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Army Reservist Jeanna Willard Sent to duty in Iraq

Rockwall's Jeanna Willard, 38, is an Army reservist who has been sent to duty in Iraq. She is currently serving at Fort Benning, Ga. Her family includes her mother, Janice Edwards, sons Christopher, 23, Skylar, 18, a high school senior, and Mackenzie, 13, an eighth grader and gymnastics team member at Cain Middle School.

Mrs. Edwards said, "I am very proud of what she has accomplished. She has had her ups and downs, and things happen on the job or with the kids, but I'm proud of her. I didn't expect her to go (to Iraq). But to get through basic training at 38 is amazing."

In addition to caring for the Willard children this year, the family is looking forward to the arrival of a German exchange student on Monday. She will be with the family until the end of December. Willard said she has tried to convince her family to make the 11-hour drive to Ft. Benning next week so she can meet their student and say good-bye again, but Mackenzie has said no, saying she "doesn't want to cry twice."

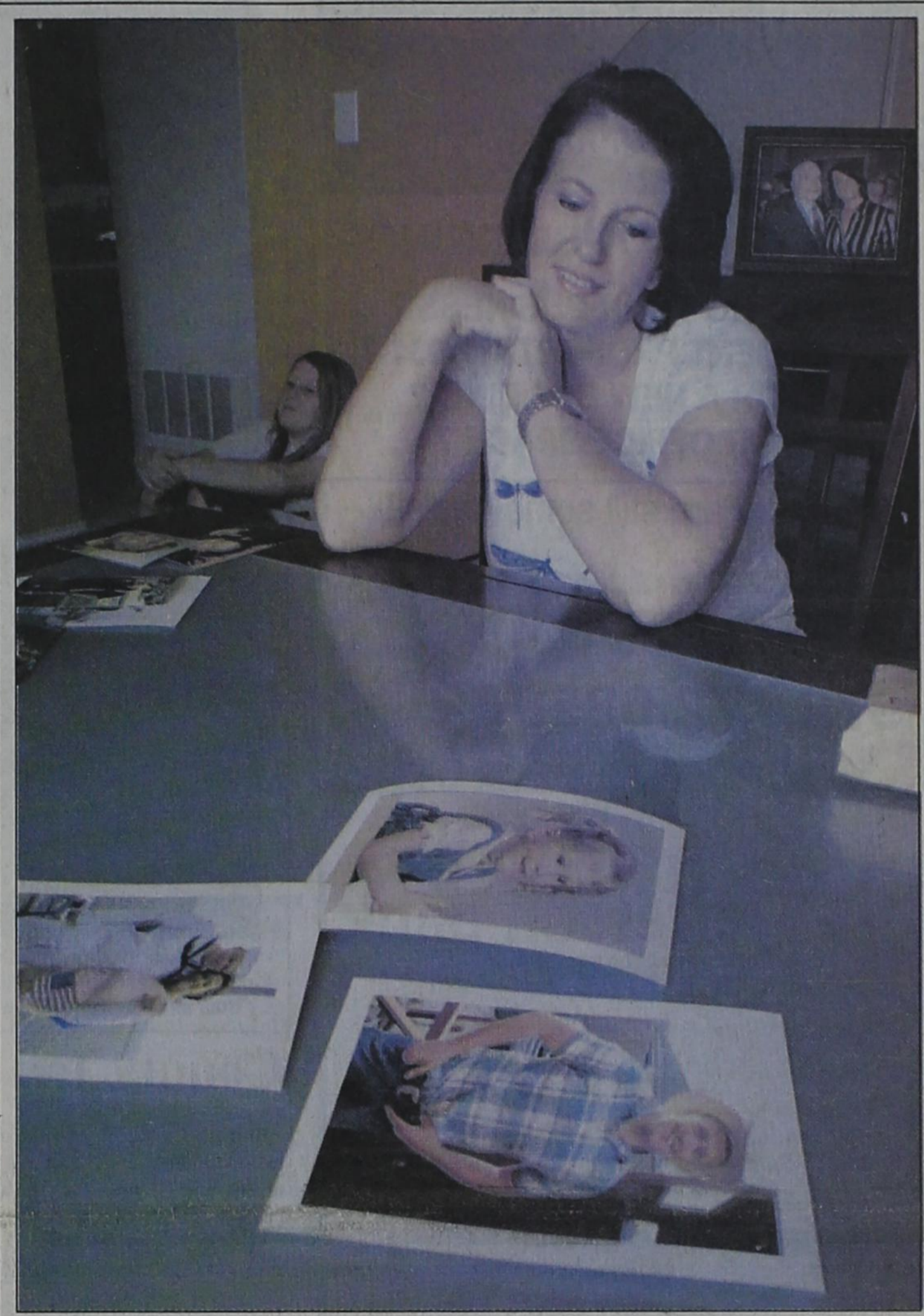
Willard will keep up with her family through letters and emails. She will have a two-

"Relaxin' Jackson." Willard laughed and said, "It's not!" Her determination to succeed and keep up with the younger recruits, some still in their teens, helped her get through the tough training. She said she is now in great physical shape, with what she calls her "body by drill sergeant."

After basic training, Willard attended 15 weeks of AIT, Advanced Individual Training at Ft. Lee, VA. She said Willard said she joined the Army to pay for school, but she is proud to be a soldier. She is currently taking on-line classes through Grantham University and hopes to be able to continue with her studies while she is in Iraq. She is studying criminal justice and hopes to someday join the JAG corps full time.

She is assigned to the 92nd Alpha Automated Logistics, which is responsible for the supplies ordered for the Army. "If you need anything from pencils to socks to a jet engine, it comes through me," Willard said.

Willard's family is proud of her accomplishments so far, and is already looking forward to the day she returns home



Rockwall's LaJeanna Willard takes a last look at family photos as she prepares for a one year assignment in Iraq. She is scheduled to leave here Saturday for Fort Benning, Ga. in preparation for the overseas duty. LaJeanna's daughter MacKenzie (left) sits quietly behind her mother.
 Staff photo by Tim Burnett



Shoes' volunteer Becky Valadez (right) measures the feet of five year old Rochelle Christian Deweber. Also present with Christian, but not pictured is sister Chloe and father and Chad Deweber.
 Photo by Tim Burnett

'Shoes For Kids' helps youngsters

The sanctuary at First United Methodist Church in Rockwall was full on Saturday, but it wasn't parishioners looking to fill their souls. It was hundreds of children looking to cover the soles of their feet with new school shoes provided through the generosity of many community volunteers.

According to Sherry Bonds, director of the Shoes for Kids program, approximately 1,200 pairs of shoes were given away at the 7th annual event on August 9. In addition to a new pair of shoes, each child was given three pairs of socks, donated by Eastridge Church of Christ in Rockwall. The children are referred to the program by their school or other social service agencies.

For the first time in the event's history, the Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Texas Care Van was on hand to provide free immunizations to about 160 children. The children were also given personal hygiene kits that included a new toothbrush and toothpaste.

Bonds said her volunteer staff worked tirelessly to help the event run smoothly for the families. Her staff includes seven-year volunteer Shirley Montanye, affectionately known as the "sock lady." Bonds said Shirley can "look at a child's

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News Briefs

- City applications due today**
 The City of Rockwall is accepting applications from citizens interested in serving on a board or commission. Applications are available at City Hall or online at www.rockwall.com/CitySecretary/. Appointments are made by the City Council. Applications are due by 5 p.m. today, Aug. 15.
- Rochell school preparing for new year**
 New student orientation for students in kindergarten through the sixth grade at Amanda Rochell Elementary will take place from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. today, Aug. 15, in the school cafeteria, according to the district's Web site. Class lists will be posted at 4 p.m. Aug. 22. Classes begin Aug. 25.
- Poetry now enrolling students**
 Poetry Community Christian School is now enrolling students in primer (age 5) through 12th grades. PCCS is fully accredited and offers daily bus service in Rockwall. Visit www.poetrychristian.org or call 972-563-7227 for admissions information. Classes begin Aug. 25.
- Saturday is Farmers Market**
 Friends of Downtown Rockwall invite everyone to attend the next Farmers Market from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. each Saturday in August at Rockwall Square in downtown Rockwall. Local growers will offer fruits, vegetables, herbs, homemade jams, jellies, honey and other items.
- RHS new, returning students class pick-ups set**
 The Rockwall High School class schedule pick-up for new and returning students is as follows: grade 12, 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Monday; grade 11, 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday; grade 10, 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesday; grade 9, 1 p.m. to 4 p.m., Thursday; and grades 9-12, 5 p.m. to 7 p.m., Thursday. The come-and-go freshman orientation, hosted by the RHS Student Council, will run from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Thursday. Orientation will include building tours and discussions about elective classes and the school's culture. New students and freshmen also are welcome to attend the Friends of Rachel Lunch, 12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m., Thursday in the school cafeteria.
- CASA to host volunteer information sessions**
 The Lone Star CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocate) organization will host a volunteer information session at 6 p.m. Thursday in the Lone Star CASA office, 950 Williams St., Bldg. C, in Rockwall. It is CASA's mission to advocate for child victims of abuse or neglect during their time within the legal system. For more information about CASA, visit www.lonestarcasa.org, call 972-772-5858 or e-mail director@lonestarcasa.org.
- RC Chamber luncheon slated Tuesday**
 Melody East of Helping Hands of Rockwall County will be the featured speaker at Tuesday's Roysce City Chamber luncheon in the Melody Room of City Hall. Joe Willoughby, a representative of the State

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Pvt. Willard heads to Iraq

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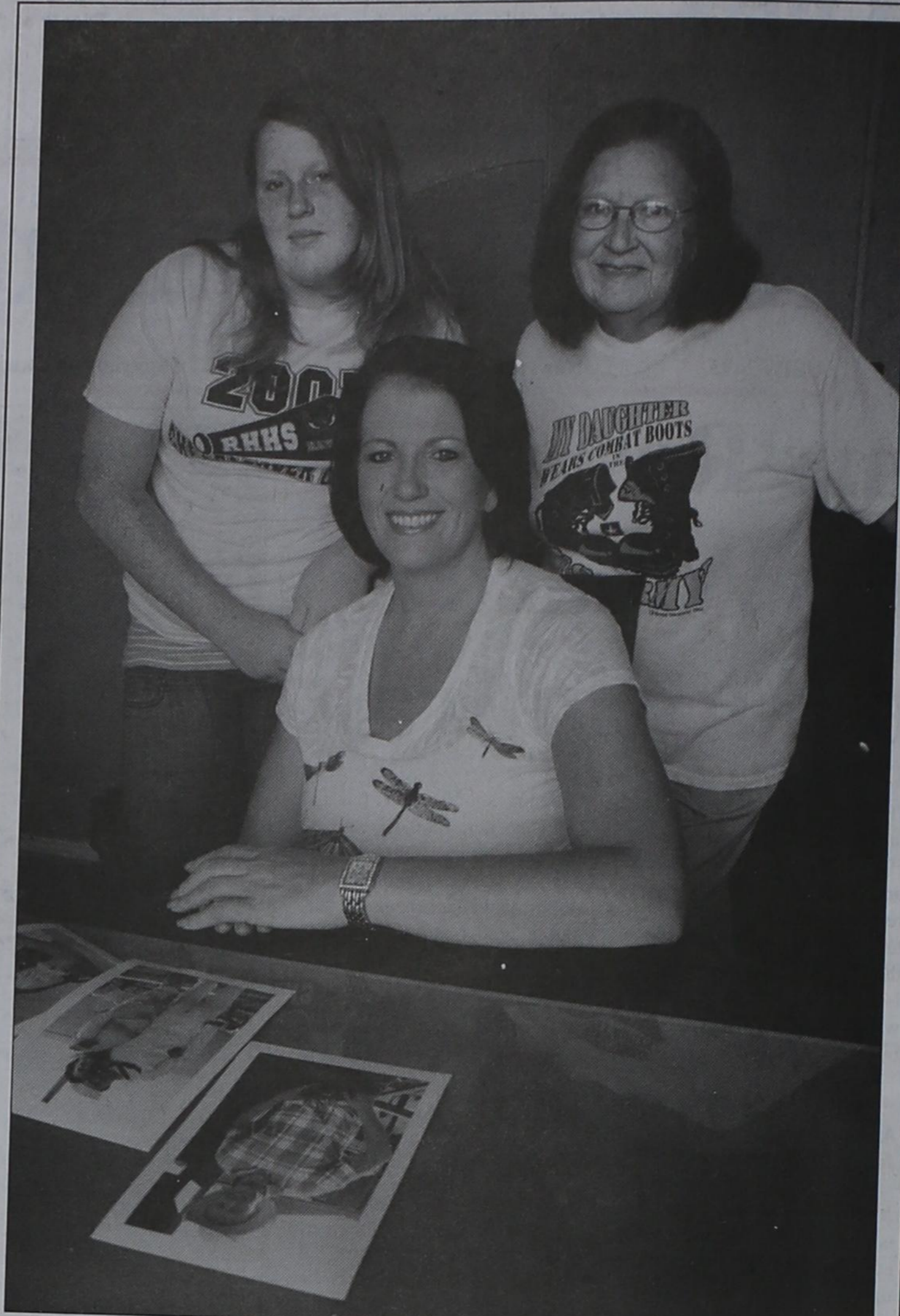
week leave after six months and plans to see her family then. She is also grateful for the support of her co-workers and supervisors at Fish and Richardson, where she works for attorneys Scott Thomas and Bill Mateja. She said Martha Huffman in human resources has been especially helpful the past few weeks. Willard said, "She has been a great help getting me ready to go. She has taken such a load off my mind."

