take classes not taught by a professor but taught in large classes by a graduate student. Faculty who bring in large grants are more highly valued than faculty who teach well. Teaching excellence is so often undervalued that the late Ernest Boyer, vice president for Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching, quipped that, "Winning the campus teaching award is the kiss of death when it comes to tenure."

Parents and taxpayers cough up billions upon billions of dollars to the nation's colleges and universities. Colleges make money whether students learn or not, whether they graduate or not, and whether they get a good job after graduating or not. Colleges and universities engage in "bait and switch," confer fraudulent degrees and engage in other practices that would bring legal sanctions if done by any other business. There is little or no oversight of the nation's over 4,000 colleges and universities that enroll over 17 million students. There are some colleges, such as Grove City College and Hillsdale College, that do a fine job of undergraduate education. Useful information about what colleges are doing what can be found in the Delaware-based Intercollegiate Studies Institute's "Choosing the Right College" (http://isi.org/college_guide/choosing_right_college.html).

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Well, that's politics

by Sheldon Richman

So Barack Obama, the man who promises to reform Washington, has picked as his running mate someone who has been a fixture of the U.S. Senate nearly his entire adult life. Sen. Joseph Biden of course had no trouble accepting the honor. Insider, outsider — he's whatever you're looking for.

Well, that's politics.

When Biden was running for president, he said of Obama, "Right now I don't believe he is [ready to be president]. The presidency is not something that lends itself to on-the-job training." Now he says Obama is "a wise leader. A leader — a leader who can deliver. A leader who can deliver the change we need."

Well, that's politics.

What changed Biden's mind? He says he saw Obama in action. Actually, what he saw was Obama campaigning. A political campaign is theater. The candidate, guided by his consultants and their focus groups, says what he needs to say — promises what he needs to promise — to create a certain mood in the relevant constituencies in order to win their votes. In other contexts we'd call this activity huckstering, and it would be suspect.

Well, that's politics.

Obama's last primary opponent, Hillary Clinton, also thought he was unqualified to be president. She tried to frighten us with the thought that he'd be the one to answer the ringing red White House phone at 3 a.m. Now she thinks otherwise: "When Barack Obama is in the White House, he'll revitalize our economy, defend the working people of America, and meet the global challenges of our times." On the seventh day, presumably he will rest. This inexperienced, unqualified man has come a long way in a few months.

Well, that's politics.

Senator Clinton's husband, the former president, Bill Clinton, declared at the convention, "Barack Obama is ready to be president of the United States." Yet just a couple of weeks ago, when asked about Obama's qualifications, he said no one was prepared to be president. He neglected to mention that when his wife was in the race.

Well, that's politics.

George Orwell, who understood the nature of politics like no one else, defined "doublethink" in his novel 1984 as "the power of holding two contradictory beliefs in one's mind simultaneously, and accepting both of them.... To tell deliberate lies while genuinely believing in them, to forget any fact that has become inconvenient, and then, when it becomes necessary again, to draw it back from oblivion for just so long as it is needed...."

You saw this power in the faces of the cheering crowds in Denver. (Republicans are no different.) Everyone knows that Obama has now been declared both unqualified and qualified for the presidency by at least three prominent leaders of his own party. But by the grace of doublethink, we need not be troubled by this contradiction.

Well, that is politics.

The upshot is that it's best not to believe anything anyone in politics says. The line about spotting a politician's lies by the moving of his lips isn't a joke. It's a pearl of wisdom.

Is this just cynicism? No, it is idealism of the highest order. When one is passionately dedicated to truth, justice, and freedom, one necessarily despises the insults to our intelligence routinely delivered by politicians of all stripes. The condescension is bad enough, but it is worse by being for the sake of acquiring power.

When the only method political "leaders" can think of for accomplishing their social goals is the threat of physical force, idealistic people will scorn them and their fraudulent humanitarianism.

Physical force? That charge may come as a shock. If so, ask yourself what program any leading political figure proposes that does not ultimately require forcing the taxpayers to surrender their earnings under threat of imprisonment.

The next time a politician talks about how much he cares about the middle class or the poor, ask why he or she doesn't use the method the rest of us are expected to use when we need other people's cooperation: persuasion.

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Rockwall County News Letters to the Editor

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An angel amongst

An angel must be living in Heath. Last Tuesday, while removing groceries from my car yesterday, I found the trunk of my husband's car and failed to retrieve afterwards unaware of my purse on his car. Within an hour a lady (my angel) rang my door contents in hand. She had found it in the road. I had not missed my purse. When she appeared at my door and filled with gratitude; so much so I failed to get a word in. Please, my angel, come back and let me thank you. Sincerely, Phyllis Gross

Thanks for help with Silent Auction

The Royse City Chamber of Commerce would like to thank you for having a hand in making this year's Silent Auction a success. The committee was able to collect many nice items from generous businesses in the area, and our attendees at The Hella Shrine Temple did another outstanding job at the event and was very helpful throughout the evening. Special thanks also go out to our sponsors for the American National Bank, Electric Inc., Toyota of Rockwall, Texas Leadership Bank, Royse City Medical & Surgical, Excel Pediatric Therapy, HomeBanc of Rockwall, Rockwall Oral & Facial Surgery, Ebb Harris, Careers in Dental Assisting, Network Real Estate Enterprises/Tom Crowley, Ginger Stephens, CPA, Julia Bryant, Executive Director, Royse City Chamber of Commerce.

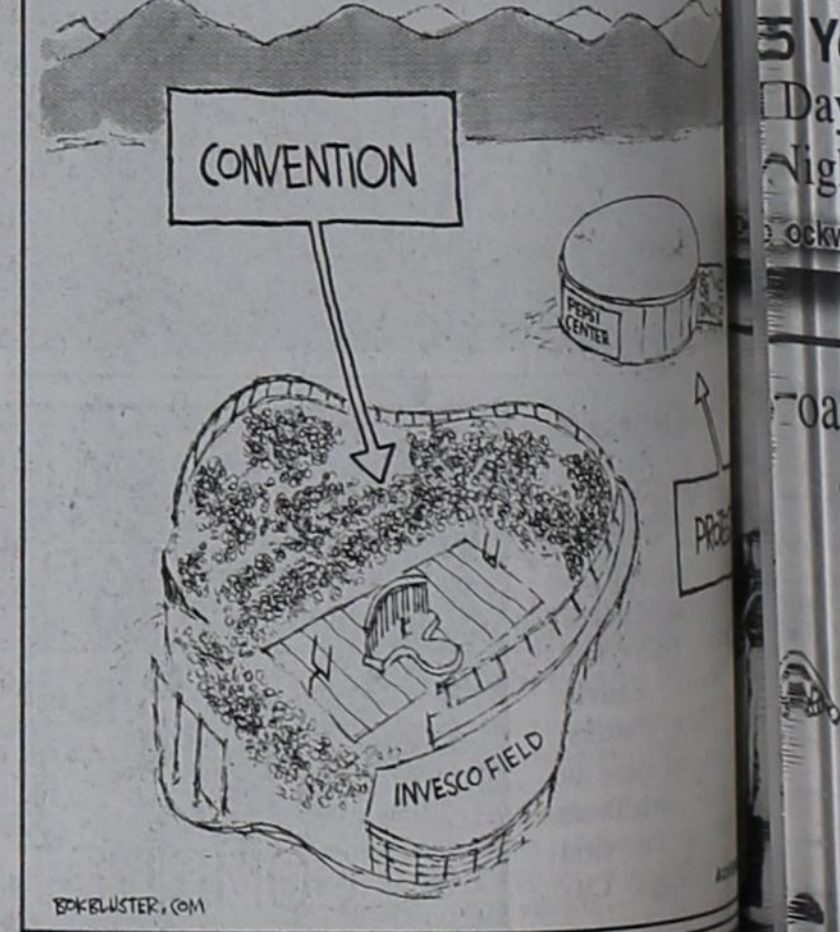
The Peacock Barack Obama

by Bill O'Reilly

DENVER — With much of the nation sampling the Democratic Convention, things are getting a bit dicey. Months that organization has tilted heavily toward pro-Obama, thereby violating traditional journalistic standards. According to a recent study by the Media Research Center, NBC has the most lopsided pro-Obama coverage among the networks. The MRC found that pro-Obama reports by 10 to one on "NBC Nightly News" — an all-time high.

With that in mind, let's take a look at how NBC News is doing.

(Open) "Hi, I'm Brian Williams. Thank you for joining us tonight. We're here with you in Denver, Colorado, for the Democratic National Convention. I should tell you that I'm wearing a suit because I like it, and I like it because it's soft and has an air of authority. I want to thank the Obama family for their hospitality. Our first story tonight is from Andrea Mitchell, who reports that Barack Obama is, indeed, related to Moses. NBC has discovered which Moses floated down the Nile River before being buried. We can tell you tonight that DNA traces found in the Obama family are identical to those of the ancient Egyptian pharaoh. Also ahead, NBC News correspondent Lee Cowan reports that Barack Obama is a really big tipper and has a habit of saying "Thank you" to everyone. Continuing with our election coverage, Chuck Todd reports that Michelle Obama came to be so smart. And good for her. She likes it a lot. After Chuck files his report, Maria Menounos has a story about how the Rev. Wright has undergone a radical transformation. After going to Lourdes, the reverend now believes in neat people and is wearing the same kind of American flag as the rest of us. Rather than damning America, Wright now believes in the country, especially because Sen. Obama might be president. Finally, Tom Brokaw will take a look back at the election. This is amazing. New evidence suggests that Barack Obama is a cousin to Dick Cheney, but is also related to Gen. George Delano Roosevelt and St. Francis of Assisi. DNA found in Obama confirms this. As for John McCain, there is a rumor he has been in membership because he is too old. So we have quite a program for you this evening right here on NBC. Please stay tuned." Veteran TV news anchor Bill O'Reilly is host of the Fox TV show "The O'Reilly Factor" and author of the book "Who's Looking Out for the Big Guy? Find out more about Bill O'Reilly, and read features by other Creators Syndicate writers and cartoonists, visit the Creators Syndicate Web page at www.creators.com. This column originates on the Web site at www.rockwallcountynews.com. COPYRIGHT 2008 Bill O'Reilly.com.

