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The Rockwall High School cheerleaders fly high at last week's annual Meet the Jackets night at Peterson-Sanders Stadium. Players and coaches from all of the school's teams and organizations were introduced to family, friends and fans. Showing they are ready for the upcoming sports season (left to right) flyers in the air: Allie Wentzel, Allegra Melton and Lindsay Loy. On the ground to

catch are Ali Arguelles, Sarah Beasley, Jacey Blalock, Kathryn Canavan, Catherine Dorsey, Natalie Fernandez, Kaitlyn McGuire, Ellie Moses, Lauren Phillips, Rain Ramsey, Alex Smith, Devyn Smith, Katy Spangler and Kristin Stone.

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## Local law enforcement agencies join together for No Refusal Weekend

Law enforcement agencies from throughout Rockwall County met Tuesday for a press conference to inform the public about the second annual Labor Day No Refusal Weekend, which runs from 12:01 a.m. Sept. 3 through Sept. 7.

During the program, warrants will be sought to draw blood from individuals who are suspected of driving while intoxicated and have refused to provide a breath or blood sample, according to a press release issued by the district attorney's office.

In preparation for the "week-end" observance, the district attorney's office is buying 50 blood draw kits from the Department of Public Safety and will distribute them to participating agencies for use during the program. Lake Pointe Medical Center and Texas Health Presbyterian Hospital Rockwall have agreed to provide trained phlebotomists to draw blood throughout the weekend. Rockwall County Judge David Rakow, Rockwall Municipal Judge Cathy Penn, Royse City Municipal Judge Paul Liston and McLendon-Chisholm Municipal Judge Andrew Leonie have agreed to work in shifts to review and consider the approval of the blood draw warrants. The Rockwall County Commissioner's Court has agreed to reimburse the cities for the judges' overtime costs, and Rakow and prosecutors have agreed to work without overtime compensation.

The Rockwall County Criminal District Attorney's Office also will provide training for law enforcement officers and supervisors regarding the blood draw warrants and procedures.

Law enforcement agencies involved in the program are the Heath Department of Public Safety, Rockwall Police Department, Rockwall County Sheriff's Office, Rockwall County Constables, Rowlett Police Department, Royse City Police Department, DPS, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department and the Wylie Police Department.

"Last year, we got great feedback from the community, and we were able to get the word out about the program," said Kenda Culpepper, Rockwall County criminal district attorney. "Hopefully that message will continue to deter people from driving while intoxicated and/or encourage them to have a designated driver."



Area law enforcement officials gathered Tuesday for a press conference detailing the upcoming No Refusal Weekend observance. Pictured from the left are Rowlett Police Officer Charles Hoff, Rockwall Police Assistant Chief Kirk Riggs, Rockwall County Sheriff Harold Eavenson, Royse City Police Lt. Jeff Stapleton, Rockwall County Criminal District Attorney Kenda Culpepper, Heath DPS Chief Terry Garrett, Rockwall Police Chief Mark Moeller and Rockwall County Constable Randy Parks. No Refusal Weekend, which will involve law enforcement officers seeking warrants to draw blood from individuals suspected of DWI who refuse to provide breath or blood samples, will run Sept. 3-7.

Photo courtesy of Mike Heard/Rockwall County News

## Monday is deadline to register to vote in RCISD special election

Monday is the deadline to register for the Royse City Independent School District tax ratification election (TRE) set for Sept. 28.

The school district office at 810 Old Greenville Road has voter registration forms.

The RCISD school board is seeking voter approval for a requested property tax rate of \$1.56 per \$100 taxable property value. State law allows this rate and the district's board of trustees says it is necessary to avoid further cuts to student programs and district staff. In belt-tightening linked to flat district growth rates and

economic downturns area-wide, \$1.5 million was shaved from the district budget before it was submitted for board adoption at its July 26 meeting.

Superintendent Randy Hancock said the district is short on funds because the 2006 Texas legislature froze revenue for school districts at 2005-2006 levels. That revenue includes both local funds, generated from RCISD property taxes, and state money, which is approximately 60 percent of the total.