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Mackenzie Willard (standing, left to right) with her grandmother Janice Edwards and her mother Lajinna Willard (seated) viewing family photos.
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County Jail Correction...

In the August 8, 2008 issue of the Rockwall County News, the article, Sheriff Eavenson outlines potential funding for new county jail, stated, "Rockwall County currently contracts about 20-25 of its beds to Kaufman, Henderson and Van Zandt Counties." The article should have stated that Rockwall County has contracted beds to these counties in the past, but has not done so since July 2006, as the county needed these beds for its own use.

2008 Property Tax Rates in CITY OF FATE

This notice concerns 2008 property tax rates for CITY OF FATE. It presents information about three tax rates. Last year's tax rate is the actual rate the taxing unit used to determine property taxes last year. This year's effective tax rate would impose the same total taxes as last year if you compare properties taxed in both years. This year's rollback tax rate is the highest tax rate the taxing unit can set before taxpayers can start tax rollback procedures. In each case these rates are found by dividing the total amount of taxes by the tax base (the total value of taxable property) with adjustments as required by state law. The rates are given per \$100 of property value.

Last year's tax rate:

Last year's operating taxes	
Last year's debt taxes	\$660,044
Last year's total taxes	\$24,257
Last year's tax base	\$684,301
Last year's total tax rate	\$319,170,182
	0.214400/\$100

This year's effective tax rate:

Last year's adjusted taxes	
(after subtracting taxes on lost property)	
+ This year's adjusted tax base	\$684,513
(after subtracting value of new property)	
= This year's effective tax rate	\$334,142,472
	0.204800/\$100

This year's rollback tax rate:

Last year's adjusted operating taxes	
(after subtracting taxes on lost property and	
adjusting for any transferred function, tax increment	
financing, state criminal justice mandate and/or	
enhanced indigent health care expenditures)	
+ This year's adjusted tax base	\$660,246
= This year's effective operating rate	\$334,142,472
x 1.08 = this year's maximum operating rate	0.197500/\$100
+ This year's debt rate	0.213300/\$100
	0.006500/\$100
= This year's rollback rate	0.219800/\$100

Statement of Increase/Decrease
 If CITY OF FATE adopts a 2008 tax rate equal to the effective tax rate of 0.204800 per \$100 of value, taxes would increase compared to 2007 taxes by \$69,422.

Schedule A: Unencumbered Fund Balances:
 The following estimated balances will be left in the unit's property tax accounts at the end of the fiscal year. These balances are not encumbered by a corresponding debt obligation.

Type of Property Tax Fund	Balance
M&O & I&S FUND	329,840

Schedule B: 2008 Debt Service:
 The unit plans to pay the following amounts for long-term debts that are secured by property taxes. These amounts will be paid from property tax revenues (or additional sales tax revenues, if applicable).

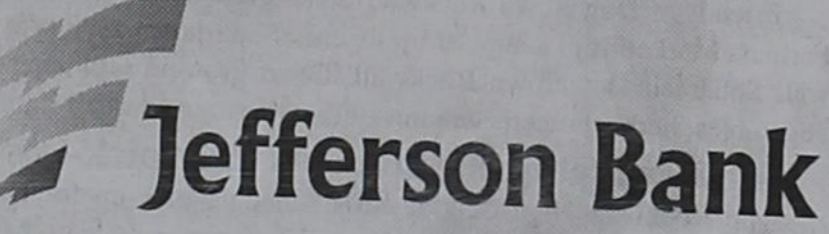
Description of Debt	Principal or Contract Payment to be Paid from Property Taxes	Interest to be Paid from Property Taxes	Other Amounts to be Paid	Total Payment
GO 1989 WATER BOND	10,000	13,406	750	24,156
Total required for 2008 debt service				24,156
- Amount (if any) paid from funds listed in Schedule A				\$0
- Amount (if any) paid from other resources				\$0
- Excess collections last year				\$0
= Total to be paid from taxes in 2008				\$24,156
+ Amount added in anticipation that the unit will collect only 100.000000% of its taxes in 2008				\$0
= Total Debt Levy				\$24,156

This notice contains a summary of actual effective and rollback tax rates' calculations. You can inspect a copy of the full calculations at 841 Justin Rd, Rockwall, Tx 75087.
 Name of person preparing this notice: Ray E. Helm
 Title: Chief Appraiser
 Date prepared: July 30, 2008



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Shelby Hogue and Michael Zieminski exchange vows in June 27 ceremony

Shelby Erin Hogue and Michael Garrett Zieminski were united in marriage on June 27, 2008, at the Riu Palace Mexico Resort in Playa del Carmen, Mexico.

Family and close friends witnessed the sunset ceremony in the resort's courtyard.

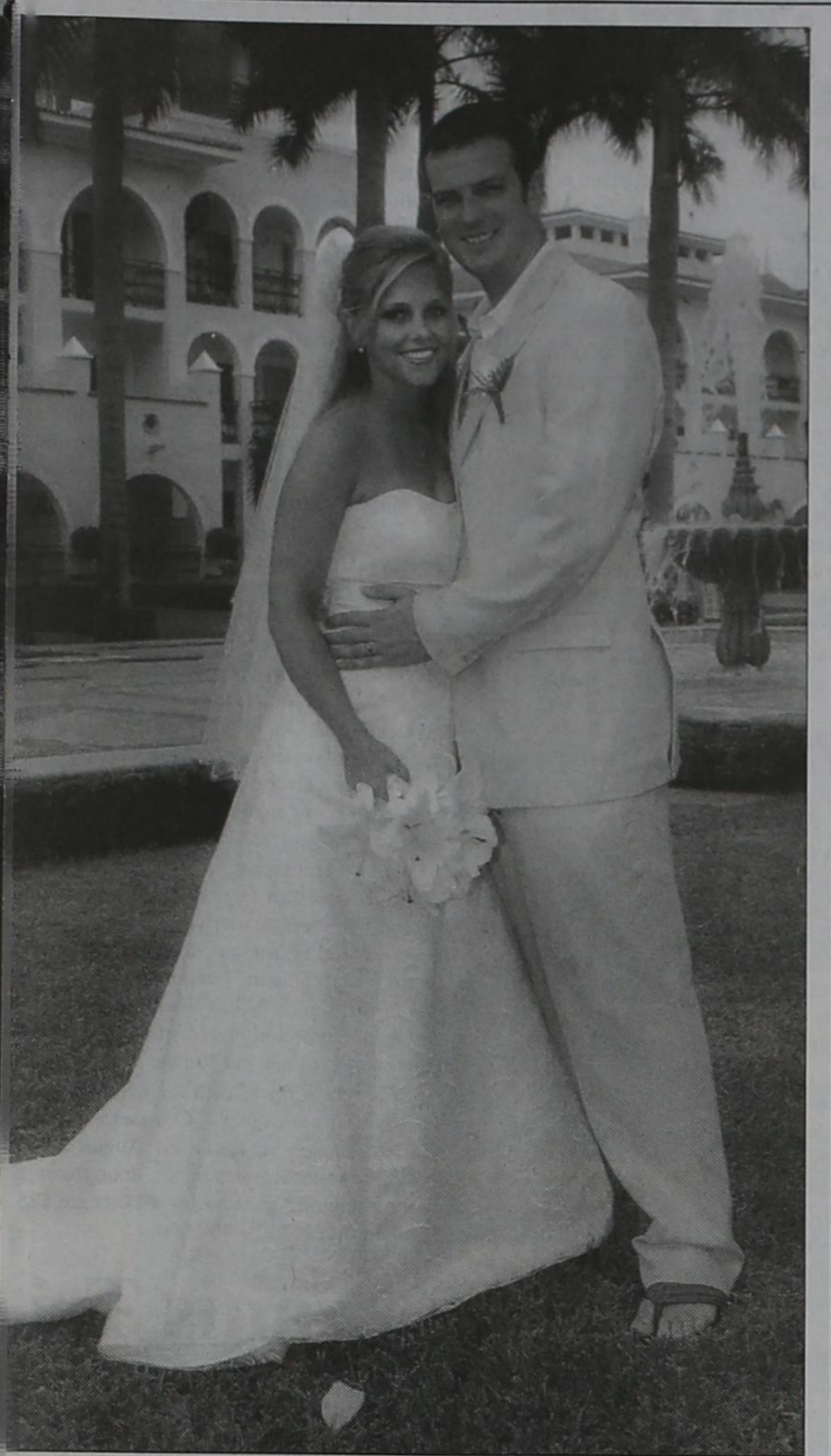
Escorted by her father and given in marriage by her parents, the bride was attended by maids of honor Courtney Hogue, sister of the bride, and Jolene Spafford, a lifelong friend. Bridesmaids were Hallie Graves, Cassi Clinton and Jennifer Blazek.

The groom's best man was his brother, Craig Zieminski of Dallas. Groomsman were Hakan Oksuzler, Shaun Randall and Mo Bur.

The daughter of Harvey and Pamela Hogue of Rockwall, the bride is a 2000 graduate of Rockwall High School who received her degree in broadcast journalism from Texas Tech University in 2004. She is employed by the Frisco Independent School District as a seventh-grade reading/language arts teacher.

Gould of Frisco and Mike Zieminski of Plano, graduated in 1999 from Plano Senior High School and in 2003 from the University of Texas, where he received a degree in civil engineering. He is employed by Bridgefarmer and Associates, Dallas.

Following a honeymoon at the resort, the couple will reside in Frisco.



Michael Zieminski

Rockwall ISD, Big Brother, Sister form partnership

Rockwall Independent School District and Big Brothers Big Sisters (BBBS) have formed a partnership to help children reach their potential through professionally supported relationships.

The BBBS has provided mentoring services to the children in the City of Rockwall and Rockwall County through their community-based program for several years; however, this new partnership promises to grow the number of children served at levels never seen before.

"We are very excited about partnering with the Rockwall Independent School District to provide one-to-one mentoring for our students," said Charles Pierson, CEO of Big Brothers Big Sisters. "There is nothing more impactful in youth development than engaged mentors."

On October 3, the Rockwall ISD

and BBBS will host a rally and dinner in honor of the volunteers and students. Following the event, the mentors and students will be escorted to the Rockwall High School and Rockwall-Heath High School football game. In addition, a booth will be set up at the game to promote and increase the reach of BBBS in Rockwall and surrounding communities. Representatives from Rachel's Challenge and Lift-Up America will be involved in the celebration.

The event serves as a kick-off event for the second year of the Rachel's Challenge initiative emphasizing The Power of One.

For more information on volunteering with BBBS, call 888.887.2447 or visit www.bbbstx.org.

RISD Grandparent Century Club hosts Sept. 9 tea and reception

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. Sept. 9 at the RISD Administration/Education Center, 1050 Williams St., Rockwall.

To join the Grandparent Century Club, it is necessary to either have or have had grandchildren in the RISD school system and contribute \$100 to the Foundation.

For more information about the Education Foundation and the Grandparent Century Club, contact Cindy Benefield at 972-771-0605.

RCN offers special school pages for 2008-2009

Rockwall County News publisher Wesley W. Burnett has announced a new weekly feature beginning with the August 29 edition focusing on Rockwall County schools.

"We will offer special pages every week for all Rockwall County government and private schools," Burnett announced.

Each school will have at least one page dedicated to its athletic and academic programs.

"This special section of the newspaper is designed to promote the achievements of our youth ... throughout our county," Burnett added.

Advertising sponsorships are being accepted, which will provide advertisers and school supporters with important promotional material for both the schools and their sponsors.

To reserve space, businesses and school sponsors should call Jackie at 214-732-9625.

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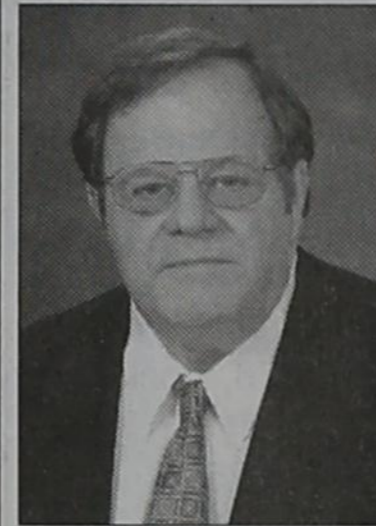
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RC Chamber renews plans for cookbook

The Roysse City Chamber of Commerce has renewed plans to create a chamber cookbook and is in need of additional recipes.

The effort originally began a few years ago, netting 87 recipes, but recently the group decided to resume the cookbook project. A minimum of 200 recipes is needed for "a good cookbook," according to information provided by the chamber's Carolyn Thumann in an e-mail to its membership.

The following is a breakdown of the recipes received to date:

- Appetizers, relishes and pickles - 11
- Soups, salads and sauces - 11
- Meats and main dishes - 19
- Vegetables - 12
- Breads, rolls and pastries - 5
- Cakes, cookies and desserts - 26

- Beverages, microwave and miscellaneous - 3

"If each chamber member sent only one recipe, we would be home free and ready to get cooking," Thumann wrote in her e-mail. "If you have already submitted your recipes, thank you; however, maybe you have a new one you would like to share."

Organizers behind the project are hoping to have recipes collected in time to have the cookbooks printed and ready for sale by the organization's December Christmas parade.

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Fair of Texas, also will speak. County Line BBQ will serve sliced brisket and turkey, potato salad, cole slaw, beans and homemade bread. Tickets cost \$10 in advance, \$15 at the door. Reservations must be made by today, Aug. 15. For more information, e-mail info@roysecitychamber.com.