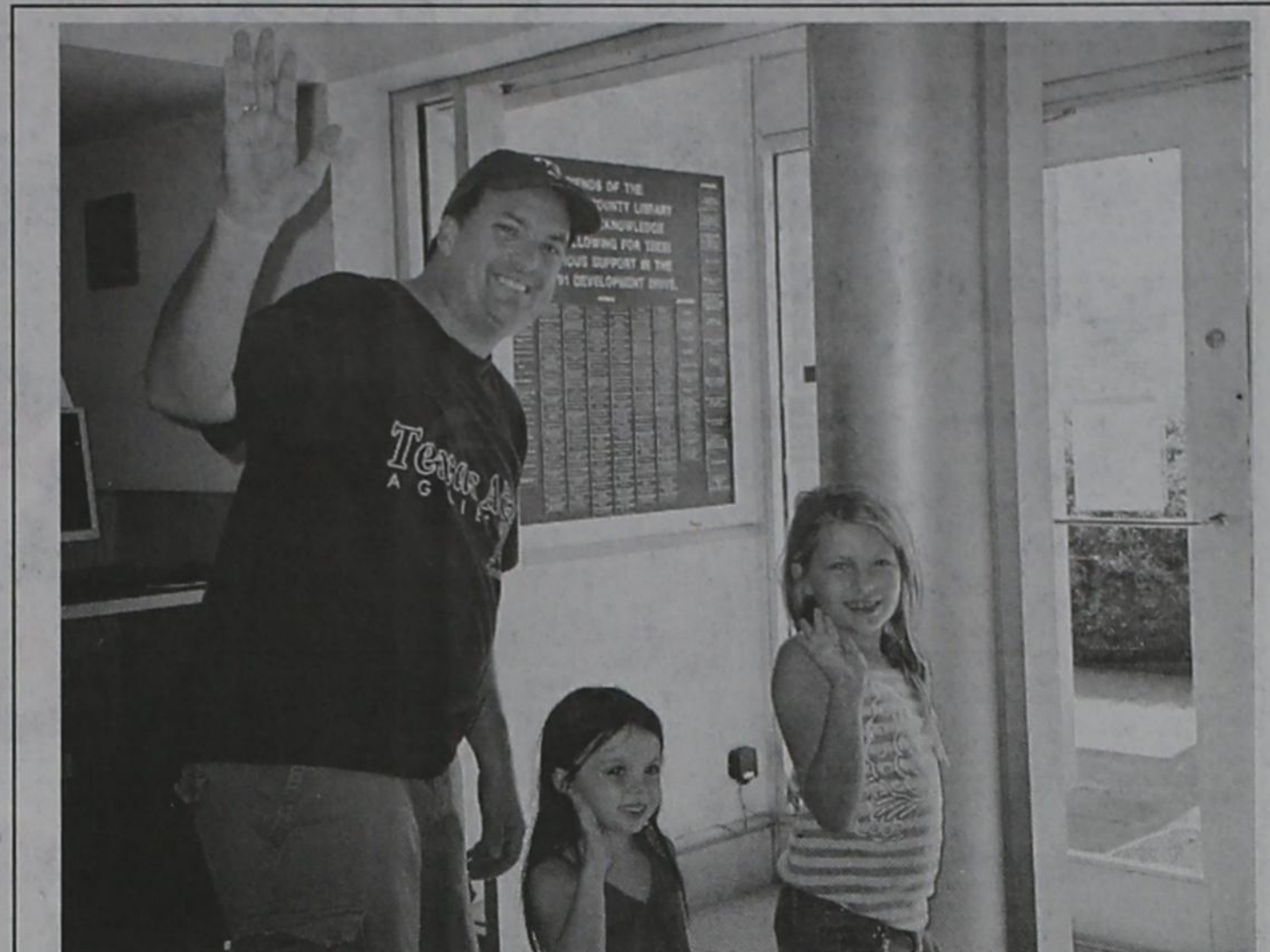


County Emergency Response Activities

Royse City Police Activity
Week of August 22 -28, 2008
Friday, 22 August
 Hunt County warrant arrest, 500 block FM35
Saturday, 23 August
 Suspicious activity, N. Josephine Street
Sunday, 24 August
 Assault, 700 block Kim Lane; Criminal mischief, 700 block Silverleaf Court; Noise disturbance, 300 block N. Hickory Hill; Alarm, 2300 block I-30; Accident, 1500 block I-30; Accident, I-30 at the 78 mile marker; Accident, 2300 block I-30; Accident/Driving while intoxicated arrest, 1300 block I-30; Medical assistance, 1800 block I-30; Criminal mischief, 200 block Adams Street
Monday, 25 August
 Suspicious person, I-30 at the 76 mile marker; Verbal disturbance, 200 block Texoma Street; Alarm, 2300 block I-30; Suspicious person, 700 block Kim Lane; Theft, 100 block Cookston Lane; Accident/Warrant arrest, 200 block I-30
Tuesday, 26 August
 Criminal mischief, FM35 between Preston Road and

Chestnut Court
 Wednesday, 27 August
 Medical assistance, 1300 block E. Main Street; Disorderly conduct, 1400 Bulldog Boulevard; Assault, 700 block FM 2642; Welfare check, 1700 Ranch Road
Thursday, 28 August
 Alarm, 1100 block I-30; Alarm, 700 block FM 2642; Assault, 1400 block Bulldog Boulevard; Noise disturbance, 1700 block Meadowlark Drive; Accident, 400 block E. Church Street
 Royse City Fire Department
 Week of Aug. 23-28
 13 - Calls for Service

Deer workshop set Sept. 12
 A genetics and nutrition workshop, sponsored by the Texas Deer Association and Purina Mills, will be offered Sept. 12 at the Parsons Whitetail Ranch in Valley Mills.
 Registration will run from 8:30 a.m. to 9 a.m. the day of the event.
 Anyone planning to attend should RSVP by calling 254-848-9112 by Saturday.
 For more information, contact the ranch at 254-227-2617.



David Wilding and his daughters, Hope, left, and Grace, were the final visitors to the old location of the Rockwall County Library. Ribbon-cutting ceremonies for the new Yellowjacket Lane facility are set for Sept. 7.
 Photo courtesy of Marcine McCulley

Heath Police Department Calls for Service August 23-28/2008

- 1 - Animal Complaints
- 16 - Burglary/Fire/Panic Alarm
- 1 - Civil Matters
- 1 - Fire Calls
- 4 - Injured /Sick Person
- 3 - Investigations
- 2 - Meet Complainant
- 1 - Minor Disturbance
- 4 - Minor Traffic Accident
- 4 - Motorist/Citizen Assist
- 1 - Open Building
- 1 - Suspicious Person
- 1 - Theft
- 1 - Welfare Concern

Quilting classes offered

A pair of quilting classes will be offered in coming weeks through the Rockwall Independent School District's Community Education Department.
 On Sept. 11 and Sept. 18, a class on Strippy Toile Flying Geese will take place from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. in Room F209. Cost will be \$45. Instructor is Annette Andersen.
 Oct. 2 and Oct. 16, Anderson will teach Doves in the Window. Class time will be from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. in Room F209. Cost will be \$45.
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Enjoying the thrill of the season opening game in Midland last Thursday are Rockwall High School cheerleaders with the football team making their entry to the field.
Staff Photo by Tim Bufnnett

Children take action against speeders

Hidden Creek Estates kicked-off its KOPs, Kids on Patrol, program on Friday, Aug. 29. Seventeen Hidden Creek children, ranging in ages from 4 to 13 years old, reported for duty on Hidden Creek Drive in Royse City.

Decked out in yellow vests, and with a Hot Wheels radar gun in hand, the youth reminded drivers to be mindful of the speed limit. The youth had met a few days earlier to make posters asking drivers to slow down or thanking them for driving safely.

The program was supported by Hidden Creek's Neighborhood Watch and led

by residents Brian Burton and Angie Webb. Brian and Angie serve as Crime Watch Leaders.

Brian, who is also an officer with the Heath Department of Safety, came up with the idea of KOPs while watching a story on the news. The Neighborhood Watch agreed that this was a wonderful way to get kids involved in keeping their neighborhood safe, while reminding their neighbors that they live in a family-friendly neighborhood.

"I would consider the overall program a success," Brian said. "Angie provided delicious cookies that sold out in about the first 30 minutes, and we went

through two 5-gallon buckets of lemonade. We had a tent canopy set up for the kids to seek shelter in the shade, but most stayed out."

He added, "The kids were all very active, they held up their signs for the passing motorists, waved at them as they went by, and they practically fought for the chance to operate the radar gun. The motorists all appeared to have a positive attitude towards the friendly reminders, and most kept their speed to a minimum; we actually observed no violators. We had a blast doing it and definitely would like to keep this an ongoing event."



Slow it down ... and watch your speed
Three year old Garrett Kines reminds his neighbors to drive slowly through Hidden Creek in Royse City.
Staff photo by Kathy Williams

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- TX tuber crops (2 wds.)
- nat'l gun org.
- TXism: "squeaks like _____"
- TX Jim Reeves' "He'll Have to _____"
- TX-born actress Martha _____
- TX feuds book: "I'll Die Before _____"
- TX football book & TV series: "Friday Night _____"
- TXism: "_____ a chicken have lips?"
- Astros 73 center fielder Tammie _____
- radio music host (abbr.)
- '93 novel by TX-raised Jim Lehrer
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- Kelleher's former position with TX Southwest Airlines
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- good golf hole (2 wds.)
- Cowboy QB Romo _____
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- '48 film: "_____ Guys From Texas"
- be nosy
- symbols
- _____ Augustine, TX
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- actor Greene of "Bonanza" with TX Dan Blocker
- Shamrock, TX has the "Blarney _____"
- WWII bomber "_____ Gay"
- Gov. Hogg's only daughter
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- TX gardeners have a long one (2 wds.)
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- "Gabby" of film "Texas Terror" (35)
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- TXism: "we ironed out _____ differences"
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- TX Buck's "I've Got _____ By the Tail"
- Smith Co. seat
- eye amorously
- TXism: "clings like a tick to a dog's _____"
- learners
- TXism: "cold drink on a hot day"
- short shorts (2 wds.)
- Ellis or Ware pos. on Cowboys (abbr.)
- TX "Turtle Lady" Loetscher
- astronaut Grissom
- TX Orbison post-humous release "King of _____"
- TXism: "_____ hissey fit"
- once a problem for TX B.J. Thomas
- TXism: "packed like sardines in _____"
- TXism: "_____ some gravel" (fell)

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Rockwall County Sports

6-year-old golfer Matthew Watkins wins winning style

Buffalo Creek Golf Club in the United States. Matthew ranked first in the Dallas summer tour until a third-place finish in the final event, with a 38, knocked him into second place overall.