"Even if local property taxes go up, Royse City does not get the increase," Hancock said. For

every dollar increase in local tax revenue, there is a dollar decrease in state revenue. But the additional tax from a TRE is not subject to the same 'local dollar in-state dollar-out' action."

The state rewards districts that adopt the higher tax rate with matching funds.

Early voting will take place from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays Sept. 13 through Sept. 24 at Royse City City Hall and the Fate Community Center. The city hall is located at 305 N. Arch St. in Royse City, and the community center is at 104 S. W.E. Crawford in Fate.



Paul and Nicole Brouillette are pictured with their children Kaitlyn, a fifth grade student, Kelsie, a third grade student, and Kaitlyn Emorie - at the recent Meet the Teacher event at Hartman Elementary.

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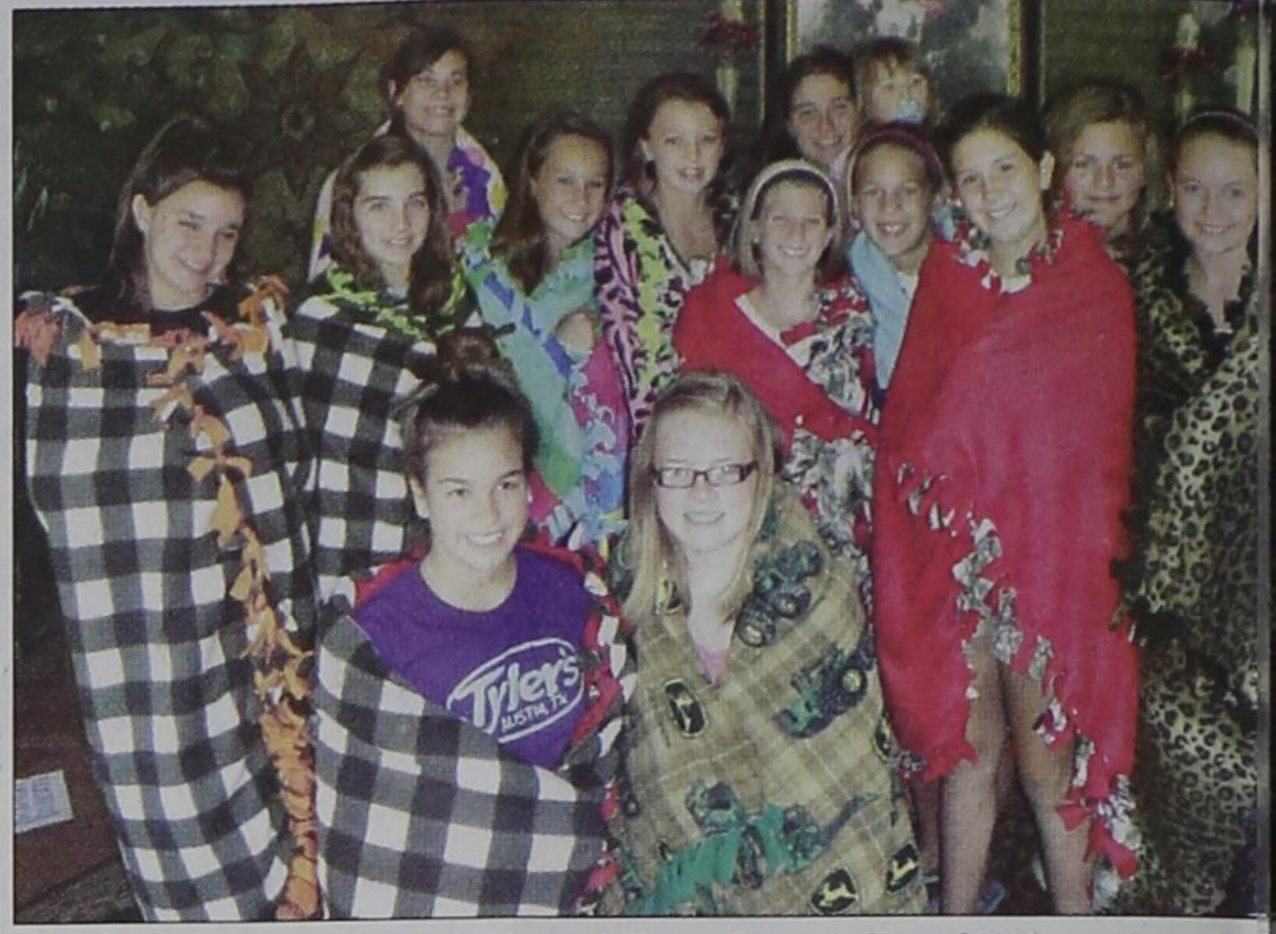
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The Lone Star Chapter of the National Charity League's Class of 2016 recently made prizes at a Christmas party they will host at the center in December. Pictured are, at front, Lauren Story and Kacy Holloway; second row, Morgan Cain, Jordan Franzen, Elizabeth Birlison, Amanda Thornton, Britton Swanson, Andrea Parker, Abby Sorrells and Riley Callan; at back, Sydney Smith, Grace Howell and Addison Birlison. NCL is a philanthropic group and their daughters in grades 7-12. The Lone Star Chapter was established in Rockwall in 1983 and was the state's first chapter.