ESL, GED, citizenship class registration set

Registration for ESL, GED and citizenship classes at the Rockwall County Library will take place from 10 a.m. to noon and 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Aug. 19, 21, 26 and 28 at the new library location, 1215 E. Yellowjacket Lane (look for the registration sign at the front door). New and returning students must register to have a place in class. Classes will start the week of Sept. 8. Space may be limited. For information call 972-204-7705 (because of the move, however, phones may not be working).

Hall to be honored at chamber event

U.S. Congressman Ralph Hall will be presented with the Spirit of Enterprise Award 2007 by the U.S. Chamber of Commerce at the Rockwall Area Chamber of Commerce's Wednesday noon luncheon at The Hilton Bella Harbor. This award is presented to U.S. representatives and senators who have more than a 70 percent pro-business voting record, according to a chamber press release. Tickets must be purchased in advance at the chamber; cost is \$35 each.

FOL Book Sale planned in RC

A Friends of the Library Book Sale will be conducted from 11 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 21, and from 11 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Friday, Aug. 22, at the C.F. Goodwin Public Library, 309 N. Arch St., in Roysse City.

RC Chamber plans auction, dinner

The Roysse City Chamber of Commerce will host an Aug. 22 fundraiser to promote programs that benefit youth and economic development. The Silent Auction & Dinner will be at Garland's Hella Shrine Temple Ballroom, 2121 Rowlett Road. At 6:30 p.m. a variety of items will go up for bid while participants enjoys cocktails and the music of MadMex. Dinner will be at 7:30 p.m.; bidding closes at 8:30 p.m. Tickets cost \$25 in advance and may be purchased by calling 972-636-5000 or by e-mailing info@roysecitychamber.com.

Ministerial Alliance to meet

The Rockwall Ministerial Alliance will meet at noon on Aug. 27 at the First Christian Church, 3372 Ridge Road.

Rockwall ISD alumni sought

The Rockwall Independent School District Education Foundation needs to contact Rockwall High alumni from the following classes: 1949, 1959, 1969, 1979, 1989, 1999 and 2009. Contact information should be sent to Cindy Benefield, Rockwall ISD Education Foundation Inc., 972-771-0605, x-7529, cbenefield@rockwallisd.org.

City, American Legion to honor military

The City of Rockwall and the American Legion are seeking current and recently discharged members of the Armed Forces who live or whose families live in and around area. Returning veterans will be honored at upcoming Thursday Night concerts at The Harbor. Anyone who knows a veteran who is returning or has recently returned should call either Craig Zurek at 972-771-5352 or e-mail him at zurek@cebridge.net or call Chuck Bealmear at 469-698-0114 or e-mail at chuckbealmear@yahoo.com.

Physical, immunizations offered

The Health Center of Helping Hands, a strategic emergency assistance agency serving Rockwall County, is offering back-to-school/sport physicals and immunizations. School and sport physicals are \$25. Immunizations are offered to those who are uninsured or underinsured and unable to meet insurance deductibles. The Health Center is located at 102 S. First St., Suite B. To make an appointment, call 972-772-8194.

Computer Council to meet Sept. 3

The Rockwall Computer Council will meet at 6:30 p.m. Sept. 3 at The Center at Rockwall City Place, 108 E. Washington St. Bill

Hair of My Computer Guy will provide t... ested in computers is invited to attend. Fo... Conrad at 972-771-8712.

Preschool Association sets

The Rockwall Preschool Association will opers... and their preschool-aged children, birth... conducted on the first Friday of each month, au... reservation. The first meeting of the year will b... 5 at the Free Methodist Church, located at 31... are welcome throughout the year, but are first... childcare limitations. For more information, v... association.com.

Heath DPS offers DPS Citiz

The Heath Department of Public Safety w... Citizens' Academy from 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m... 8. The program will offer insight into public... fire operations, emergency medical training and... more information or an application contact Bri... or bburton@heathtx.com.

RC Chamber needs recipes

The Roysse City Chamber of Commerce is collic... bers for a chamber cookbook planned for public... season. More than 80 recipes have been collect... of 200 are needed. Chamber members should se... Thumann at cthumann@hpcnc.org or 972-771-5... FOL kickoff meeting set

FOL kickoff meeting set

The kickoff meeting of the 2008-09 year of Fri... at 11 a.m. Sept. 9 in the home of Gayle Albritton... News... Today's History," will be presented by... served; reservations are required. Contact Leigh F... cplagens65@aol.com by 5 p.m. Sept. 5.

American Legion makes meet

The Roysse City American Legion Post 117 has cha... The group will meet quarterly in October, Januar... with a meal and fellowship, followed by a busin... at approximately 7 p.m. For more information... Walker at 972-771-3682 or Chuck Bealmear at 4... are invited to come and meet with fellow veterans... tion and sharing of old war stories.

Royce City Chamber of Commerce

The Roysse City Chamber of Commerce extends... in its Silent Auction, set for Friday, August 22 at... Garland. The event features music, door prizes, a... items for bid during the auction. Tickets are \$25... calling the office at 972-636-5000.

Kiwanis Tri- triathlon hits streets Saturday

The 8th annual Tri-Rock triathlon once aga... Rockwall on Saturday, Aug. 24, with approxi... pected to swim, bike and run their way to the fi... by the Rockwall Kiwanis Club, racers come fro... the surrounding area.

The triathlon will begin and end at the Rockw... to Nicole Bowen, Kiwanis treasurer and office m... CPA. Swimmers take to the pool at 7:30 a.m... then jump on their bicycles for a 14-mile bike r... 2.9-mile cross country run.

The bike portion of the race will begin at the Y... Street, turn east on FM 552, go south on SH 66... around to Caruth Lane, and end back at the Y...

For the 2.9-mile run, runners will run along Ca... trails behind the Y. Bowen said the runners like... to finish a long morning of racing.

Proceeds from the race are used to support loc... cluding the Rockwall YMCA, Equest, and Helpin... to Bowen. Kiwanis also awards college scholar... dents.

USA Triathlon sanctions the race. Points are aw... for various criteria that can lead to participation... as the Boston Marathon or New York Marathon... tion on the triathlon or to sign up, go to ww.ironb...

'Block the Sun' event set

A program designed to increase skin cancer awar... Sun, Not the Fun," will be offered from 7 p.m. to... the Wet Zone Family Waterpark, 5304 Main St., in...

Sponsored by the Rowlett Regional Cancer Ce... Health Network and Dermatology Center of Roo... Plough and the North Texas Tollway Authority, the... skin cancer screenings, sunscreen and education... park will be free, and Duriye will provide live... form of Caribbean jazz.

According to a recent report in the Journal o... Dermatology, melanoma rates have climbed 50 perc... U.S. women since 1980, a trend that may be relat... the use of tanning salons and exposure to the sun... The American Cancer Society estimates there w... 62,400 new cases of melanoma and 8,420 deaths fro... the U.S. this year.

For more information, contact the Rowlett Region... at 972-475-4999.

RISD convocation open to commu

The Rockwall Independent School District will h... Convocation, the all-employee assembly that marks... of each school year, at 8 a.m. Monday at Lake Pointe...

Although admission to Convocation is traditiona... RISD employees, superintendent Gene Burton has exte... tation to the community and business leaders to attend...

This year guest speakers are Patrick Henry Hughes... who has overcome the disabilities to attain incredible... and his father. Hughes was recently featured on the... "Extreme Makeover: Home Edition."

The program will last approximately one-and-a-half... For more information contact the RISD communica... 972-771-0605.

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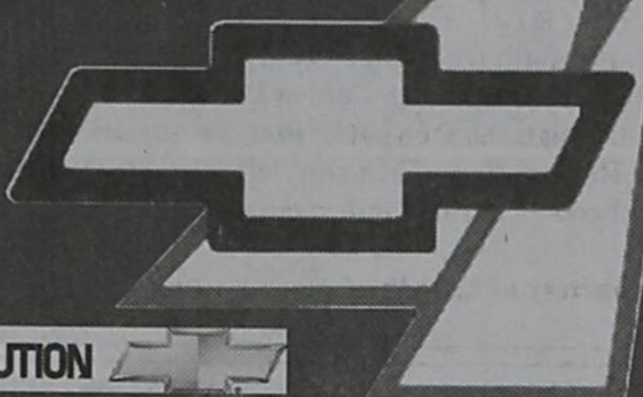
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Farmers Insurance assists Meals on Wheels with donation

Participating in the recent ceremony for a donation to Meals on Wheels from Farmers Insurance are (left to right) Holly Adams, Amber Adams, Caitlan Keegan, Fallen Keegan, Bill Michalenko, Martha Sue Keegan, Carroll Macon, Allie Wintzel, Katie Moses, Bill Gorman, Brian Adams, Rob Glover, Margie VerHagen E.D. (Volunteer Coordinator), Ginny Gorman, Mary Clay, Lori Kasper, Braeden Harrison and Scott Harrison. (Photo courtesy of Rockwall Meals on Wheels)



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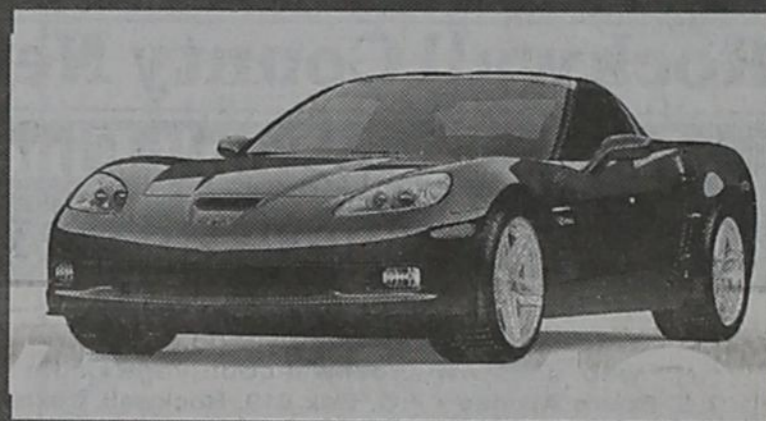
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Believing with reverence ... Exodus 1:17-21

To believe God's word is to have the confidence and trust in His word onto acting upon it and receiving the promised benefits. Simply that He raised Jesus Christ from the dead results in being filled with holy spirit (Romans 10:9-10; Acts 2:4). According to Romans chapter four, this believing is accounted unto us for righteousness.

A study of God's rightly divided word shows that believing God's word is directly related to reverencing His word.

According to Exodus 1:17, the King of Egypt told the midwives of Israel to kill the newly born sons, and to spare the daughters. This has spiritual significance because it was one of many attempts by Satan to destroy the seed of the woman prophesied of in Genesis 3:15.

Verse 17, "But the midwives feared God, and did not as the king of Egypt commanded them, but saved the men children." The word "feared" is a bad translation from an earlier known Hebrew word that meant to reverence. Please note all of Israel did God's will by obeying the King of Egypt in several areas. But in this case the midwives did not obey the King. Instead they obeyed God. And God blessed them in return.

"Therefore God dealt well with the midwives; and the people multiplied, and waxed very mighty...because they feared [reverenced] God, He made them houses [families of progeny]." (1:20-21). It is God's good pleasure to deal well with those who reverence Him and act upon His word.

From the context of the rest of God's word, it can be seen that the midwives did not suddenly start reverencing God. Matthew 26:38-45 records another man who had great reverence toward God.

Jesus Christ knew the time of his crucifixion was close, and he was very anxious and nervous. As always, he went straight to his Daddy. He asked if it were possible, to let this cup pass by him. He then finished each prayer with the following, "...not as I will, but as thou wilt." What great reverence he had for his Daddy at this time.

Finally in verse 46, he stood up and said, "...let us be going." He acted according to God's will, rather than his own. He grew up learning to reverence God's word. By the time he was anointed with holy spirit he was ready to begin walking with God by the spirit in him, and serving Him in the ministry of reconciliation. Because he revered God's word through his life, he was built up and ready to act on God's word that came to him by revelation.

God dealt well with His dearly beloved son. He raised him from the dead and gave him a new glorious body. God sat His son at His own right hand of authority. Having freely given His son all things, He has now freely given all things to his people during this Age of Grace that we live in now. As it is written in Romans 8:32, "He that spared not His own son, but delivered him up for us all, how shall He not with him also, freely give us all things." In the name of Jesus Christ, we have access to all that was freely given to him.

We have great examples of reverencing God in the Old Testament and Gospels. We can look at our Lord Jesus Christ and see how he revered God unto doing His will. Now we can enjoy the fruits and bounty of Jesus Christ's victory by reverently believing to receive all God's promises in every part our lives.

Here's a promise to act on, "But my God shall supply all your need, according to His riches in glory through Christ Jesus." (Philippians 4:19). Praise God and Amen!



First Presbyterian members serve breakfast at homeless

Adults and youth from First Presbyterian Church of Rockwall spend the second Friday of each month serving breakfast at the Second Chance Café in Dallas. The Café serves three meals a day, seven days a week to homeless adults and children through the Stewpot at First Presbyterian Church in Dallas. On July 11, the group helped serve hot breakfast. Servers from Rockwall are (back row, left to right) Ron Wood, Heather Fisher, Laura Tennent, Mariah Tennent, Elyse Tunnell, (front row) Andrea Vanderpool, Annette Fields, Amber Kersey, Mary Fields, Holly Nightengale, Colleen Tunnell (pictured).