He began playing golf at age 3 with his grandfather, Bill Godfrey. It's a golfing family. Wesley Watkins, Matthew's father, played from 2000 to 2002 for Rockwall High School. Matthew's uncle, Billy Watkins, is the RHS boys golf coach.

Matthew, who said he loves the game of golf, found out about the U.S. Kids program a year ago, when he was 5.

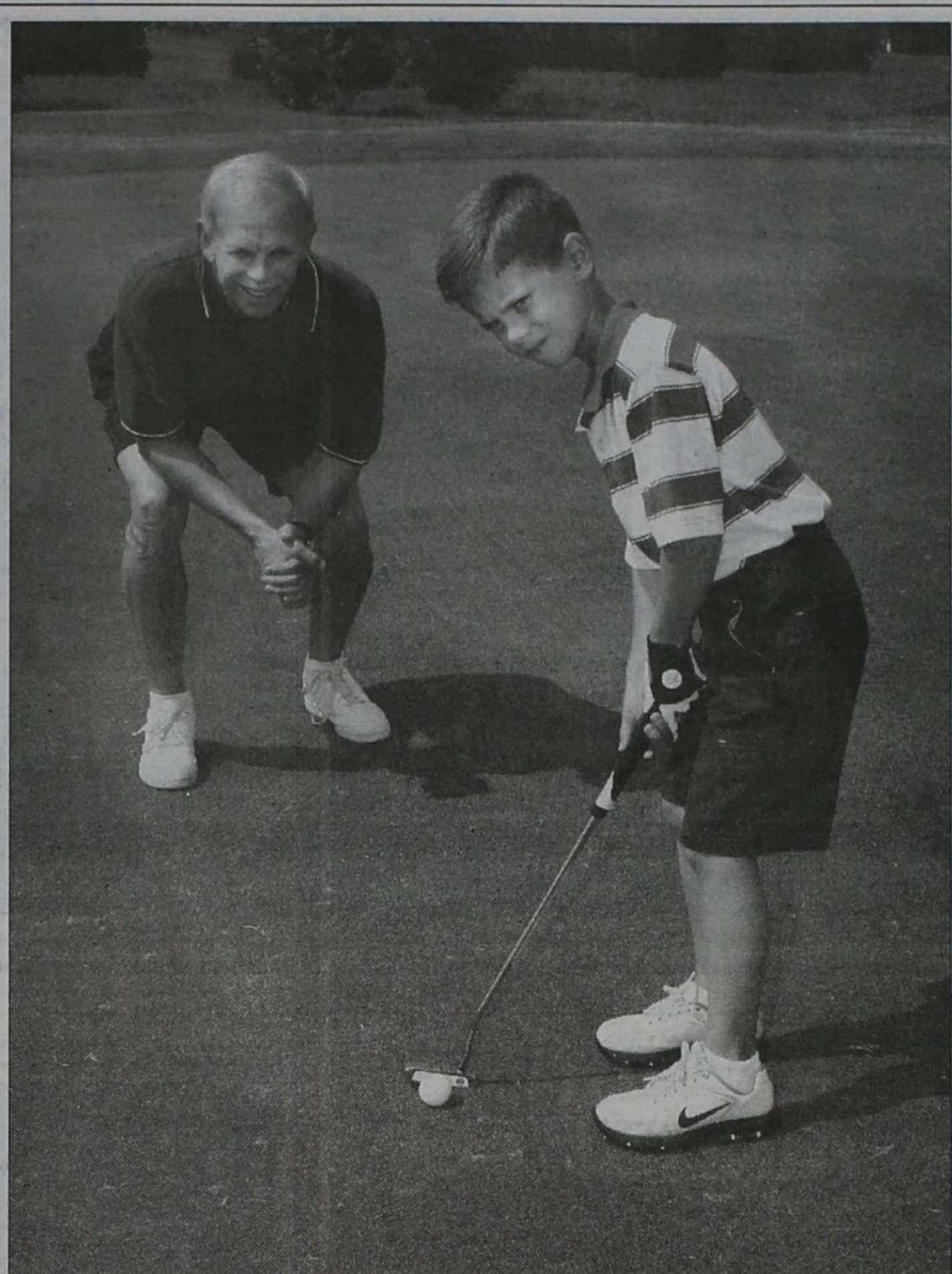
His next competition will be the U.S. Kids Golf PGA Golf Club Invitational Oct. 10-12 in Port St.

Lucie, Fla.

Jamie Godfrey is very excited about her grandson's association with U.S. Kids Golf. "They are based out of Atlanta, Georgia, and it's just a super program for young golfers," she said.

In addition to receiving help with his game from his grandfather, Matthew has worked with swing coach Rob Sanders of Core Golf School in Dallas and with Buffalo Creek pro Gary Travis.

Young Watkins is by far the youngest player on Gary's Team Golf, which gets together to play each weekend at Buffalo Creek as well as taking on teams from other golf clubs. The other players on the team are 10-16 years old.



Matthew Watkins (right) takes aim with his Grandfather Bill Godfrey (left) during a recent golf outing at Buffalo Creek Golf Course in Heath. Staff photo by Tim Burnett

Christian outscores Tomball

Heritage Christian outscored Tomball 23-14 in a game played at the Rockwall High School stadium on Friday night. Christian led from the start, scoring on a 19-yard touchdown pass from Aaron Read to Zach Read in the first quarter. Christian scored 7-0, 14-0, 21-0, and 28-0 in the first half. In the second half, Christian scored 23-14. Christian's offense was led by Read, who completed 13 of 14 passes for 160 yards and two touchdowns. Christian's defense was led by Matt Mearns, who had 10 tackles and a sack. Christian's kicker, Josh Harris, was perfect from 30 yards out.

Heritage-Points 23 run (Mateer kick)
Heritage-Points 49 run (Sam Prater pass from Austin Pettit)
Rosehill-Oliver 1 run (kick failed)
Rosehill-Johnson 68 kickoff return (kick failed)
Heritage-Peschell 13 pass from Read (pass failed)
Rosehill-Oliver 1 run (kick failed)
Heritage-Peschell 62 kickoff return (Mateer kick)
Heritage-Pettit 6 pass from Read
Heritage-Rosehill
First Downs 12-4
Rushing Yards 209-53
Passing Yards 166-142
Passing 14-15-0 5-9-0
Punts-Avg. 0 2-39.0
Penalties 3-45 1-10
Fumbles-lost 1-1 3-2

INDIVIDUAL LEADERS
Rushing - ROCKWALL
HERITAGE: Josh Points 5-110, Kevin Prater 2-50, Zach Read 3-42, Josh Peschell 1-7.
ROSEHILL: Greenfield 6-20, Oliver 16-17, Harris 6-16.
Passing - ROCKWALL

Heritage Christian wins 3 in volleyball tourney

Rockwall Heritage Christian Academy won three volleyball matches in the Fort Worth Bethesda Christian Tournament, but ran into a Carrollton Christian team that was just too tough.

The Lady Eagles improved their season record to 3-5 by win-

ning three of their five matches. Then followed the tournament's best match, with three close games before HCA defeated the host team 25-23, 25-27, 15-13. That apparently took too much out of the Rockwall girls, because Carrollton Christian eliminated them with a 25-14, 25-8 victory.

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Sports Notes

Ruddle tailgate to honor faculty
The first home football game of the season will be preceded by a tailgate party honoring the faculty of Rockwall High School. The event will run from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. today (Friday) at the stadium parking lot. Hamburgers and the fixin's will cost \$5. Faculty will eat at no cost. DJ Greg Larosa will be in charge of the music. Everyone is invited.

P&K contest is Saturday
A Kick contest will begin at 9 a.m. Saturday at the Rockwall High School gym. Open to youths ages 8-15, on-site registration is required, and each participant must have a birth certificate to compete (based on child's age as of Dec. 31). Soft-soled shoes can be worn; no cleats. Girls and boys compete in separate age divisions. Sectional champions will be crowned during a Dallas Cowboys game. For more information visit www.rockwall.com/parks or call 972-771-7740.



Stephen and Geoffrey Nelson of Heath, representing Chandler's Landing Yacht Club, won the Butterfly Junior National Sailing Championship held July 22-24 at Torch Lake Yacht & Country Club in Antrim County, Michigan. Photo courtesy of Dawn Nelson

Kayak clinic offered Saturday
A kayak clinic will be offered Saturday from 9 a.m. to noon and will be held at the Hwy. 66 boat ramp. Participants will be able to try out different kayaks: whitewater, sea kayaks, PFD and paddle. Each participant should bring water bottle and wear that can get wet. Fee is \$55. For more information visit www.rockwall.com/parks or call 972-771-7740.

FU fall league gets started
Unlimited 2008 fall leagues began this week at 25. Each league runs eight weeks and costs \$10 to sign up for two leagues, the second league will be for men's, women's, mixed, singles and doubles. To register, e-mail J.R. at rahmanzadeh1@unlimitedtennis.com for more information visit www.rockwalltennisunlimited.com for more information.