Courtesy photo/Rockwall County News

## Registration under way for YMCA dad/child program

Registration is currently under way for the Rockwall Adventure Guide/Princess program, a nationally sponsored program designed to foster the bond between fathers and their children. The program encourages fathers and their children to spend uninterrupted time together by making them members of a large group that builds memories and bonds.

The YMCA Adventure Guide/Princess program targets fathers and their children ages kindergarten through fifth grade. The program is open to boys and girls.

The group will be a part of the Rockwall County YMCA's Dakota Federation. The 2010-2011 season will kick off with an opening ceremony and free family dinner Sept. 26 at the Rockwall YMCA. Dinner will begin at 5:30 p.m. at the picnic area behind the YMCA building; circle makes the ceremony will start at 6:30 p.m.

For more information, set for the information night on Sept. 16 at the YMCA. Registration will be at 7:30 p.m. Sept. 23 at the Rockwall YMCA. Registration will be throughout the fall.

For more details, visit [rockwallymca.org](http://rockwallymca.org) or call the Rockwall YMCA at 972-777-6222.

## Fun Family Fridays begin in September with movie "Imagine"

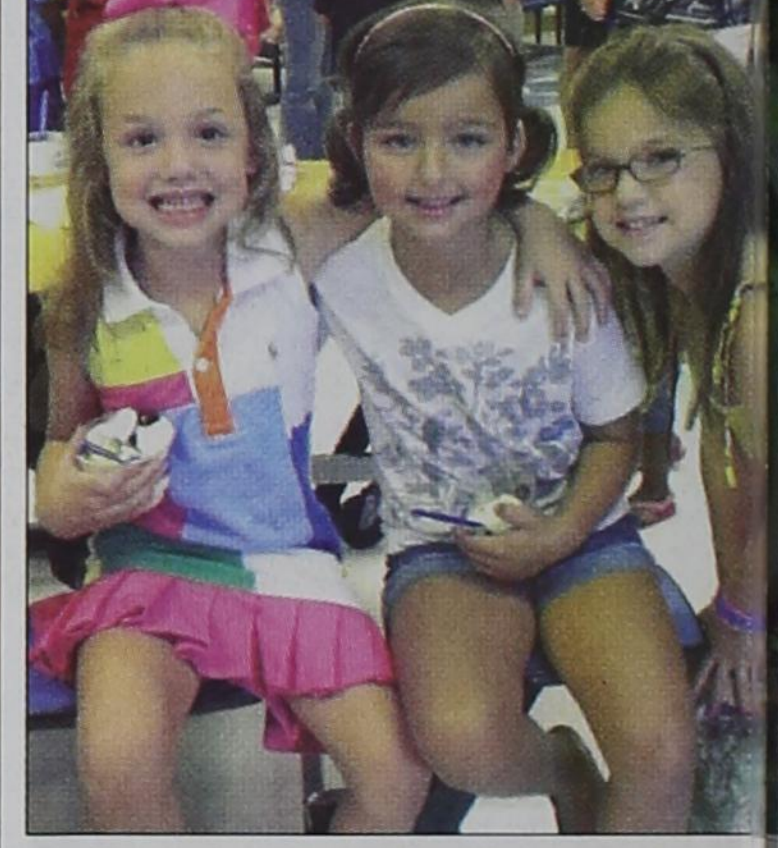
The City of Rockwall Parks & Recreation Department's Movies in the Park has been transformed into Fun Family Fridays that will begin Sept. 3 at The Shores Park.