Photo courtesy of First Presbyterian Church of Rockwall



Pictured are some of the First Presbyterian Church of Rockwall youth who spent the first week of this month in community ministry. Shown above are Darcie Nightengale, Reese Manor resident Cleo Holland, Anne-Marie Thacker, Marlie Nightengale, Emily Miller and Caroline Gnader.

Presbyterian youth devote community ministry

The youth of the First Presbyterian Church of Rockwall spent the week of Aug. 4 ministering to the community.

Organizer Cynthia Case had two goals for her mission camp: to visit different missions in Rockwall and to teach the children how to play handbells. The youths accomplished both.

On the first day the group met and decorated gift bags filled with items donated by the church and began to

learn how to become good ringers.

At mid-week they traveled to Reese Manor to deliver Meals on Wheels meals and cheer the residents with their goodie bags and songs. Next they drove to Helping Hands where they sorted and shelved canned food. The food pantry was almost empty, and the staff explained that summer is the time when donations are most needed. Contributions of macaroni and cheese, Hamburger and Chicken Helper, canned meats and vegetables and cereals were appreciated.

Later in the week the group visited the Rockwall Animal Shelter where they cuddled kittens and gave the staff much-needed supplies -- old towels, bleach, laundry detergent and dog food -- then headed to Harry Myers Park to cool off in the water.

On the final day was the children's first bell ringing concert where they entertained more than 50 residents at the Rockwall Nursing Home. A meal at Cici's Pizza finished off the week.

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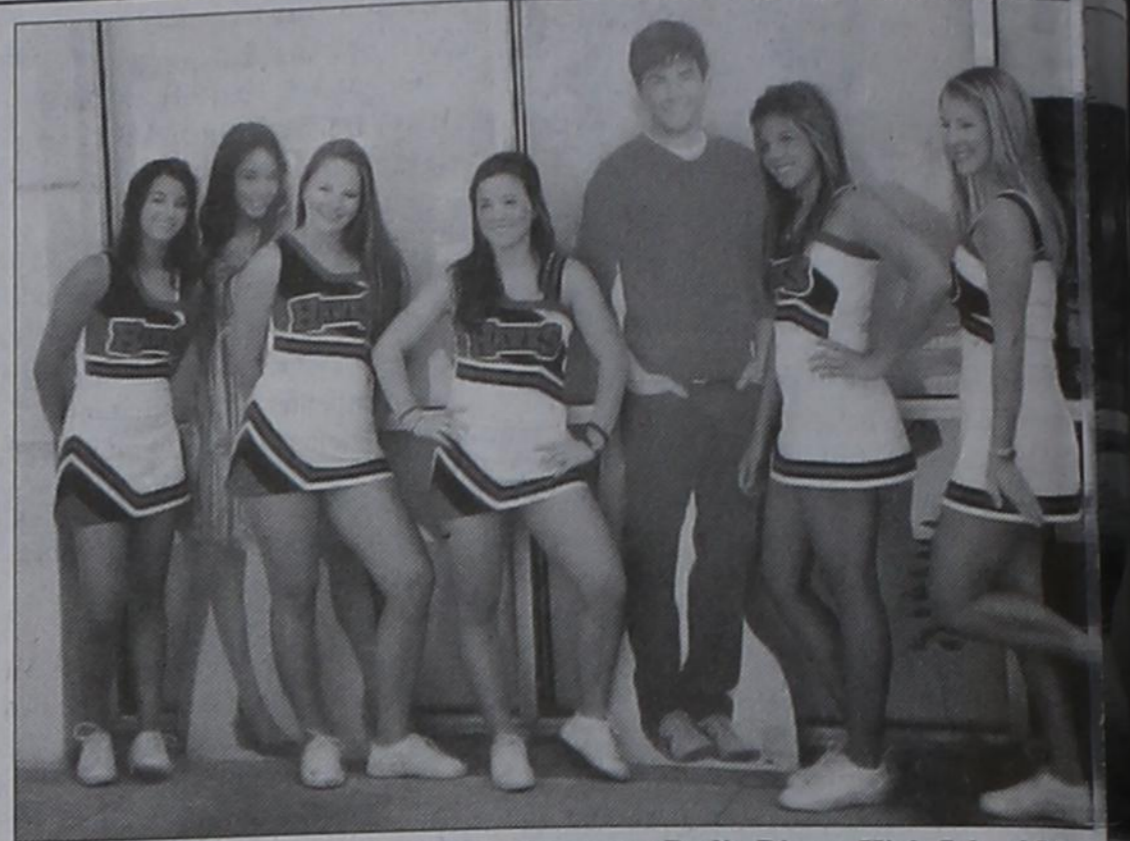
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Rockwall County Entertainment



Pulling off the well executed couch scene during the recent Rockwall Community Playhouse performance of 'Singin' in the Rain' are cast members (left to right) Mike Sager, Rachael Bower and Travis McClung.
Staff photo by Tim Burnett



RHHS cheerleaders participating in the recent Radio Disney High School Musical at Saturn of Mesquite on Saturday, July 26 are (left to right) Emily Wood, Ste Moore, Chelsea Dwyer and Michaela Tomalin. The team performed a cheer and interactive games with the crowd.
Photo courtesy of Krissy Edwards

Square dance lessons to begin Sept. 11

Lessons for beginner mainstream square dancing will begin Sept. 11 in the Williams Administration Building, 1050 Williams St., in Rockwall. The first two lessons will be offered free of charge. Wayne Shoemaker will serve as instructor. Square dancing is a healthy option

to exercise, burning 200 to 400 calories per half-hour. Its movements raise heart rates like many aerobic exercises should, and quick changes of direction loosen and tone muscles, but not severely as to cause injury. Square dancing also offers family-style fun, socialization and mental stimulation.

Modern Western square dancing offers "new music," from the golden oldies to Elvis to current hits. The dance form includes new dance steps, new patterns and unique calls.

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.

Lauren Godfrey tapped for Casa

Lauren Godfrey, a 2005 Rockwall High School graduate, has been selected for a role in the upcoming production of "Damn Yankees" at Casa Mañana Theatre.

Auditions were conducted in Dallas and New York for the show.

Richard Kind, a cast member of the TV shows "Mad About You" and "Spin City," will play the starring role of the devil. The female lead steps away from the role of Roxie in the national tour of

"Chicago."

The production runs through Sunday.

Godfrey plays the role of Ms. Hearn and is a dancer and singer in the show. She said she is thrilled to be a part of such a great cast at this prestigious theatre.

Following closing night, Godfrey plans to return to Ouachita Baptist University to complete her senior year as a musical theatre major. Upon graduation in the spring, she will return to Dallas to continue

her theatre career. She plans to continue her education in the field of musical theatre. Ticket information is available at Casa Mañana Theatre.

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Entertainment Briefs

Bella Harbor Bash set for Saturday

The Bella Harbor Bash will run from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. Saturday at the Hilton Bella Harbor, 2055 Summer Lee Drive in Rockwall. The event will include female fire breathers, mini-Elvis impersonators and live musical performances.

Bulldog Band Showcase is Tuesday

The first event at the new high school football stadium, the Royce City High School Mighty Bulldog Band Showcase, will take place from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesday. Admission to the preview of this year's band will be free of charge.

Lakeside Civic Chorus opens auditions

Auditions currently are being scheduled for the Lakeside Civic Chorus, which will begin its fall season Sept. 2 at Rockwall High School. For more information contact David Bush at 972-679-4227 or 972-772-0832 or e-mail bushdl@swbell.net.

Breckenridge to perform Thursday

Breckenridge will take the stage at 7:30 p.m. Thursday at the Harbor Amphitheatre. Each event in the Concert by the Lake series is open to the public, and admission is free. Participants are encouraged to bring blankets and lawn chairs.

Texas Canasta tourney slated

A Texas Canasta tournament will take place beginning at 10 a.m. today, Aug. 15, at The Center. Cost to participate in the tournament, sponsored by the Rockwall Parks & Rec Department, is \$3.

Republican Women plan event

The Rockwall County Republican Women's Club will host a luncheon, fashion show and auction beginning at 11 a.m. Saturday at the Hilton Bella Harbor Hotel, Rockwall. Tickets must be purchased in advance and are available by calling Lea Carlson at 972-475-7321 or via e-mail at rcrwtexas@gmail.com. For more details contact Brenda Zielke at 214-707-5888, e-mail bzielke@sbcglobal.net or go to <http://rcrwtxasgop.blogspot.com/>.

Doggie Splash Day scheduled

The Rockwall Parks & Rec Department will celebrate the dog days of summer with a Doggie Splash Day beginning at 10 a.m. Aug. 23 at Myers Park Pool. Dogs can swim at a cost of \$5 each; swimming for owners will be free. A dog-paddle race, retrieving contest and a swimsuit contest are scheduled. Owners must bring proof of rabies vaccinations prior to be allowed entry to the pool.

Fall auditions set for Children's Chorus

Rockwall Children's Chorus Fall Auditions will be conducted from 9 a.m. to noon Sept. 6 at the First United Methodist Church, Rockwall. Call Lori at 972-722-8187 to schedule an audition.

Next Lunch & Learn set Sept. 7

The next Lunch & Learn event, sponsored the first Sunday of each month by the Zaner Robison Historical Museum at Royce City, will be conducted Sept. 7 at 124 S. Arch. Topic will be "Bulldog Days of Glory." Cost will be \$6 for members, \$10 for non-members.



Lauren Godfrey

Margie Hooper to be at January MusicFest

"My Little Margie," a popular television series of the 1950s, will be the inspiration of the Rockwall MusicFest's Sixth Annual Roast.

Rockwall Chamber of Commerce president Margie Hooper will be roasted Jan. 24 in the MusicFest production dubbed "Our Own Special Margie."

The event will be conducted at the Hilton Bella Harbor.

Hooper not only presides over

the chamber, she is also a member of the Independent Foundation, Rockwall Business Council, RISD Council, Asst. Alumni Assn. Shepherd's Association.

She graduated from Texas Tech and earned a degree from Texas Tech and an MBA from the University of North Texas. She is married to the late Dr. Robert Hooper and has three grown children and Kim.

Prior to joining the Hooper held positions with Cingular AT&T and Southern Bell Telephone. MusicFest's organization's event that supports Rockwall Philharmonic.

Lakeside Chorus of new members.

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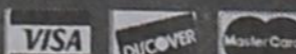
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Work on the expansion at Presbyterian Hospital of Rockwall. (Staff Photo by Tim Burnett)

Presbyterian Hospital of Rockwall adds services in new building

date is scheduled for the first quarter of 2009.

Another construction site close-

by is a 19,000 square foot building on Ralph Hall Parkway. This building will house a durable

medical equipment company and a home health agency. This building also has space for lease.



Royce City Helping Hands volunteers and supporters celebrating the recent opening of the facility at 508C IH-30 are (back row, left to right) David Gardner, Stan Pinkham, Dena Elder, Jim Wood, Larry Lott, (front) Mary Ellis, Bill Ellis, Paggy Shinabarger, Patti Muggeo, Roysec City store manager Margo Nielsen, Rosie Ortiz, Melody East, Mary Johnson, Angie Chandler and Tom Croley. (Staff Photo by Tim Burnett)

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Texas bargain hunters can enjoy shopping without paying state local sales taxes this weekend on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, August 15, 16 and 17. The annual shopping weekend coincides with back to school shopping for the new school year. Most clothing and shoes priced under \$100 are tax-exempt.

Rockwall retailers are looking forward to an increase in business this weekend. "The last couple of years we have seen a decline in the rush for tax free weekend," said Kim Smith, manager of the Old Navy store. "Customers are already spending their tax stimulus money getting ready for school. With gas prices and the economy in general, we are expecting business to jump as people look for ways to save money."

Wal-Mart Supercenter has increased their inventory and staff in anticipation of a big rush. "Business has been a little soft the last couple of weeks. People have been waiting for this," said Jamie Dennis, manager. "All things considered with the economy, we are expecting a great turnout. With our already low prices, Wal-Mart will be a premier shopping location this weekend."

"I haven't worried much with tax free shopping until now," said Sam Brenner of Rockwall. "We have watched our investments tumble. Even with economical cars, we are spending too much in gas and the list goes on. Will I be shopping this weekend to save where I can? You bet I will."

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Opinions



Slandering America

by Michael Tennant

Much virtual ink has been spilled in the blogosphere over President Bush's assertion that criticism of the U.S. government's treatment of prisoners in the war on terrorism is tantamount to "slandering" America — an assertion he made in a lengthy June 15 interview with Adam Boulton of Britain's Sky News.

While condemnation of Bush's remark is certainly deserved, most of the naysayers have made no mention of some other equally egregious, if less pointed, comments uttered by the president; and these omissions tell us as much about Bush's accusers as the "slander" remark tells us about Bush.

First, though, let's review the comments that got the whole brouhaha rolling. Just shy of 16 minutes into the interview, Boulton began with the statement, "You've talked a lot about freedom." Bush, naturally, agreed, and there's no denying he's mentioned the subject quite often.

Of course, I could write a whole column consisting of nothing but the phrase "quantum physics" repeated ad nauseam, but that wouldn't prove that I know the first thing about the subject. Similarly, Bush has demonstrated little familiarity with the concept of genuine freedom despite his constant invocation of the term.

Boulton, taking a more adversarial stance, from which the American media could learn a thing or two, continued: "And yet there are those who would say, Look, let's take Guantanamo Bay, and Abu Ghraib, and rendition, and all those things, and to them that is, you know, the complete opposite of freedom."