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Royse City Ty Young (left) wraps up a Denison ball carrier as teammate Oscar Hernandez (center) reaches to trip up the runner during last Thursday's scrimmage at Denison. Also in the play are Justin Rodgers (back) and Ernesto Vargas (right).
Staff photo by Tim Burnett

Bulldogs kickoff season hosting unheralded in new RC ISD stadium

by Matt McGillen

Recent history says the Royse City Bulldogs had an easy time when they entertain the Atlanta Rabbits in the for both teams at the new Royse City ISD Stadium Sep.

The Bulldogs ripped off 11 straight wins last season the 3A district championship and earning a berth in the

Although they were rudely eliminated by Roosevelt round of the postseason, RC still finished with a sparkling

And with several key starters returning, the Bulldogs mix for the postseason once again, even though due to they have made the jump from 3A to join the recently tough, district 10-4A.

Atlanta, meanwhile, is a team seemingly headed in direction, finishing 2-8 last year and hasn't produced a win since 2003.

When the Bulldogs have the ball, senior Richard Brown provides some instant offense, having passed for an amazing 10 touchdowns last season.

Defensively, the Bulldogs still need some work according to RC coach Cody White, after watching Denison break several tackles when the two teams scrimmaged with the Bulldogs coming out on the short end of a first score.

Overall though, White said he was pleased with the team's thought the Bulldogs did a god job of executing their plan but that they need to work on reacting to the other team's

Who: Royse City vs. Atlanta
When: Friday, Sept. 5, 7:30
Where: Royse City ISD Stadium
Records: Royse City 0-0, Atlanta 0-0
Injuries: no major injuries reported

Lady Bulldogs volleyball sweep Farmersville

by Matt McGillen

Continuing their solid all around play, the Royse City Lady Bulldogs swept yet another opponent, this time dispatching the Farmersville Lady Farmers 25-16, 25-15, 25-16.

And once again it was the duo of Sklyer Strahm and Kellie Wyrick leading the way for the Lady Bulldogs, who upped their season record to 7-6 under second-year coach Trent Tharp.

Strahm had a team-high 11 kills, while Wyrick finished the match with 10 kills, eight digs, five assists and two aces.

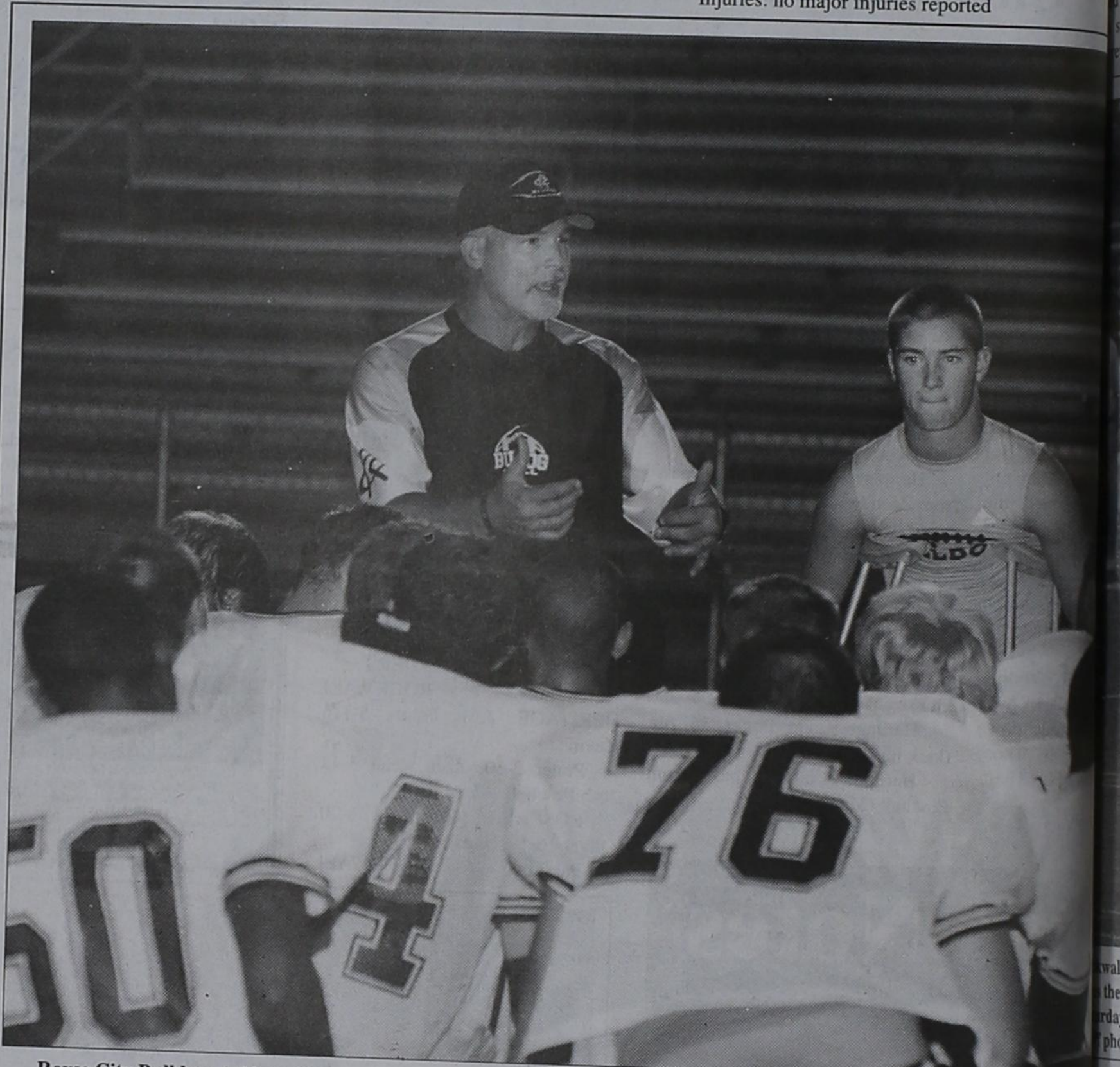
Taylor Jordan had a team-high 14 digs as well as providing three aces and three kills.

Recently converted libero Autumn Landers continued her steady ways as Royse City's setter as well, collecting 22 assists, seven digs and two aces of her own. Fayrina Merrick had a 10 digs to go along with her team-high eight aces and also had four kills.

The Lady Bulldogs host Mesquite Horn Sept. 5, with the freshmen and junior varsity getting underway at 5:30.



Bulldogs kicker Dustin Gibson (right) targets the goal posts as Ryan Fedric holds the ball during last Thursday's scrimmage at Denison.
Staff photo by Tim Burnett



Royse City Bulldogs Athletic Director, Coach Greg Strahm (back, left) praises the team following last Thursday's scrimmage at Denison. Also listening in is Scotty Arterberry (back, right). The coach encouraged the team to be proud of their accomplishments and work on getting better.
Staff photo by Tim Burnett



Royse City Bulldogs running back Frank Dave (center) dashes through a hole for more yards during last Thursday's scrimmage at Denison. In on the action are teammates (back, left to right) Jose Rameriz (66), Augie Hernandez (76) and (front) Ryan Fedric (9).
Staff photo by Tim Burnett

Sports Notes

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Tennis lessons for home-schooled youth
Rockwall Tennis Unlimited will offer lessons for children ages 7-17. Lessons will begin on Sept. 9 on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons from 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the Utley Tennis Courts. Cost is \$70 for eight lessons. Lessons will be given to families with more than one participant. For more information visit www.RockwallTennisUnlimited.com or contact the coordinator, Leslie Pecena, at LesPecena@sbcglobal.net or call 972-771-1094 for more information.

Fishing Derby set at Pickens Lake
A fishing derby will take place from 8 a.m. to noon Oct. 4 at Pickens Lake in Myers Park. Prizes will be given for the biggest fish caught in two age groups: 8-and-under and 9-and-over. Entry fee will be \$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 Ray Hubbard will be offered from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. Oct. 4. This will not be an all-day activity; instead, there will be American Canoe Association kayak instructors on hand to assist with technique. The trip includes use of all necessary equipment and a guided tour. For more information visit www.rockwall.com/parks or call 972-771-7740.

Fitness 180 Bootcamp scheduled
A five-week outdoor program offering intense conditioning will be completed at the beginning and end of the program. Weigh-ins will mark progress. The program will take place from 6 to 7 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Cost is \$199 for recruits, \$199 for alumni. Participants must be 18 or older. For more information or to register contact Julie Matusz at 214-343-1111 or visit www.fitness180online.com.

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Yellowjackets edge Midland Lee 14-9 in season opener

is 6' tall, but his first day. "I knew the field would be wide open. We threw a lot to the outside, so they were lax on the inside." The play fit head coach Scott Smith's philosophy. He said, "I hate to punt. We line up where we think we can get it. On defense, you know they have you on your heels. So even if we punt, they can't really put on a return because we might run a play. We still have to execute." After that play, Dingwell carried for a first down, but then was stopped twice at the one before handing off to Strange for the score. A pass for a two-point conversion went wide, leaving the Jackets with a one-point lead. RHS had taken a 3-0 lead in the first quarter, even though the Jackets were out-gained 88 yards to 12. On the game's second play, defensive back Chase Lawshe stripped the ball from Lee's Jarven Roberson and recovered the fumble at the Rebels' 23. Three plays gained just three yards, but Grant Gunderson connected on a 37-yard field goal.

That was hardly the last big play by Rockwall's defense.

On Lee's next possession, linebacker Matt Claggett broke through to sack quarterback Jace Edwards for a three-yard loss on third down. Lee then missed a 30-yard field goal attempt.

Before the first quarter ended, linebacker Zane Knochel made another third-down tackle for a loss. Lee didn't try a field goal, but failed to convert on fourth and five from Rockwall's 22.

The Jackets' 3-0 lead held into the third quarter even though they made just three first downs in the first half.

Dingwell and the offense found their stride after the second-half kickoff, driving 38 yards to Lee's 39. He dropped back for another pass across the field into the right flat, but the Rebels' Hunter Byler intercepted the ball and ran 63 yards for the touchdown that put the home team ahead 7-3.