Bush, unaccustomed to this less-than-deferential approach and plainly annoyed by the question, didn't even give Boulton a chance to finish his sentence before launching his now semi-famous salvo: "Of course, if you want to slander America, you can look at it one way."

Note that Bush didn't say, "If you want to slander the U.S. government," or "If you want to slander me." To Bush, as to most Washington insiders, America and its government are one and the same. Thus, to speak ill of the president or his policies is to insult the entire country, presumably including those who voted for one of Bush's opponents in the last two elections.

What is slander?

Furthermore, slander is defined as "a false and malicious statement or report about someone." Bush may consider some people's characterizations of his policies malicious; and, indeed, some of those criticizing him are doing so purely out of dislike of the man and his political party.

He has not, however, attempted to demonstrate that such claims are false, probably because he doesn't dare for fear of failing. Besides, he seems simply to assume that whatever he does in the name of freedom is just and righteous by definition, and thus even to entertain such criticisms is beneath him.

As others in the blogosphere have pointed out, if those arguing that the Bush administration's treatment of prisoners are really America-haters, then hatred of America must run quite deep in this country, for the list of "slanders" includes the Supreme Court, the FBI, and McClatchy newspapers, just to name a few.

The Justice Department had better get cracking if all these defamers of the United States are to be prosecuted before Bush's term expires.

Boulton did, in fact, point out that "the Supreme Court has just ... ruled against what you've been doing down there [in Guantanamo]," to which Bush replied, "But the district court didn't. And the appellate court didn't." Boulton pointed out, with a chuckle, that those rulings are irrelevant: "But the Supreme Court's supreme, isn't it?"

Bush agreed (how could he do otherwise?) and then became defensive, saying, "And it's not what I was doing down there. This was a law passed by our United States Congress that I worked with the Congress to get passed and signed."

Boulton countered, "But it looked like an attempt to bypass the Constitution ..."

Contempt for the Constitution

Bush responded, "This is a law passed, Adam. We passed a law. Bypassing the Constitution means that we did something, you know, outside the bounds of the Constitution. We went to the Congress and got a piece of legislation passed."

Of course, the mere fact that Congress passed a law and the president signed it does not, in and of itself, make the act constitutional, or else the Supreme Court would never have had any reason to strike down a single federal law as unconstitutional.

Yes, passing a law through Congress is the constitutional means of effecting policy changes — something that Bush and his pals defending the "unitary executive" theory of government have tried their best to ignore — but only so long as the content of the law falls within the constitutionally enumerated powers of the federal government.

Otherwise the law, duly passed and signed though it may have been, is invalid. In the specific case of detainees' rights to habeas corpus, Article I, Section 9, declares that Congress may suspend that right only when "in Cases of Rebellion or Invasion the public Safety may require it"; yet the United States is clearly not undergoing rebellion or invasion, i.e., warfare within its territorial boundaries.

Therefore, to deny habeas corpus to anyone under the extant conditions is plainly unconstitutional. (The airplane hijackings of September 11, 2001, were criminal acts by individuals, not a coordinated invasion by a military force. Further, they are not ongoing, so even if one considers them acts of war, the territorial United States is not currently undergoing an invasion and, ipso facto, the provisions of Article I, Section 9, cannot be invoked to suspend habeas corpus.)

Government is not America

Now let us consider some of the other remarks Bush made during the interview that are not being criticized, or even mentioned, by most of those who are hammering him for the "slander America" comment.

After giving the usual boilerplate that the abuses at Abu Ghraib were the result of the proverbial handful of rotten Granny Smiths, Bush then went on to say, "What shows the heart and soul of America is ... the generosity of America when it comes to providing money for HIV/AIDS in Africa, or the fact that America feeds more of the hungry in the world than any other country."

Once again he conflated the people of America and their government, for it is the government of America that is "generously" sending millions of taxpayers' dollars to Africa or dumping them into foreign-aid programs supposedly to feed the hungry but inevitably enriching and strengthening corrupt ruling classes.

(It is true, however, that America feeds the world simply by virtue of producing massive amounts of food at low prices, but that's the free market at work rather

than the government, and I doubt Bush had that in mind.)

To the president, you see, the U.S. government's eagerness to rob Americans blind and then ship their hard-earned money overseas for allegedly benevolent purposes demonstrates the "heart and soul of America," or, as he later put it, the "true America."

Early on in the interview Bush made a particularly outrageous assertion which, again, has received little attention but which deserves quite a bit of it. He said,

"The fundamental question facing, you know, the free world in the 21st century is gonna be, do you want to be just comfortable and could care less about what takes place in another part of the world, or do you feel an obligation to help? Help, whether it be Afghan women, Afghan children, HIV/AIDS on the continent of Africa, babies dying needlessly from malaria. And that's the question, Adam, as we head into the 21st century. And I've made the stand for America that not only will we be engaged; we'll be engaged effectively for, uh, for our own security as well as for, you know, for moral reasons."

Now, Bush asked a vital question — one that almost everyone asks himself at some point or another in his life. The trouble began when he took it upon himself to answer it for every single American. The president of the United States has no more right to decide for me what I will do with my life and my possessions than I have to decide for you.

Nevertheless, here is the president committing every American to endless meddling throughout the world — and whether he really means everyone or just the federal government is irrelevant because taxpayers have to foot the bill for all of Uncle Sam's misadventures and suffer the consequences when terrorists retaliate.

It's all well and good to desire to help the suffering around the world, but one should do so with one's own resources, not with those confiscated from others. Besides, where in the Constitution is the president authorized to commit the federal government, let alone every American, to intervening in problem areas around the globe?

The last time I checked, the president was primarily charged with executing policies instituted by Congress, and that includes foreign policy. He's commander in chief of the armed forces only "when called into the actual Service of the United States" (Article II, Section 2), and calling them into service is the province of Congress (Article I, Section 8).

Bush has, in short, committed the U.S. government (and, by extension, the taxpayers who are forced to fund it) to nonstop interventions in foreign nations and has said that in the federal government's spreading its stolen largesse around the world he sees the "true America." Why have these comments not attracted the same level of attention as the "slander" remark?

Majority prefers status quo

The answer, of course, is that most of those criticizing the president for one sentence in that interview share his underlying assumptions about the purpose of government and the federal government's "obligation" and ability to act as the world's policeman and nanny.

They, too, believe that it's the role of the government not merely to protect property rights within its own borders but to involve itself in every aspect of Americans' lives and the lives of everyone else in the world in an attempt to achieve Utopia.

Thus the Left, which despises Bush's overseas meddling, demonstrates in favor of U.S. intervention in Darfur; was fairly silent while Bill Clinton bombed Kosovo and racked up half a million juvenile corpses in Iraq; and now supports Barack Obama, who has made noises about taking military action against Iran, gave a speech opposing the Iraq war in which he repeatedly sought to assure his listeners that he was not opposed to war per se, and is being advised on foreign policy by such noted humanitarians as Madeleine ("we think the price is worth it") Albright and other Clinton-era retreads.

Similarly, the Left doesn't have any objection to mulcting U.S. taxpayers for various foreign-aid programs; they complain only when they believe insufficient funds are being disbursed or the funds come with mildly conservative strings attached.

The Left likes to gripe about Bush's trampling of the Constitution, but judging from past Democratic presidents and the current presumed Democratic nominee, they are concerned only with constitutional violations insofar as they can be used to bash a Republican president. (The Right, of course, largely suffers from the same malady in reverse.) Hence, Bush's critics on the issue of "slandering America" fall silent when it comes to his other outrageous comments in the same interview, either because they so agree with him that they don't recognize the comments as anything out of the ordinary or because they fear the consequences to their own designs for ruling the world if they dare to challenge Bush's assumptions.

This, gentle reader, is why there will be no significant changes in foreign policy come next January regardless of whether Obama or John McCain takes the oath of office. Both political parties and their supporters believe wholeheartedly in the Wilsonian project of remaking the world in the image of the U.S. empire and at Americans' expense.

Neither side cares about the Constitution except to the extent that it can serve as a weapon with which to defeat their domestic political enemies.

Unfortunately, the rest of us, and our liberty, get caught in the crossfire.

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Rockin' in the Free World

by Bill O'Reilly

The other night I went to see the legendary Rock & Roll Hall of Fame at Radio City Music Hall. Toward the end of the show, Bruce Springsteen and Neil Young and Chris Martin of the band Coldplay started me and others in the crowd when he said: "allowing us to have success for 37 years."

Shocking. Call me cynical, but I am used to hearing performers and promote things like drugs and violence. That is why Bruce Springsteen and Neil Young and Chris Martin of the United States this summer. These guys say it's about the music, but believe me, their message is clear: America, it's not what the folks pay to hear. But artistic license and the side of the rock stars. People freely pay to hear they can pretty much do what they want.

Throughout history, music has been used to protest. Protest songs in the 1960s, for example, effected America's societal problems and the awful conflict in Vietnam. But there is a responsibility that comes along with doing music because you don't like a politician or the party. America is a huge mosaic; there are great things and country.

What annoys me about Springsteen, Young and Neil Young is they never debate the issues. They never show us exactly what they think is; how wide their frame of reference is. Instead they let their zombie followers and revel in the applause. Over the years, America is greeted with rapture.

Country music artists generally do not go in for this kind of audience has little tolerance for it, as we saw with Bruce Springsteen. However, it is refreshing to see some rock and pop performers like Billy Joel opened his recent Shea stadium show by playing "We Didn't Start the Fire," and the Beach Boys consistently praise the music.

Add Philip Bailey and Earth, Wind and Fire to the list. Take that, Bruce Springsteen. Veteran TV news anchor Bill O'Reilly is host of the Fox TV show "The Factor" and author of the book "Who's Looking Out for Me?" about Bill O'Reilly, and read features by other great cartoonists, visit the Creators Syndicate web page at www.billoreilly.com.
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Washington's Intervention Ad

by Congressman Ron Paul

One problem with politicians is that when problems they typically feel this irresistible urge to DO something, or to simply back off to avoid exacerbating the problem. Too often, that which they end up doing has very little to do with the crisis, but plays well in the press and superficially improves the situation. Bills that are rushed through Congress under duress are providing too tempting an opportunity to quietly slip in and erode freedoms in ways that would never pass as a stand-alone bill. We famously saw this with the PATRIOT Act, but Washington has done this many times before.

The current housing crisis and the corresponding big government response is a prime example. First of all, the so-called solution will make the problem worse. The problem stems from easy credit and a rush to mortgage markets with money.

Relaxed or non-existent lending standards led many into the mortgage market they could not afford. As more foreclosures hit, the mortgage market continues to collapse under the weight of its own underwriting.

Some are reacting and reintroducing lending standards. This in the market for homes is beginning to shrink back to its normal level. Inflated prices are falling back down to earth.

In these ways, the market is trying to correct itself in the government intervention encouraged them to make through this correction is causing pain, especially to Wall Street investors who bought homes at the top of the market bubble, never expecting a correction assuming they would easily be able to refinance.

Some mistakenly identify the falling home prices as the cause of the problem — which they plan to fix with more easy credit to push more unqualified buyers back into the market for homes they can't afford.

This is akin to the drug addict identifying withdrawal symptoms and searching for another fix as his solution. The cycle continues to compound themselves.

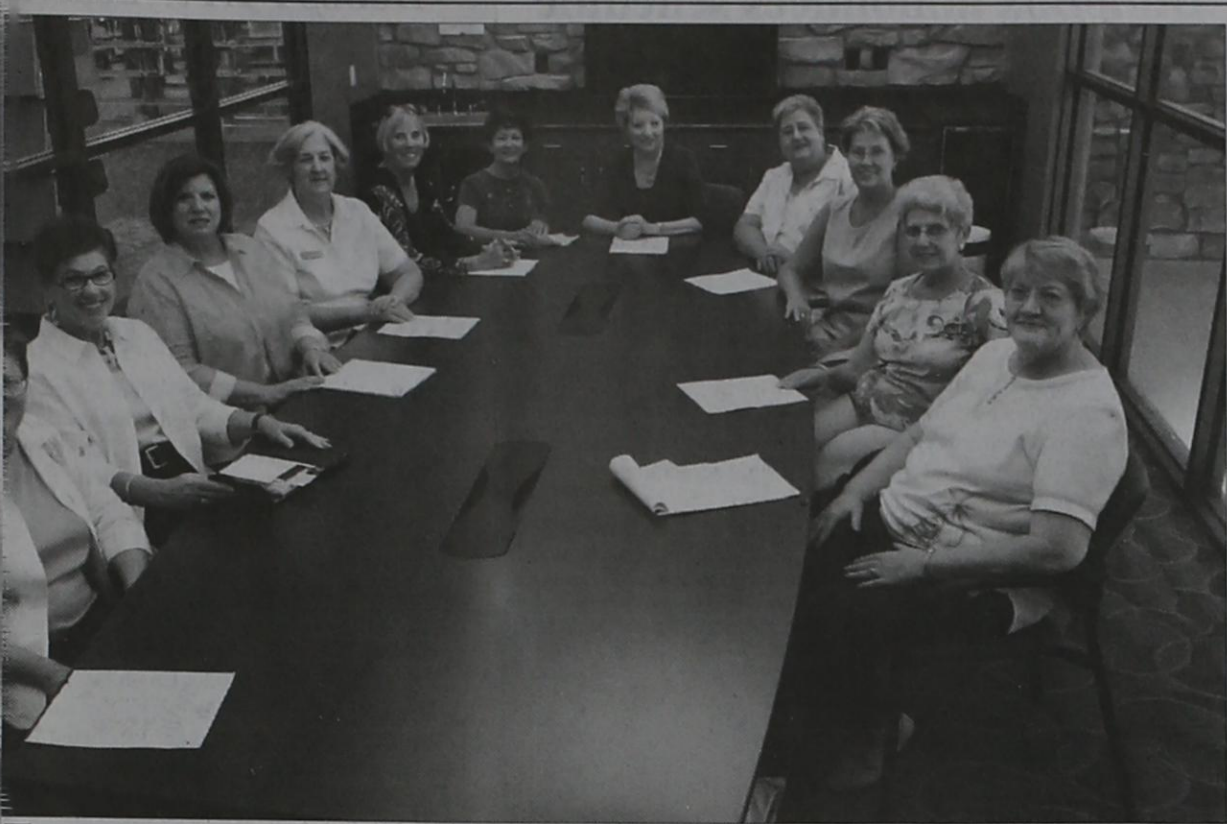
The addiction deepens. Addicts are told the first step to recovery is to admit their problem. In the case of addiction to intervention we have to honestly admit the problem and kick the habit. That will involve some pain, without a doubt.

There is no easy, painless solution to the mess the government interventions of the past have wrought. The question is — do we allow institutions to collapse, or do we allow the dollar to collapse? To extend the metaphor, do we endure the temporary discomfort or do we continue on until there is a fatal overdose? We can only hope for a little while, and then we will all end up paying the price of a few.

With the final passage of the Housing Bailout Bill quietly in the Senate, and the President's signature, our government has chosen the latter...



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- TXism: "fast as ___ up a rafter"
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- morose
- TX Don Henley tune: "Life in the Fast ___"
- George W. jet: "Air Force ___"
- TX honky tonks have beer on ___
- TXism: "hot as ___ griddle"
- ___ Zavala "Savior of the Alamo"
- TXism: "another day, another ___"
- with "The," Naples, TX newspaper
- DFW suburb
- touring entertainers
- TXism: "happy as ___ with two tails"
- TXism: "thorn in my ___"
- TX Willie sang duet with Sinead O' ___
- in Reeves Co. on hwy. 80
- TX J. Frank Dobie book: "Apache Gold and ___ Silver"
- Kay Granger was the only one in Fort Worth (2 wds.)
- U.S. government, familiarly (2 wds.)
- Brylcreem (hair ___)
- ___ that" (give approval)
- this TX Mike won shot put gold in '92
- summer acquisition
- wildebeest
- TXism: "don't count your chickens before they ___"
- old radio comedy show: "___ and Abner"
- Edwards Plateau plant: ___ juniper
- ___ board
- Greek god of love
- TX songwriter & singer Stuckey
- what a RN provides?
- a white, English speaking person in the U.S.
- Mavs retired this Blackman's #22 jersey in 2000
- TXism: "he can't carry ___ bucket" (bad singer)
- TXism: "___ as a lap dog"
- former star of the Dallas Sidekicks
- this program to preserve sculpture started in Dallas in '88 (3 wds.)
- ___ gallon cost of gas is high in '08
- fruit juice suffix
- Big Thicket Indians
- TX Charley Pride tune: "___ Have to Offer You Is Me"
- TXism: "headed for higher ground"
- military command: "stand at ___"
- sip of hooch
- QB Staubach (init.)
- abbr. for the "best little puzzle in TX"
- this Rogers wed TX Dale Evans
- TXism: "you're pouring gasoline ___ fire"
- Rice All-American RB Dickey
- "fountain of ___"
- TXism: "jumpy as a cat ___"
- TXism: "sitting in high cotton"
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Officers from the Heath Department of Public Safety, the Rockwall County Sheriff's Department and Sheriff's Posse, the Rockwall Police Department, the Roysse City Police Department and the Texas Department of Public Safety are scheduled to receive special awards and recognition.

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- Sept. 20 - "Idaho" with Roy Rogers
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- Oct. 25 - "Arsenic & Old Lace," a comedy with Cary Grant
- Nov. 1 - "Rainbow Valley" with John Wayne
- Nov. 25 - "The Range Feud" featuring Buck Jones and John Wayne.

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For more information on the DimeBox, which is dedicated to family entertainment, contact James Cornelius at 972-636-9230.

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'Hot Rocks' eve brings more than bikers to Rockwall

More than 1,000 bicycle riders rolled through the Saturday, Aug. 9 for the 22nd annual Hot Rocks Sponsored by the Rockwall Rotary Club, proceed wards college scholarships for Rockwall students.

Event chair Lowell Moon, Jr. said the number of from last year. He said the exact amount of money n mined, but because of the generosity of donors and net proceeds will once again be used for the schola

Moon would like to send many thanks to the supp time and resources help Rotary put on a popular and year. He said the City of Rockwall lends its support to make the event such a success.

Every law enforcement agency in the county was for traffic control. Moon said this race is consider on the circuit by bike riders and racers due to the ment presence.

Applebee's Neighborhood Grill & Bar in Rockwall for the event and sent staff to set up and clean after

Winners in the men's biker race were first place place Brian Fawley and third place, Greg Phillips. W race were, first place Tammy Wallace, second place Cat Moore.

Tandem winners were Brenda and Carlos Nieves were first place, the Tony Pecora family, second place ily, and third place the Audrey Frohlock family.

Winners in the kids division were first place Jesse Travis Tiner, and third place Ian Zurutuza.

Sport Authority Sporting Goods in Rockwall had a trainer, a device that attaches to the bike to turn it exercise. The winner of the drawing was Aitor Zurutuza

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Rockwall Community Playhouse cast member, Rachael Bower (as Kathy Selden) pops out of an elegantly decorated party cake, surprising "Don Lockwood," played by cast member Travis McClung, during last weekend's closing performances of "Singin' in the Rain." Standing at back, left to right are dancers Mary Fowler and Cecilia Hawley. Staff photo by Tim Burnett



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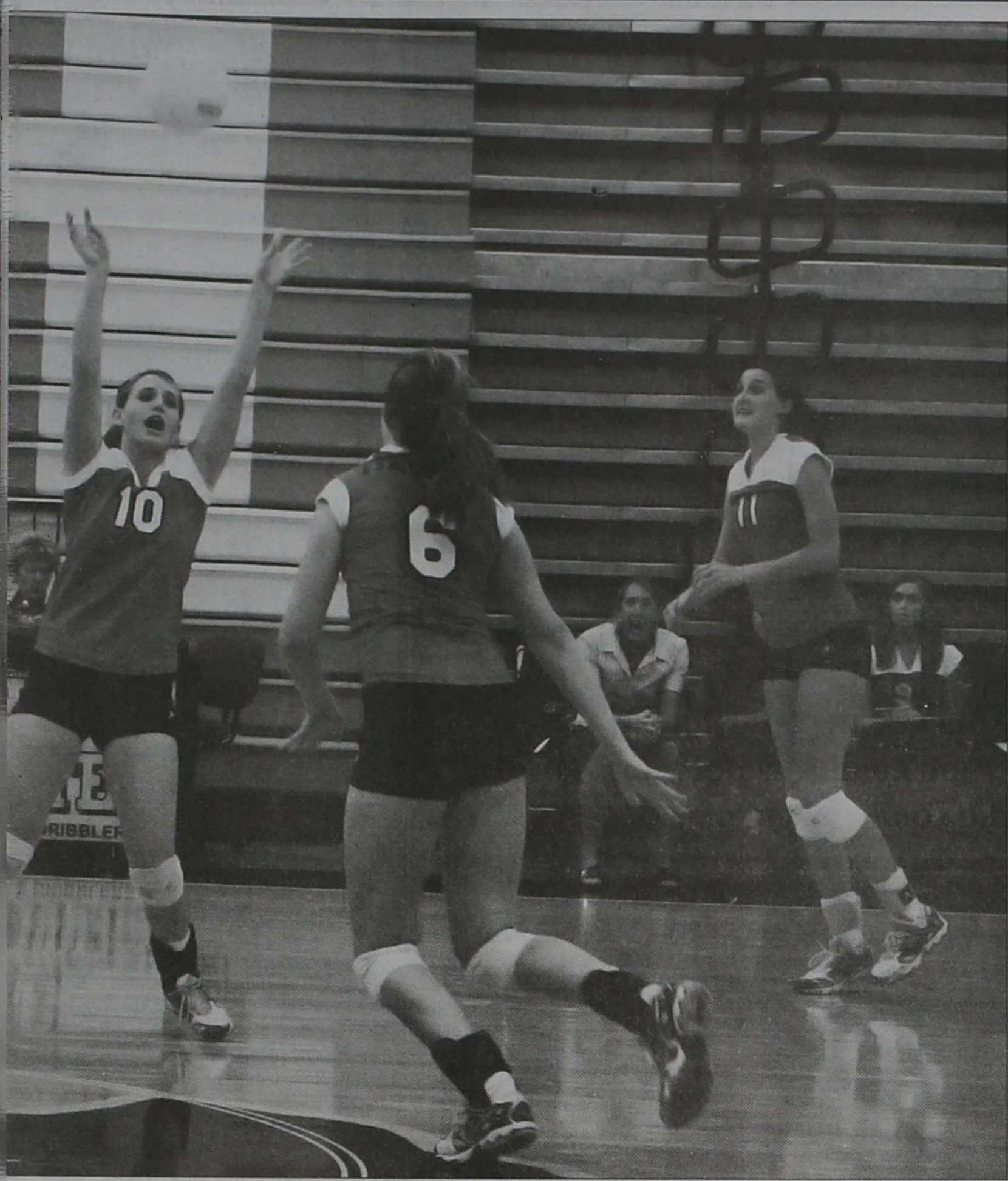
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Morgan Hawkins (10) sets the ball for either sophomore Caley Carpenter (6) or sophomore Katie Peisen (11) during the game against Van in the Crandall High School gym. Burnett

Lady Hawks volleyball team rallies to win tiebreaker

by Matt McGillen

With five of her six starters from last year's team either having graduated or on the sideline with injuries, Rockwall-Heath volleyball coach Maggie Younger wasn't really sure what to expect when she rolled out the 2008 version of the Lady Hawks at Crandall High School Aug. 12.

"We're so young," said Younger, the only coach Heath has had since it opened in 2004. "I didn't really know what was going to happen."

And while they did seem to lose their way a bit in the middle of their season-opening match against the Van Lady Vandals after a strong start, the Lady Hawks regrouped when it counted and rallied past the Lady Vandals in a tiebreaker, 25-17, 17-25, 25-22, 23-25, 15-12.

"I'm really impressed for being as young as we are," said Younger, who led Heath to a 16-15 overall record and to a 7-7 mark in District 10-4A last year. "They really finished strong."

After falling behind 8-4 in the deciding fifth game, the Lady Hawks pulled even when the lone returning starter, senior Jordan Hill, hammered home a kill from the middle of the front row to make it 8-all. Sophomore Rachel Hilton then provided three service points, including two aces, to put the Lady Hawks up 11-8.

Van did manage to cut the score to 12-11 before Sharniece Pratt turned in perhaps the shot of the night. Tumbling nearly out of bounds in the front row, the quick-handed senior fisted a shot that basically crawled along the top net cord for several feet before falling untouched among the Lady Vandals' feet.

She soon added another more conventional kill to make it 14-12 before a Lady Vandal miss hit finally ended the match.

With the way Heath started out, it didn't appear that the match would need more than three games. Displaying an impressive power attack the Lady Hawks jumped to a 5-0 lead before Van went on an 8-0 run that prompted Younger to call a time out.

Whatever their coach said, it must have worked, as the Lady Hawks quickly pulled back to even and then pulled away, finishing on a 9-4 streak to close out the game.

The middle three games of the match were marked by the usual assortment of early season errors: double hits, carries and rotation mistakes. And perhaps a little too much reliance on the finesse aspect of the game, trying more dinks than kills.

"We were trying to use ball control," Younger said. "We thought there were some holes in their defense."

Missing in action were three of the five players who saw varsity action last year, including perhaps the Lady Hawks' best player, senior Rachel Short. Also out with injuries are sophomore setter Morgan Hawkins and senior libero Laine Garrett.

The fifth returning player from last season, senior Hailey Horton, turned in a fine all round effort, including making numerous tough digs while acting as the defensive specialist.

The Lady Hawks' next action will be when they travel to Garland Aug. 15-16 for a tournament.

Jackets volleyball takes on season with new coach, players

If there were jitters, those showed in the first game, which North Mesquite won 25-15. Rockwell fought back, only to lose the second game 25-23 and stretch the Stallions even further before falling 28-26 in the third in the best-of-five match.

Wilson said, "All credit to North Mesquite. They showed us tougher serves than we saw in our scrimmages."

Those scrimmages were Friday at Arlington Martin and Saturday in McKinney against McKinney High and Hebron.

The Lady Jackets stayed even with Martin, which Wilson called

"perennially a very solid program," through 45 points and "hung in" against Hebron. RHS seemed to tire against McKinney. "It was good, but we've still got a lot of rough edges," the coach said.

Some of those rough edges were worn away against Forney, especially in the second and third games. Rockwell coasted to a 25-10 victory in the first game, but fell behind 20-16 in the second. At that point, Wilson called a timeout. The Lady Jackets then ran off 9 of the final 10 points for a 25-21 victory.

He said, "I think it was just settling down and playing solid volleyball. Not spectacular, but you can win a lot of games by playing solid. We had some timely serving by Morgan Edwards. Serves are big. They're an underrated part of the game."