"That interception was on me," Smith said. "We felt the guy was leaning back, but he came up."

Part of leadership is accepting responsibility, and Dingwell insisted that the interception was his fault.

The swarming Rebels sacked Dingwell twice on Rockwall's next possession, then used Roberson's 69-yard touchdown to take a 14-3 lead.

On the sideline, Dingwell said, "Everybody was building me up. The coach told me to shake it off. We went out and scored on the next

drive."

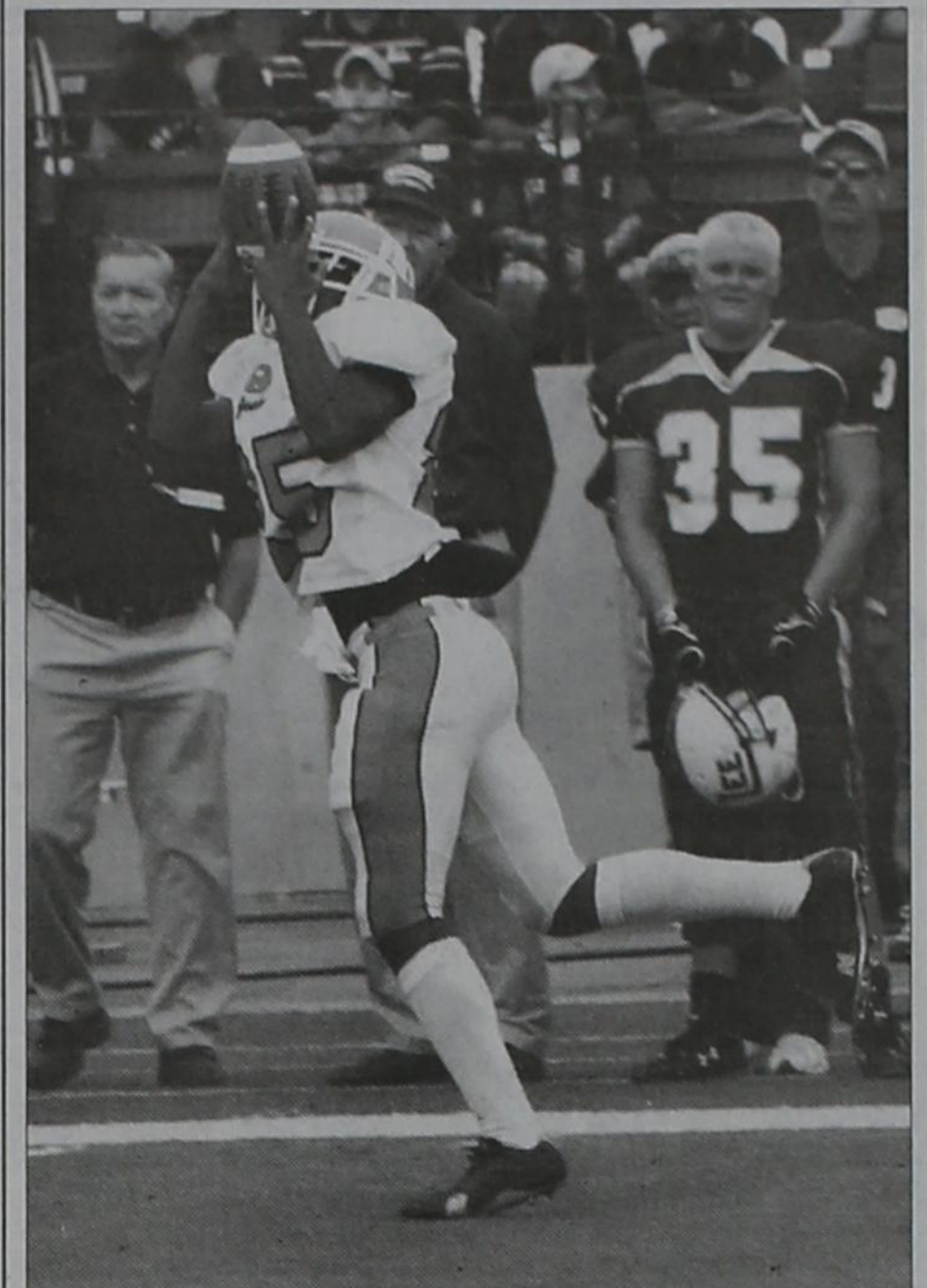
That one came on a pass down the left sideline to Luke Wardell, who broke a tackle and ran 58 yards. The extra point was wide left, leaving the Jackets five points behind at 14-9.

Regrouping, Rockwall's defense held the Rebels to three plays. They punted to Gunderson, and stopped him at the 12. That set up the winning drive.

Lee had the ball twice more, and the Jackets took it away twice, on a fumble recovery and Michael Hinkson's second interception of the game.

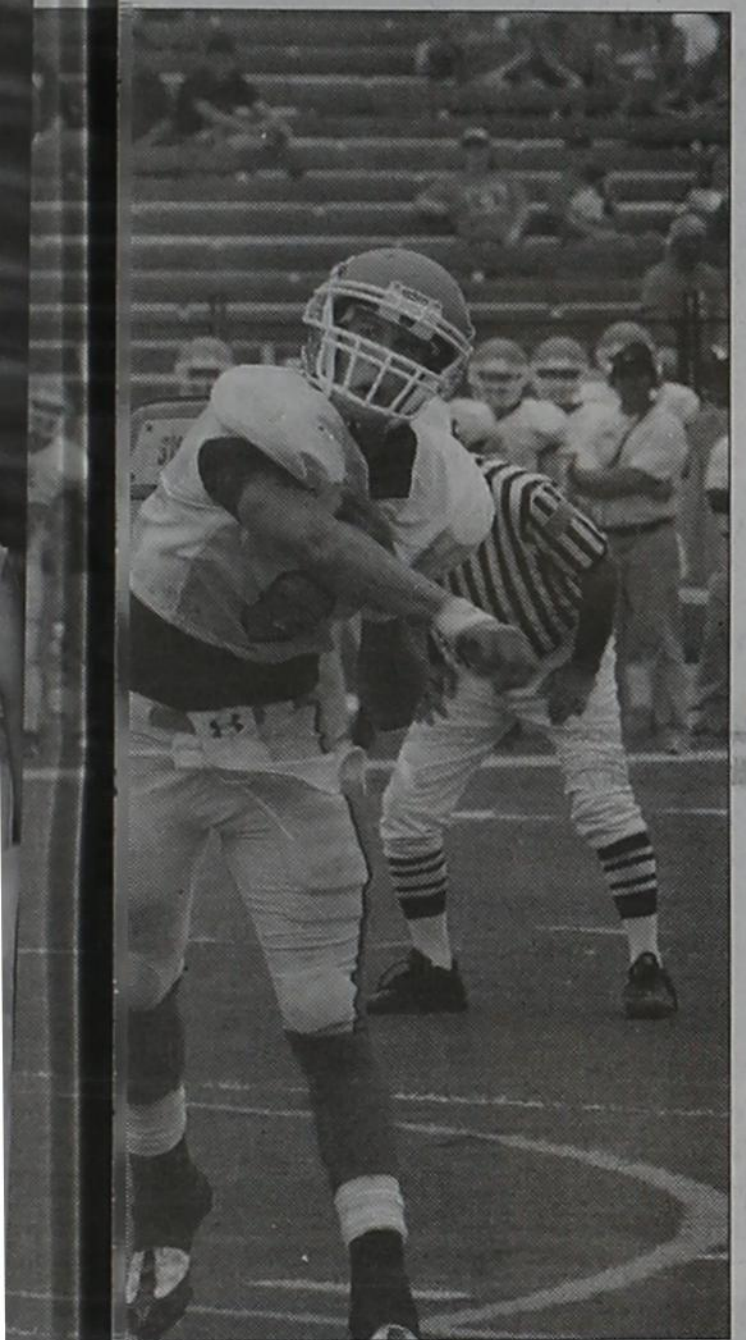
Smith said, "Our kids really adjusted well. We're real close to where we thought we'd be, and you're going to get better. We haven't pulled back anything in our offense with a young quarterback. This will be a great learning video."

Rockwall 3-0-6-6 Final 15	Midland Lee 0-0-14-0 Final 14
Rockwall-Grant Gunderson 37 FG	Lee - Hunter Byler 63 interception return (Zach Starnes kick)
Lee - Jarven Roberson 69 run (Starnes kick)	Rockwall - Luke Wardell 58 pass from Adam Dingwell (kick wide left)
Rockwall - Anthony Strange 1 run (pass incomplete)	
	Rockwall Lee
First downs	14 11
Rushing Yards	32-57 37-229
Passing Yards	211 24
Passing	16-24-1 3-7-2

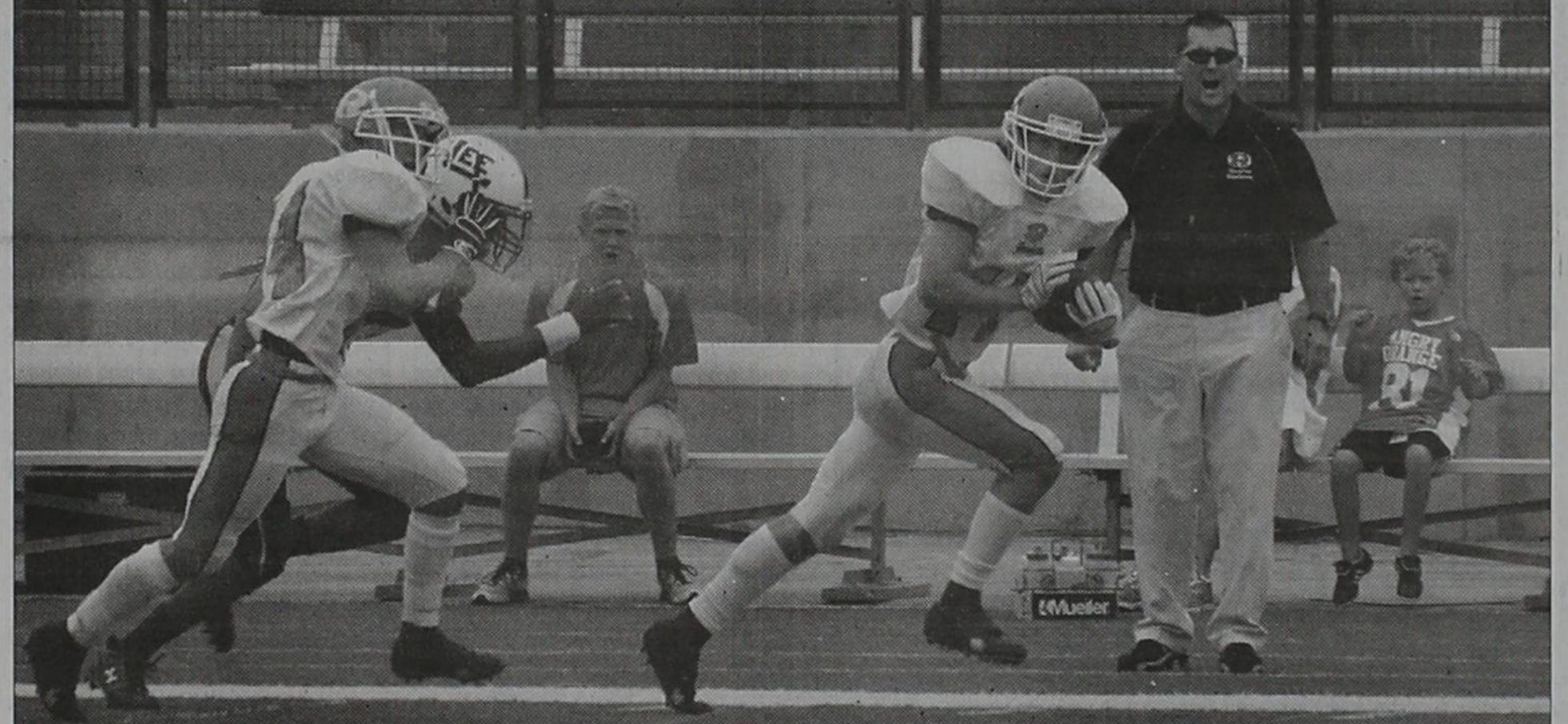


Rockwall Yellowjackets junior Jeff Hinkson knocks the wind out of Midland Lee with a first quarter interception during last Saturday's season opener game in Grande Stadium at Midland. Staff photo by Tim Burnett

Punts-avg.	5-36.0	2-39.0	White 1-5, Chris Bell 2-3, Team 2-minus 7; Lee - Jarven Roberson 15-134, Jered Groner 8-45, Jace Edwards 3-19, Willie Wilson 3-15, Josh Wilson 4-12, Donald Evans 3-5, Team 1-minus 1
Penalties	1-5	6-60	Receiving: Rockwall - Luke Wardell 5-103, Jarron White 7-79, Scott Loy 2-21, Josh Broach 1-4, Drew Beddow 1-4; Lee - Adrian Pertile 2-13, Christian Coggan 1-11.
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	3-2	
Individual Statistics			
Passing: Rockwall - Adam Dingwell 16-23-1-211; Lee - Tyler Wilke 2-5-1-19, Jace Edwards 1-2-1-5			
Rushing: Rockwall - Anthony Strange 8-23, Josh Broach 9-21, Adam Dingwell 11-12, Jarron			



Yellowjackets quarterback Adam Dingwell (6) with the ball during the season opening win against Midland Lee in Grande Stadium at Midland. Staff photo by Tim Burnett



Luke Wardell (17) shoots toward the end zone for a Yellowjacket touchdown during last Saturday's game against Midland Lee in Grande Stadium at Midland. Blocking for Wardell is Drew Beddow (14). Watching the play in the back are (left to right) Travis Shinn (29), Coach Cary Tyson and Trey Watkins (son of Coach Billy Watkins). Staff photo by Tim Burnett



Grant Gunderson (3) bearing down on a Midland Lee ball carrier during last Saturday's game at Midland. Matt Claggett (47) and Taylor Fikes (26) are also visible. Rockwall returned with a... Staff photo by Tim Burnett

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Heath High School Junior Varsity volleyball team members celebrating their tournament victory at Crandall are (back row, left to right) Coach Nick Gay, Morgan Madrid, Sydney Verdun, Ashley McClintic, Kylie Bambico, Coach Tressa Marr, Kathryn Olmstead, Jessica Jones, Baileigh Millinder, (front row) Elizabeth Anderson, Aubree Baune, Tess Harding, Kelsey Murphy, Juliana Rak, Devanne Parent and Audrey English.
Photo by Sue Madrid

Hawks open football season at home Friday against Sherman

by Matt McGillen

Any questions about Rockwall-Heath's defense, which many observers expect to be the Hawks' strength this season, could get answered right away when they face the big-play Sherman Bearcats in their season opener at Wilkerson-Sanders Stadium Sept. 5 at 7:30.

The Bearcats are coming off a 61-54 win over Lake Dallas in which they scored nine touchdowns and racked up almost 700

yards in total offense, led by running back Waymon James who scored five times while amassing 263 rushing yards on just 14 carries, an average of almost 19 yards every time he ran the ball.

James had four scoring runs of 50 yards or more, the longest of which was 65, and also caught a 41-yard touchdown pass from quarterback Carter Madison.

Madison finished the night 16-for-21 for 305 yards with three

touchdowns and just one interception.

The Hawks will likely try and slow down James and Madison by filling the running lanes and putting pressure on the quarterback, hopefully by unleashing their trio of stud linebackers: Austin Moss, George Bamfo and Ryan Moseby.

Moss, a 6-3 210-pound senior, had 142 tackles last year and has made an oral commitment to Arkansas.

Offensively, Heath will try and get their own one-two punch of running back Kendial Lawrence and QB Drew Hollingshead out of neutral, as neither has been outstanding in either of the Hawks' scrimmages against Rowlett and Skyline, though Lawrence did break off a handful of nice runs against the 5A Raiders.

The 6-2, 200-pound senior Hollingshead, who has made an oral commitment to Houston, threw for more than 1,400 yards and 13 touchdowns last season with only three picks. Lawrence earned All-State honors in 2007 while rushing for more than 1,700 yards.

Heath also has a solid receiv-

ing corp, led by Everett Gilbert and Matt Belsky, which should be able to exploit the Bearcats' less than impressive defense, which surrendered a whopping 368 passing yards to Lake Dallas.

"We have a chance to be an outstanding team," first year Heath coach Mickey Moss said four months ago following an impressive showing in the team's annual spring game. "How good? I don't know. My expectations are I expect us to go out and play hard with great enthusiasm and great emotion and execute. If you're doing the right things, good things will happen."

In other words, if the Hawks play to their potential they could be right good.

Who: Rockwall-Heath vs. Sherman

When: Friday, Sept. 5, 7:30 p.m.

Where: Wilkerson-Sanders Stadium

Records: Heath 0-0, Sherman 1-0, defeated Lake Dallas 61-54

Injuries: no major injuries reported

Lady Hawks vol. overtaken by La...

by Matt McGillen

Having come tantalizing close to winning their non-district match with Mesquite, Rockwall-Heath Lady Hawks still held a 2-game lead in the district.

Led by senior Rachel Short, who appeared most of an ankle injury that had kept her out of action most of the season, the Hawks scrambled valiantly after nearly every ball in the net.

But whatever momentum they had generated in the first game that lead, all but disappeared as they pretty much lost the second game and the subsequent tie breaker, eventually losing 23-25, 21-25, 25-9, 15-4 to tumble to 5-8 for the season.

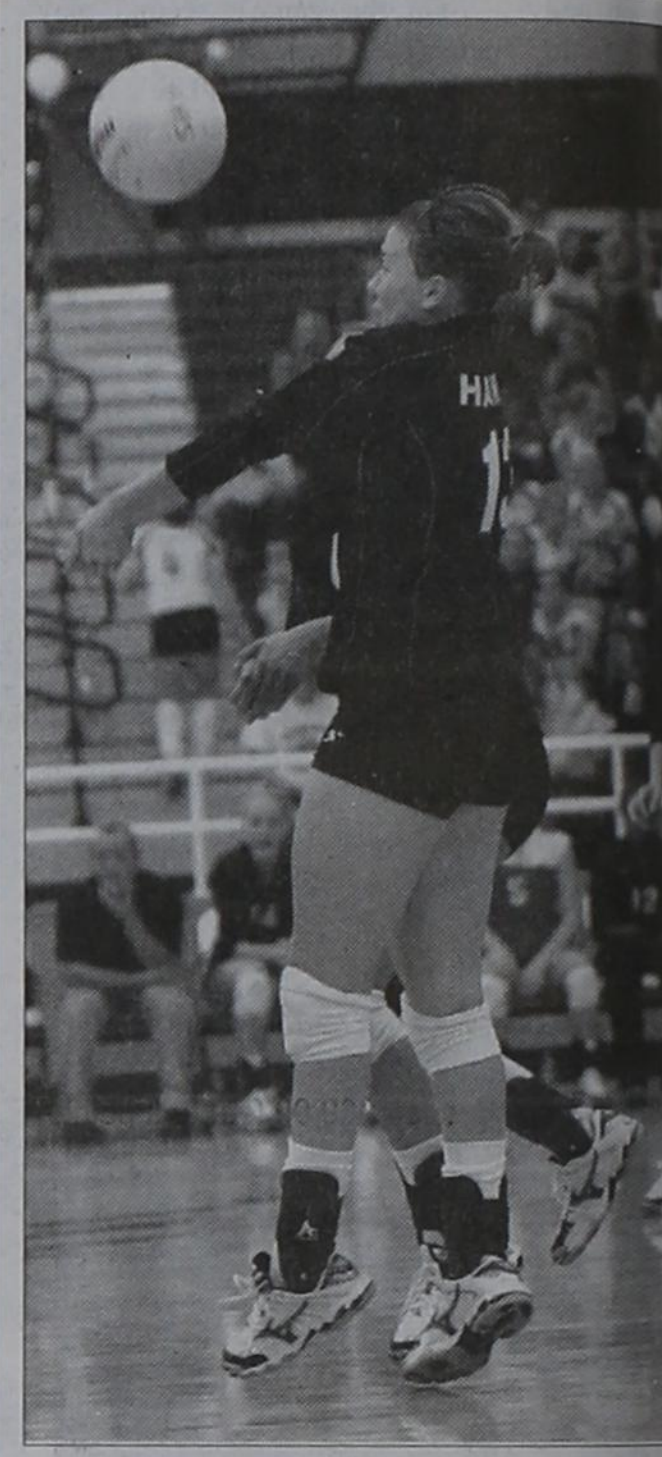
Serving twice at game point in the first game, 20-18, the Lady Hawks bounced back to win the second game, 25-18, positioning themselves for a win over the Lady Jaguars.