Edwards served for the final five points in that game. She also served the final two points as RHS won the

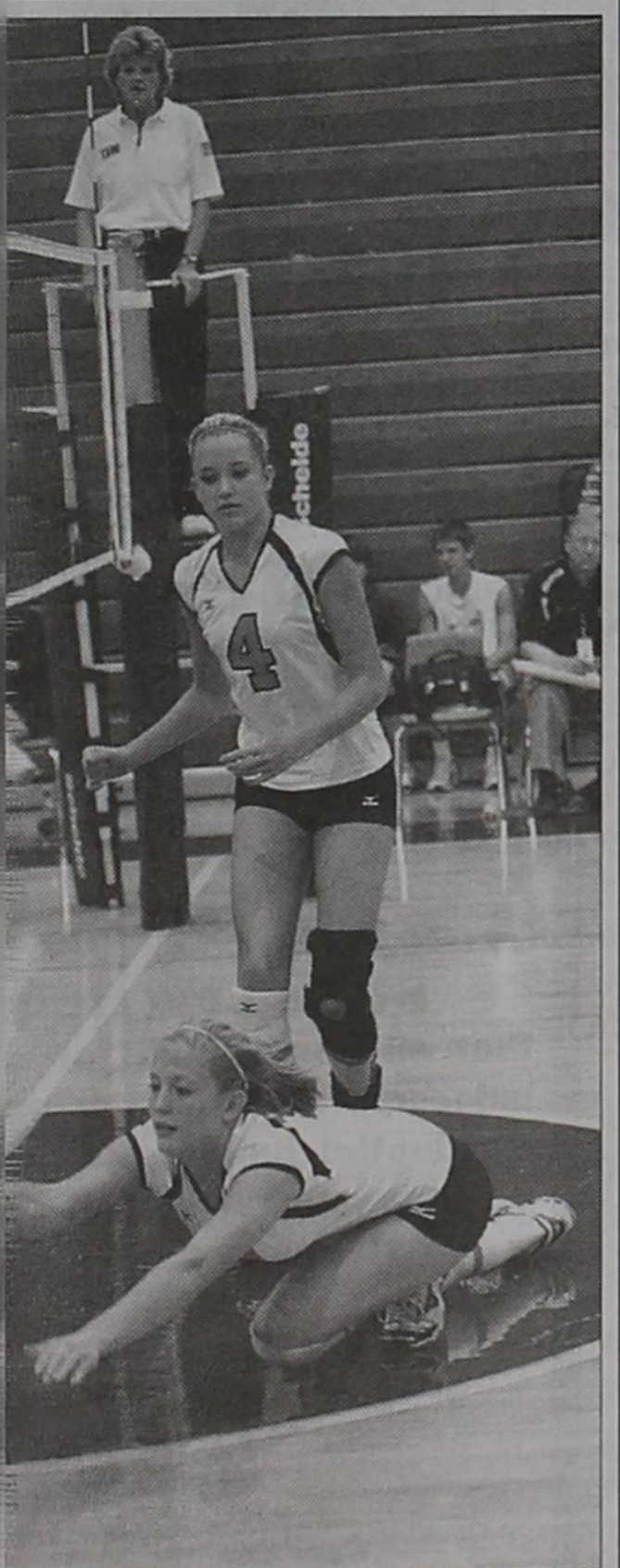
third game 25-14.

The senior captains led by example against the Lady Jackrabbits. Stephanie Shaw had six kills, including the one that put Rockwell ahead to stay in the second game, and Kim Grinnan had four. She also served for four points to put Rockwell ahead to stay at 5-4 in the third game.

RHS also received big efforts from its two juniors. The 5'10" McKenna Abbott had a team-high seven kills against Forney, and 6'0" Maggie Brindock added three. "Maggie was solid all around," Wilson said.

The junior varsity, playing under coach Tosha Ridgeway, swept two matches in two games each over North Mesquite (25-14, 25-10) and Forney (25-13, 25-14).

The ninth-grade teams played the same schools at North Mesquite.



McKenna Abbott (4) stands ready to assist during last game against Forney in Rockwall.

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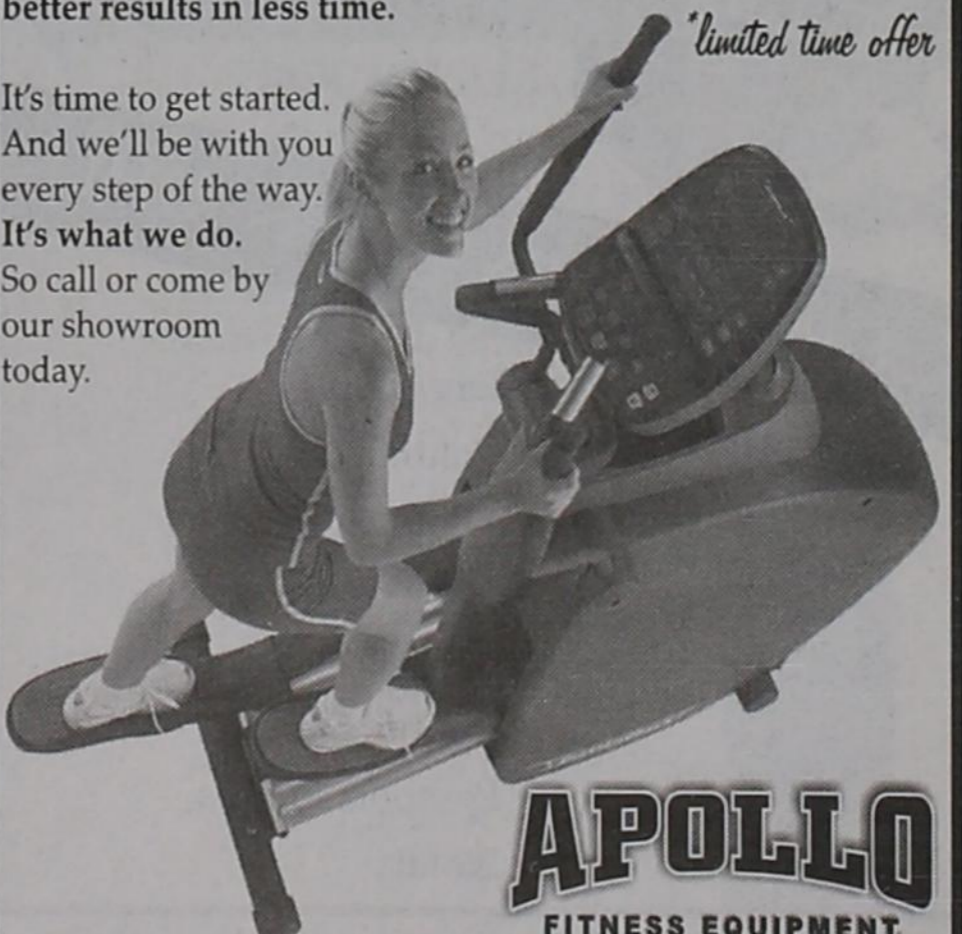


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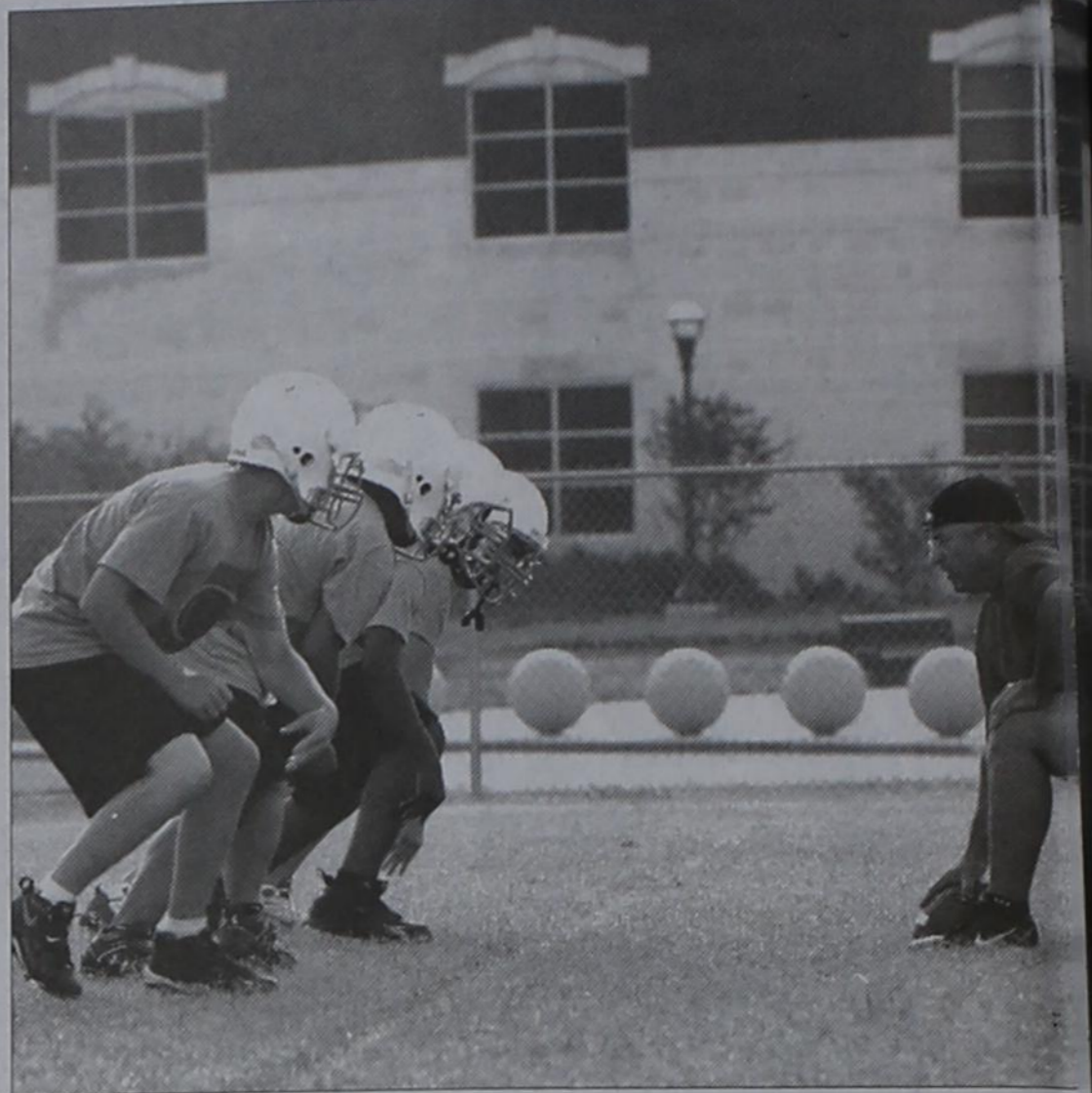
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Rockwall County Sports



Royse City High School offensive coordinator Jim Sides (center) congratulates Trevor White (left) following a successful pass completion during football practice earlier this week. The Bulldogs open their 2008 season on Friday, August 31, hosting Kaufman. Staff photo by Tim Burnett



Heath High School freshmen defensive line coach Vance Barton (right) works with players during practice Tuesday. The Hawks open the 2008 season at home Friday, September 5. Staff photo by Carl McClung

Football is in the air with the opening of "two-a-days" and scrimmages

By Matt McGillen

By 6:30 a.m. and almost 200 strong, they had rolled into the locker room at Rockwall-Heath High School for the first day of football practice Aug. 11. Outfitted in helmets, T-shirts and shorts shortly thereafter, they jogged out to the three campus practice fields, ready to begin the opening of two-a-days.

For the Hawks, there was much to be done: offenses and defenses and special team coverages to learn. There were schemes and seams and double teams to master. There was even a short - but pointed - lecture about not giggling during drills. And now was certainly no time to look very far down the road.

Or was it?
"I got here early, at 5:45 (a.m.)," said first-year Heath head coach Mickey Moss during the Hawks' second practice of the day, before he paused for a moment and added with a wry smile, "but probably not as early as Coach Smith."

Coach Smith of course, is coach Scott Smith, head football coach

of Rockwall High School. Yes, the same Rockwall High School, that while very close geographically, just 10 minutes by car, has never been on the Hawks' schedule in any sport, primarily because of a difference in state classification.

All that changed last spring, however, when the University Interscholastic League (UIL) reclassified the Yellow Jackets from 5A to 4A due to declining enrollment, and put them in the same district with Heath.

Hello, rivalry.
And with two teams seemingly fairly evenly matched on paper - the Hawks went 7-4 last year but missed the playoffs while the Jackets went 6-4 and made the postseason - the first-ever meeting between the two on Oct. 3 could be memorable for more than just the historical aspect.

Offensively, Heath will be counting on quarterback Drew Hollingshead to get them in the end zone, either by connecting with fleet receivers like Everett Gilbert or Matt Belsky or getting the ball in the hands of All-State running back

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RHS Head football coach Scott Smith (center) follows a play as ball carrier Scott Loy (10) dashes around the right side. Watching the play in the back are Coaches Travis Howry and Pete Southall. The Yellowjackets open the 2008 season at Midland Lee on Saturday, August 30 at 11 a.m. Staff photo by Tim Burnett



Dallas Patriots team members winning the American Amateur Baseball Congress Championship on Thursday, July 31 are (back row, left to right) Coaches Logan Stout, Todd Cash, (front row) Ryan Cash, Jacob Hyvl, Jacob Sandoval, Jose Taylor, Cody Roberts, Brittan Cupp, Chandler Fidel, Kameron Steen, Michael Neustifter. Hyvl is a fifth grader at Doris Colins-Lakepointe Elementary, and Neustifter is a sixth grade student attending Heath Elementary. Photo courtesy of Angela Neustifter

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The City of Fate will hold a Public Hearing to hear Citizen comments and concerns on the proposed Fiscal Year 2008/2009 Budget on Monday, August 25, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. at the Fate Community Center, 104 South WE Crawford (FM 551). Copies of the proposed Fiscal Year 2008/2009 Budget are available at the City of Fate City Hall.