But after trailing just 4-3 in game four, the Lady Hawks lost their rhythm, and were outscored 10-1 to fall to 2-2.

The tie breaker was no closer, as Heath staggered in the first game, losing 2-3. The Lady Hawks would win the second game, 3-2, but lost the third game, 2-3, on a service winner, as the Jaguars put the match away.

Hill finished with 10 kills and four aces, while Short had an ace of her own, with sophomore Caley Carpenter.

Next up for the Heath will be an away non-district match against Rowlett Eagles Sept. 5.



Heath Lady Hawks sophomore Rachel Hilton (13) plays during last Friday's match against Mesquite. Also in the play is teammate Rachel Short (right). Staff photo by Carl McClung

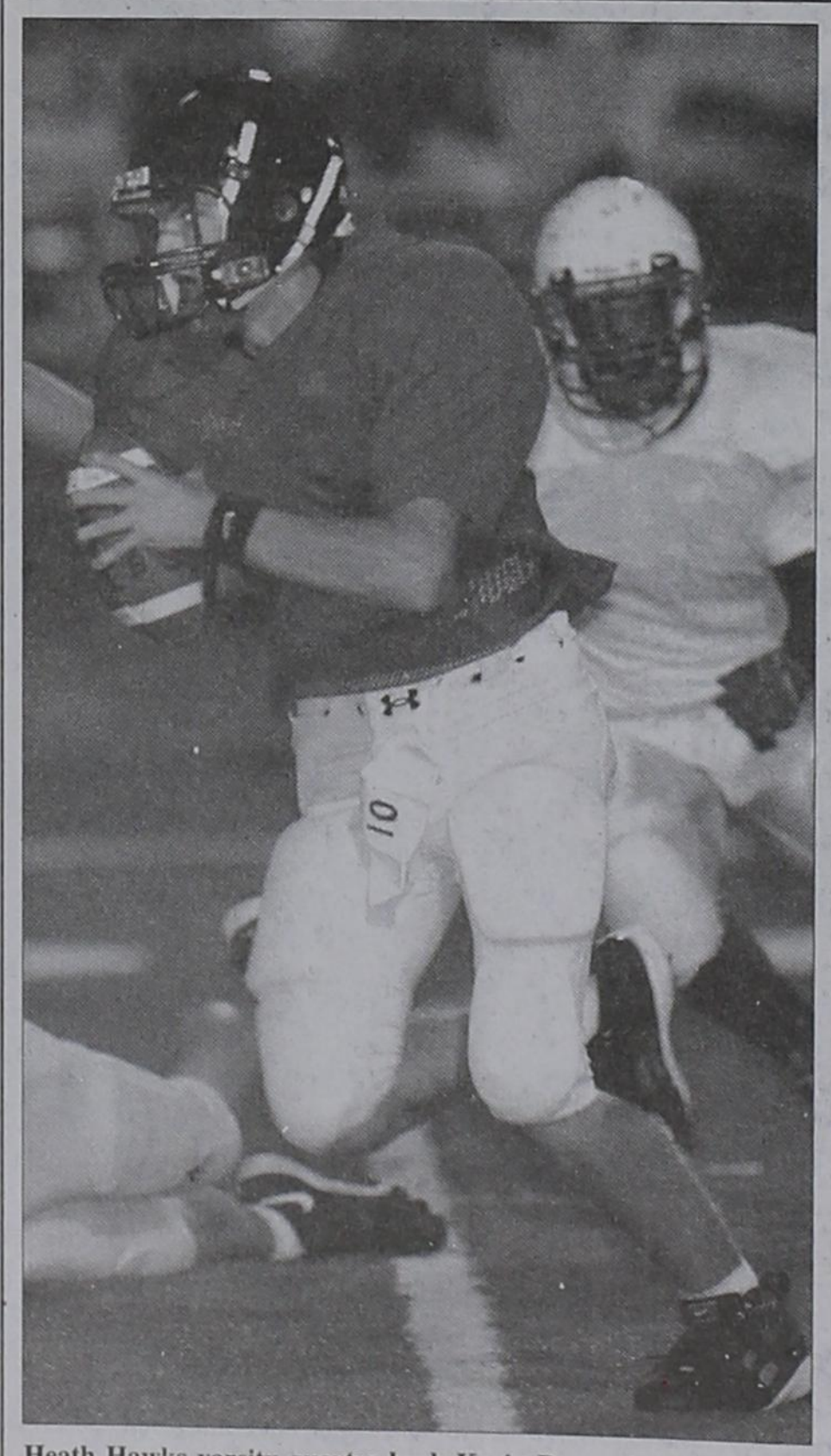
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Heath Hawks varsity quarterback Kevin Rogers keeps the ball for more yards with the help of his offensive line during last Thursday's scrimmage against Skyline at Heath. Staff photo by Carl McClung

Sports Notes

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Hope & Hearts 5K Run/Walk set Oct. 11
The Missing GRACE Foundation will host its first Hope & Hearts 5K Run/Walk on Oct. 11 in Garland's A. J. Moore Park. Missing GRACE is a nonprofit organization that offers support for families who have experienced a pregnancy loss, infertility and adoption. The group is dedicated to infant mortality statistics through education and research. For information about the event, go to www.hopeandhearts.org.

Myers Park site of Outdoor Family Campout
The Rockwall Parks & Recreation Department, in cooperation with the Texas Parks & Wildlife Department, will play host to the Family Campout Oct. 11-12 at Myers Park. Outdoor activities include fishing, archery, disc golf, kayaking and much more. Families are encouraged to bring sack lunches for the Oct. 11 campout. Dinner will be served that evening and will include an outdoor movie. Families can camp out in their own tents or a continental breakfast provided the morning of Oct. 12. Registration should be completed by Oct. 1; cost is \$100 per family. For more information, visit www.rockwall.com/parks or call 972-771-7740.

Open gym volleyball set Sunday afternoon
The Rockwall ISD Education Center Gym is open from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. Sundays for open gym volleyball. Cost is \$1 per person.

Dodge ball tourney slated for Oct. 18
The Great Pumpkin Halloween Dodge Ball Tournament for individuals ages 14 and up, will begin at 1 p.m. Oct. 18 at the Rockwall ISD Education Center Gym. Each team will consist of six players, and tourney will be a double-elimination tournament. Cost to enter will be \$25 per team. Awards will be given to the original uniforms and for teams taking first, second and third place. For details visit www.rockwall.com/parks or call 972-771-7740.

Turkey Shoot set Nov. 8
The Second Annual Turkey Shoot, open to individuals ages 14 and up, will run from 10 a.m. to noon at the Rockwall ISD Education Center Gym. The event is an adult/child basketball shoot-out where a parent/guardian will be paired with their child to take shots. The competition, which will be broken into age groups, will be conducted in three rounds, and each participant will take 10 shots per round. Cost is \$5 per pair. Frozen turkey will be provided to each team in each age group that generates the most points. Registration is required. For information visit www.rockwall.com or call 972-771-7740.

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Sealed bids addressed to Rockwall Economic Development Corporation, (REDC) will be received at the offices of the Rockwall Development Corporation, 697 E I-30, Rockwall TX 75087-0968, until the hour of **2:30 PM, Thursday, September 11, 2008**, for the following project:

Paving, Drainage, Water and Sewer Improvements to Serve Rockwall Technology Park, Phase 3

The project includes approximately 15,000 C.Y. street excavation, 4,000 C.Y. street backfill, 8,000 S.Y. of 8-inch 4000 psi concrete pavement with curb, 10,000 S.Y. of 8-inch 4200 psi concrete paving with curbs, 355 tons of lime, 17,700 S.Y. sub-grade preparation, 3394 L.F. 12-inch PVC water line, 235 L.F. 8-inch PVC water line, 5 Each 12-inch Gate Valve, 6 Each 8-inch Gate Valve, 11 Each 6-inch Gate Valve, 11 Each Fire Hydrant Assembly, 4.0 Tons Fittings, 1681 L.F. 8-inch SDR 26 PVC Sewer, 1226 L.F. 8-inch SDR 35 PVC Sewer, 4 Each 4-foot Diameter Sewer Manholes, 2 Each 5-foot Diameter Sewer Manholes, 695 L.F. 18-inch Class III RCP, 238 L.F. 21-inch Class III RCP, 1418 L.F. 24-inch Class III RCP, 471 L.F. 27-inch Class III RCP, 260 L.F. 42-inch Class III RCP, 315 L.F. 45-inch Class III RCP, 167 L.F. 18-inch Class IV RCP, 62 L.F. 21-inch Class IV RCP, 52 L.F. 24-inch Class IV RCP, 151 L.F. 27-inch Class IV RCP, 237 L.F. 33-inch Class IV RCP, 2 Storm Sewer Junction Boxes, 4 each 5-foot inlets, 9 Each 10-foot Inlets, 2 Each 15-foot Inlet, Various Concrete headwalls and miscellaneous items.

Bids shall be submitted in a sealed envelope externally marked **Rockwall Technology Park Phase 3**.

Bids will be opened publicly and read aloud at the offices of the REDC. No bids will be open or considered if received after the specified time.