City of Heath, Texas ORDINANCE NO. 080715A

An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Heath, Texas, Amending Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance (Chapter 12 of the Code of Ordinances) of the City of Heath, as Heretofore Amended, so as to Change the Zoning from (SF-43) Single-Family Residential District to (PD) Planned Development District on Tract 12 (.57 Ac.), Tract 23 (.573 Ac.), Tract 23-1 (.573 Ac.) and Tract 23-2 (.573 Ac.) in the H.J. McKenzie Survey Abstract 157 within the City of Heath in Rockwall County in Order to Develop 3 Single-Family Residential Lots (MacKenzie Addition) on 2.29; Providing for a Penalty of Fine Not To Exceed the Sum of Two Thousand Dollars (\$2,000.00) for each Offense; Providing for a Severability Clause; Providing for a Repealer Clause; Providing for an Effective Date.

Passed and approved by the City Council of the City of Heath, Texas the 15th day of July 2008.

City of Heath, Texas ORDINANCE NO. 080715C

An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Heath, Texas, Extending Ordinance 071206b Which Provided for Article 6-6, Contractor Registration of the Code of Ordinances; Providing a Severability Clause; Providing a Penalty for Violations of a Fine Not to Exceed \$2000; Providing for Publication and Providing an Effective Date.

Passed and approved by the City Council of the City of Heath, Texas the 15th day of July 2008.

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO ISSUE CERTIFICATES OF OBLIGATION OF THE CITY OF ROCKWALL, TEXAS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that it is the intention of the City Council of the City of Rockwall, Texas, to issue one or more series of the interest bearing certificates of obligation of the City for the purpose of paying all or a portion of the City's contractual obligations to be incurred in connection with:

- (i) acquiring equipment and vehicles for the police, parks, recreation and street departments;

(ii) acquiring, constructing, installing and equipping additions, extensions and improvements to the City's waterworks and sewer system, and the acquisition of land and interests in land necessary therefor;

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(v) paying legal, fiscal, engineering and architectural fees in connection with these projects.

The City Council tentatively proposes to adopt an ordinance authorizing the issuance of said certificates of obligation at a meeting to commence at 6:00 p.m., on September 15, 2008, at the City Hall, 385 S. Goliad Street, Rockwall, Texas. The maximum amount of certificates of obligation indebtedness that may be authorized to be sold on said date for such purposes described above is \$23,420,000. The City proposes to provide for the payment of such certificates of obligation from the levy and collection of ad valorem taxes in the City as provided by law, and from a pledge of surplus revenues of the City's waterworks and sewer system, remaining after payment of all operation and maintenance expenses thereof, and all debt service, reserve, and other requirements in connection with all of the City's revenue bonds or other obligations (now or hereafter outstanding), which are payable from all or any part of the net revenues of the City's waterworks and sewer system. The certificates of obligation are to be issued, and this notice is given, under and pursuant to the provisions of V.T.C.A., Local Government Code, Subchapter C of Chapter 271.

CITY OF ROCKWALL,
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ORDINANCE NO. 08-42

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ROCKWALL, TEXAS, AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF ROCKWALL AS PREVIOUSLY AMENDED, IN CHAPTER 16 MOTOR VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC, PROVIDING FOR A PENALTY OF A FINE NOT TO EXCEED THE SUM OF FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$500) FOR EACH OFFENSE; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

/s/ William R. Cecil, Mayor
/s/ Kristy Ashberry, City Secretary
1st Reading: 07-07-08
2nd Reading: 08-04-08

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

Rockwall Independent School District will hold a public meeting at 7:30 p.m., September 15, 2008 in Room 600 Administration/Education Center 1050 Williams Street Rockwall, Texas

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

HEARING ON THE PROPOSED ANNUAL COMPENSATION FOR COUNTY AUDITOR, ASSISTANT AUDITORS, AND COURT REPORTER.

PROPOSED BUDGET FOR THE OFFICE OF COUNTY AUDITOR

ROCKWALL

It is given that the District Judge of the 382nd Judicial District Court of Rockwall County, Texas, will conduct a public hearing at 8:00 a.m. on the 29th day of August in the 382nd District Courtroom located in the Rockwall County Courthouse at 1101 Ridge Road in Rockwall, Texas. The originally scheduled public hearing on the 18th day of August has been canceled.

The August 29, 2008 public hearing is:

To receive public comment on the proposed annual compensation for the County Auditor, Assistant Auditors, and Court Reporter, and the proposed budget for the Office of County Auditor for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2009.

To set the annual compensation for the County Auditor, Assistant Auditors, and Court Reporter, and set the budget for the Office of County Auditor for the budget year ending September 30, 2009.

Comments received prior to the public hearing will become part of the hearing. The public is invited to attend and make comment.

This hearing is held on this day of August 2008.

BY ORDER OF THE DISTRICT JUDGE

Honorable Brett Hall, District Judge
382nd Judicial District Court
Rockwall County, Texas

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING BEFORE THE HEATH BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT CITY OF HEATH, TEXAS

NOTICE is hereby given that the Board of Adjustment of the City of Heath, Texas, will hold a public hearing at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, the 25th day of August 2008 at the City Hall, 200 Laurence Drive, Heath, Texas.

At such time and place, the Board of Adjustment will hear and take appropriate action on the Application of Whittle Development, Inc. and ELK Partners (hereinafter referred to as "Applicants").

The Applicants are requesting a variance to Ordinance 060518B which approved a Planned Development ("PD") District for residential and local retail use for the Cobblestone Farms Phase II addition to the City of Heath. The Applicants are requesting a 10' variance to the 20' rear setback requirement for **Lot 1 in Block A (6730 Horizon Road), Cobblestone Farms Phase II** in order to include two additional parking spaces for the property.

All interested citizens of the City are invited to attend this public hearing and participate in the same. Special Notice has been given to all property owners within two hundred (200) feet of the proposed changes.

PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE ROCKWALL COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT WILL MEET IN A PUBLIC HEARING ON AUGUST 25, 2008 AT 11:00 AM AT THE ROCKWALL HISTORIC COURTHOUSE, 101 EAST RUSK, CITY OF ROCKWALL, FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONSIDERING THE FOLLOWING:

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/s/ William R. Cecil, Mayor
/s/ Kristy Ashberry, City Secretary
1st Reading: 07-21-08
2nd Reading: 08-04-08

ORDINANCE NO. 08-40

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ROCKWALL, TEXAS, AMENDING THE UNIFIED DEVELOPMENT CODE OF THE CITY OF ROCKWALL, TEXAS, AS PREVIOUSLY AMENDED, SO AS TO GRANT A SPECIFIC USE PERMIT (SUP) TO ALLOW FOR A "GARDEN SUPPLY / PLANT NURSERY" WITHIN THE (NS) NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICES DISTRICT, TO BE LOCATED AT 1001 NORTH GOLIAD ON A 1.57-ACRE TRACT KNOWN AS TRACTS 30, 31, 32 AND 32-1, ABSTRACT 146, S.S. MCCOURRY SURVEY; PROVIDING FOR SPECIAL CONDITIONS; PROVIDING FOR A PENALTY OF FINE NOT TO EXCEED THE SUM OF TWO THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$2,000.00) FOR EACH OFFENSE; PROVIDING FOR A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR A REPEALER CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

/s/ William R. Cecil, Mayor
/s/ Kristy Ashberry, City Secretary
1st Reading: 07-21-08
2nd Reading: 08-04-08

ORDINANCE NO. 08-39

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ROCKWALL, TEXAS, AMENDING THE UNIFIED DEVELOPMENT CODE OF THE CITY OF ROCKWALL, TEXAS, AS PREVIOUSLY AMENDED, SO AS TO GRANT A SPECIFIC USE PERMIT (SUP) TO ALLOW FOR A "DAYCARE (7 OR MORE CHILDREN)" ON A 2.96-ACRE TRACT ZONED (PD-41) PLANNED DEVELOPMENT NO. 41 DISTRICT AND (SF-10) SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT, AND INCLUDING ALL OF LOT 1, BLOCK S, THE PRESERVE PHASE 3 ADDITION AND A 1.4376-ACRE TRACT DESCRIBED AS TRACT 12, ABSTRACT 98, A. HANNA SURVEY, AND MORE SPECIFICALLY DESCRIBED IN EXHIBIT "A" ATTACHED HEREIN; PROVIDING FOR SPECIAL CONDITIONS; PROVIDING FOR A PENALTY OF FINE NOT TO EXCEED THE SUM OF TWO THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$2,000.00) FOR EACH OFFENSE; PROVIDING FOR A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR A REPEALER CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

/s/ William R. Cecil, Mayor
/s/ Kristy Ashberry, City Secretary
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ORDINANCE NO. 08-38

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/s/ Kristy Ashberry, City Secretary
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ALLOW FOR "RECREATIONAL VEHICLE (RV) SALES AND SERVICE" WITHIN THE (LI) LIGHT INDUSTRIAL DISTRICT, ON A 4.5-ACRE TRACT KNOWN AS TRACT 22-1, ABSTRACT 120, R. IRVINE SURVEY AND LOCATED AT 2260 E IH-30; PROVIDING FOR SPECIAL CONDITIONS; PROVIDING FOR A PENALTY OF FINE NOT TO EXCEED THE SUM OF TWO THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$2,000.00) FOR EACH OFFENSE; PROVIDING FOR A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR A REPEALER CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

/s/ William R. Cecil, Mayor
/s/ Kristy Ashberry, City Secretary
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ORDINANCE NO. 08-37
AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ROCKWALL, TEXAS, AMENDING THE UNIFIED

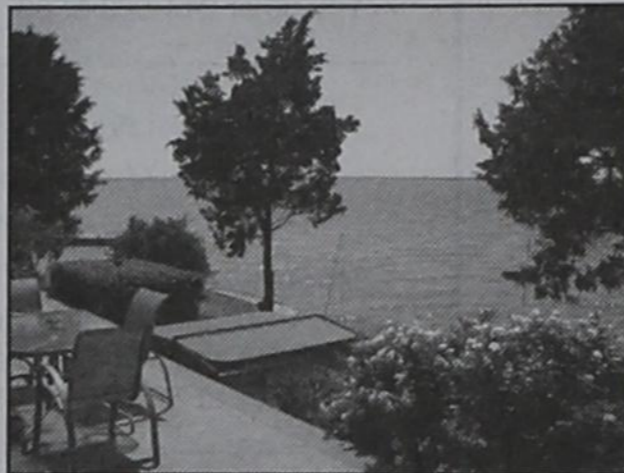
DEVELOPMENT CODE OF THE CITY OF ROCKWALL, TEXAS, AS PREVIOUSLY AMENDED, SO AS TO GRANT A SPECIFIC USE PERMIT TO ALLOW FOR A STRUCTURE GREATER THAN 36 FEET IN HEIGHT WITHIN THE SCENIC OVERLAY DISTRICT, ON A TRACT OF LAND CONTAINING 1.783-ACRES OF LAND AND DESCRIBED AS LOT 8, BLOCK A, ROCKWALL TOWN CENTER PHASE 4; PROVIDING FOR SPECIAL CONDITIONS; PROVIDING FOR A PENALTY OF FINE NOT TO EXCEED THE SUM OF TWO THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$2,000.00) FOR EACH OFFENSE; PROVIDING FOR A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR A REPEALER CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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NOTICE OF RATE CHANGE REQUEST

Oncor Electric Delivery Company LLC (Oncor) publishes this notice that on June 27, 2008, Oncor filed with the Public Utility Commission of Texas (Commission) its Petition and Statement of Intent to Change Rates, a copy of which is kept at Oncor's office at 1601 Bryan St., 23rd floor, Dallas, TX 75201. This notice is being published pursuant to Commission Procedural Rule 22.51(a)(1).

Oncor's rate filing, based on the system-wide financial results for a 12-month test year ending on December 31, 2007, supports a net increase in transmission and distribution rates of approximately \$275 million over the current Oncor rates or a 10.9% increase over adjusted test year revenues. If approved, the increased rates will be charged to Oncor's direct customers, all retail electric providers (REPs), in those portions of Oncor's service area under the original jurisdiction of the Commission. Each such REP is potentially affected by the proposed change. Depending on the REPs' actions, the end-use customer classes of such REPs are potentially affected by the

proposed change. In addition, the result could be a change in Oncor's transmission cost of service rates, which would impact all load serving entities in the Electric Reliability Council of Texas. Oncor has requested an August 8, 2008 effective date for its proposed rate change.

Persons who wish to intervene in or comment upon these proceedings, in Docket No. 35717, Application of Oncor Electric Delivery Company LLC for Authority to Change Rates, should notify the Commission as soon as possible, as an intervention deadline will be imposed. A request to intervene or for further information should be mailed to the Public Utility Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 13326, Austin, Texas 78711-3326. Further information may also be obtained by calling the Commission at (512) 936-7120 or (888) 782-8477. Hearing- and speech-impaired individuals with text telephones (TTY) may contact the Commission at (512) 936-7136. The deadline for intervention in the proceeding is 45 days after the date the application was filed with the Commission.

Oncor Electric Delivery Company LLC

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