Prequalification is not required. Completion time is **90 Calendar Days**. The REDC reserves the right to reject any and all bids, to waive any irregularities and/or to accept the bid or bids deemed best for the REDC.

A 5% Bid Bond is due with the bids. A Performance, Payment, and Maintenance Bond (2-year) is required for this project.

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

Specifications may be examined at the offices of Wier & Associates, located at 701 Highlander Blvd, Suite 300, Arlington, Texas, 76015 (phone number - 817-467-7700 fax 817-467-7713). Procurement of Plans and Specifications are available at the same address, at a non-refundable cost of \$50.00, beginning August 28, 2008.

City Council will hold a public hearing on **Monday, September 8, 2008**, in the City Council Chambers at Rockwall City Hall, 385 South Goliad, Rockwall, Texas, to consider the following item:

and consider a City-initiated request to annex land of approximately **505.26-acres** generally located along the south side of SH 121, FM 550, and contiguous to the existing City Limits line, and more specifically described by metes and bounds as follows:

6 acre tract of land situated in the J.H. Robinett Survey, Abstract No. 22; J.H. Bailey Survey, Abstract No. 22; J.H. Bailey Survey, Abstract No. 34; J.H. Bailey Survey, Abstract No. 45; J.H. Bailey Survey, Abstract No. 46; J. Lockhart Survey, Abstract No. 113; T. Heath Survey, Abstract No. 114; W. Briscoe Survey, Abstract No. 115; W. Briscoe Survey, Abstract No. 31; J.B. Marrs Survey, Abstract No. 152; H.K. Newell Survey, Abstract No. 167; in the County of Rockwall, Texas, and being more particularly described as follows:

A point at the most southern corner of Abstract 31, Tract 22 (171.5 ac) and the Right of Way line of FM 550;

S 36° 29' W following along said Tract 22 West property line for a distance of 1677.00 feet to a point;

N 15° 24' E following along said Tract 22 Northwestern property line for a distance of 1677.00 feet to a point;

S 14° 56' W following along the South property line of Abstract 22, Tract 7 for a distance of 1677.00 feet to a point;

N 15° 34.66' E following along the East boundary of the Equestrian Addition Ph. 2 for a distance of 1103.116 feet to a point;

S 11° 4.67' W following along the North boundaries of the Equestrian Addition Ph. 1 & 2 for a distance of 3417.21 feet to a point on the west Right of Way of Dowell Road;

N 35° 40' W continuing with the West Right of Way of Dowell Road for a distance of 1547 feet to a point;

N 16° 09' W a distance of 185.00 feet more or less, to a point;

N 54° 16' W a distance of 46.00 feet more or less, to a point;

N 54° 16' W a distance of 78.00 feet more or less, to a point;

N 32° 23' 02" W a distance of 99.00 feet more or less, to a point;

N 82° 26' 53" W departing the West Right of Way of Dowell Road for a distance of 1547 feet to a point;

N 45° 55' W following the North property line of Abstract 167, Tract 3-10 for a distance of 1547 feet to a point;

N 45° 55' W following the South property line of Abstract 182, Tract 1-2 for a distance of 1547 feet to a point;

N 0° 52' 57" W following the City of Rockwall Limits of the for a distance of 1547 feet to a point;

in a northerly direction along the meanders of Brushy Creek and the City of Rockwall as follows:

N 18° 04' W a distance of 336.00 feet to a point;

N 11° 04' 47" W a distance of 287.78 feet to a point;

N 28° 48' 51" E a distance of 39.99 feet to a point;

N 28° 06' 29" E a distance of 183.45 feet to a point;

N 0° 55' 56" W a distance of 326.62 feet to a point;

N 0° 40' 13" E a distance of 1188.15 feet to a point;

N 28° 12' 33" E a distance of 394.36 feet to a point;

N 0° 28' 58" E a distance of 228.81 feet to a point;

N 28° 35' 29" W a distance of 245.61 feet to a point;

N 0° 26' 02" W a distance of 296.87 feet to a point;

N 82° 22' 50" E a distance of 141.63 feet to a point;

N 0° 36' 2.76" W a distance of 46.276 more or less feet to a point on the West Right of Way of State Highway 276;

N 0° 09' 27.88" E following the South Right of Way of State Highway 276, a distance of 336.00 feet to the beginning of a tangent curve to the right having a radius of 1703.67, chord length of 897.68 to a point;

following said curve to the right, through a central angle of 36° 46' 53", a distance of 1703.67, chord length of 897.68 to a point;

E S 03° 39.25" E a distance of 1046.74 feet to the beginning of a curve to the right having a radius of 3490.38 feet;

following said curve to the left, through a central angle of 15° 36' 54", a distance of 1046.74 feet to the beginning of a curve to the right having a radius of 42264.20 feet, a chord bearing of S 64° 30' 0.00" E, chord length of 948.29, tangent of 478.58 feet;

S 0° 58' 19.44" W a distance of 80.455 feet to a point;

N 82° 52' 36.12" E a distance of 367.075 feet to a point;

S 82° 42' 1.79" E a distance of 269.92 feet to a point;

N 82° 30' 0.00" E a distance of 4110.45 feet to the beginning of a non-tangent curve to the right having a radius of 42264.20 feet;

following said curve to the left, through a central angle of 03° 12' 04", a distance of 4110.45 feet to the beginning of a curve to the right having a radius of 42264.20 feet, a chord bearing of S 01° 45' 49.56" E to a point;

S 82° 47' 34" W following the City of Rockwall extraterritorial jurisdiction line, a distance of 1119 feet to a point;

S 82° 23' 59.94" W along the North boundaries of the Westview Phase 2 and 3 Addition for a distance of 3680.95 feet to a point;

S 0° 41' 21.11" E along the West boundary of the Westview Phase 2 Addition for a distance of 16.24 feet to a point on the South Right of Way of View Drive;

N 0° 43' 37.01" E along the South Right of Way of View Drive a distance of 16.24 feet to the beginning of a non-tangent curve to the right having a radius of 42264.20 feet;

following said curve to the left, following the City of Rockwall extraterritorial jurisdiction line through a central angle of 13° 06' 45", a distance of 2368.67, a chord bearing of S 15° 32.59" E, chord length of 2363.50, tangent of 1189.53 to a point;

S 0° 17' 0.00" W along the North Right of Way of FM 550, a distance of 1547 feet to the Point of Beginning and containing 1505.26 acres of land (1505.26 square feet) more or less. The above description to follow all existing City of Rockwall Limit boundaries where noted.

Public hearings are encouraged to attend. Please contact the City of Rockwall Planning and Zoning staff at (972) 771-7745 with any questions.

- Public Notice -

The City of Rockwall City Council will hold a public hearing on **Monday, September 15, 2008 at 6:00 p.m.** in the City Council Chambers at Rockwall City Hall, 385 South Goliad, Rockwall, Texas, to consider the following item:

A2008-002

Hold a public hearing and consider a City-initiated request to annex land of approximately **162.88-acres** generally located east of FM 1141, south of Clem Road and west of FM 549, and contiguous to the existing City Limits line, and more specifically described by metes and bounds as follows:

BEING a 162.88-acre tract of land situated in the W.M. Dalton Survey, Abstract No. 72 in the County of Rockwall, Texas and being more particularly described as follows:

BEGINNING at a point in the Southeastern corner of Abstract 72, Tract 4, (62.66 acres) and the West Right of Way line of FM 549;

THENCE S 89° 17' 15.10" W following along said Tract 4 southern property line for a distance of 2146.88 feet to a point;

THENCE S 89° 17' 15.12" W following along Abstract 72, Tract 24 southern property line for a distance of 669.10 feet to a point;

THENCE S 89° 17' 15.13" W following along Abstract 72, Tract 22-05 southern property line for a distance of 813.73 feet to a point;

THENCE S 88° 43' 7.09" W following along Abstract 72, Tract 22 southern property line for a distance of 528.41 feet to a point;

THENCE S 88° 58' 13.58" W following along Abstract 72, Tract 17 southern property line for a distance of 1285.18 feet to a point on the East Right of Way of FM1141;

THENCE N 00° 36' 31.82" W along the East Right of Way line of FM 1141 for a distance of 835.68 feet to the beginning of a curve to the right having a radius of 562.88 feet;

Continuing along said curve to the right, through a central angle of 31° 58' 08.88", a chord length of 310.01, chord bearing of N 18° 34' 43.21" E to a point;

THENCE N 37° 46' 55.41" E along the North Right of Way line of Clem Rd for a distance of 266.91 feet to a point on the North Right of Way of Clem Rd;

THENCE N 88° 30' 37.19" E along the North Right of Way line of Clem Rd for a distance of 705.36 feet to a point;

THENCE N 88° 47' 10.54" E along the North Right of Way line of Clem Rd for a distance of 823.84 feet to a point;

THENCE N 89° 08' 59.57" E along the North Right of Way line of Clem Rd for a distance of 1317.34 feet to a point;

THENCE S 00° 26' 59.38" W crossing the roadway approximately 39.86 feet to the Southern Right of Way line of Clem Rd;

THENCE N 89° 05' 05.18" E along the South Right of Way line of Clem Rd for a distance of 1640.43 feet to the beginning of a curve to the left having a radius of 186.00 feet;

Continuing along said curve to the left, through a central angle of 37° 01' 36.67", a chord length of 118.12, chord bearing of N 68° 15' 30.94" E to a point on the West Right of Way of FM549;

THENCE S 62° 02' 55.74" E along the West Right of Way line of FM549 for a distance of 269.22 feet to the beginning of a curve to the right having a radius of 714.00 feet;

Continuing along said curve to the right, through a central angle of 64° 04' 19.96", a chord length of 725.54, chord bearing of S 30° 34' 59.12" E to a point;

THENCE S 01° 16' 46.65" W a distance of 595.17 feet to the Point of Beginning and containing 162.88 acres of land (7094931.87 square feet) more or less. The above description to follow all existing City of Rockwall City Limit boundaries where noted.

All interested parties are encouraged to attend. Please contact the City of Rockwall Planning and Zoning staff at (972) 771-7745 with any questions.