Participants can enjoy a free "old-time family event," according to a city news release. Each week, a movie will be screened, and many activities are planned - wiffle ball home run contests, obstacle courses and a bounce house, for example. Prizes will be awarded. Also, several city departments plan to set up booths so families not only can have fun, but also pick up some information along the way.

Activities will begin at 7 p.m., with the movies set to begin at 8:45 p.m.

On Sept. 3, "Imagine" will be shown. Other Fun Family Friday dates and movies include, on Sept. 11, Fox Park, "Up"; Sept. 17, Hill Ridge Park, "Race to the Mountain"; and Sept. 24, Shore Park, "Snow Buddies".

Participants should bring a radio tuned to 89.1 to listen to the movie, as well as blankets, lawn chairs and snacks for family.



What's the best part of starting a new school year? The cream! Zoe Cottrell, Gracie Fleming and Lauren Neumann enjoy a cool treat at the Amy Parks-Heath Elementary School Social/Meet the Teacher event held Aug. 20 at the school.

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Perfecting cheers and tricks for the upcoming youth football season, the Rockwall-Heath High School cheerleaders held their annual cheerleader Skills Camp for girls ages 5 to 13 on Friday, Aug. 13 at Cain Middle School. More than 20 participants learned new skills such as stunts, cheers and tumbling from the veteran cheerleaders. Earlier in the week, the Hawks cheerleaders also hosted a camp for the Rockwall-Heath Youth Football Cheerleaders.

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## Downtown to host Rib Club & Run Sept. 11

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To participate, players need to visit downtown stores on the day of the event.

A 5K Fun Run will give an early start to activities at 8 a.m. Information and registration forms on the run are available at [rockwallrunningcenter.com](http://www.rockwallrunningcenter.com).

The San Jacinto Street Art Market and Farmers Market will

be open, sidelining the day's activities.

Hosts for the event are Rockwall Main Street and the Old Town Shoppes of Rockwall.

For more information or to volunteer, call Bethany Golden, Main Street manager, at 972-772-6400 or visit [mainstreet.rockwall.com](http://www.mainstreet.rockwall.com).

## Garcia, Broeske plan wedding in Garland

Charles and Diana Broeske of Rockwall are pleased to announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their son, Shane Broeske, to Crissy Garcia, daughter of Al and Isabel Garcia of Plano.

The prospective bridegroom, a 2000 graduate of Rockwall High, is completing his final year of ministry school.

The bride-elect is a 1997 graduate of Plano Senior High School and a 2001 graduate of Texas A&M University at College Station where she earned a bachelor's degree in marketing. She is the founder and organizer of the nonprofit, Plano-based organization Building Inner Beauty, which ministers to young girls, both teen and pre-teen.

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# Rockwall County Obituaries

## Cyndi Buesing

Services for Cyndi Buesing, 47, of Greenville will be conducted at 2 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 24, 2010, in the Rest Haven Funeral Home-Royse City Chapel with Pastor Tommy Morgan officiating. Burial will follow in the Etter Lake Cemetery in Greenville.



She died Saturday, Aug. 21. Born Sept. 10, 1962, in Dallas, she was a homemaker and a member of the Faith Outreach Church in Greenville.

Survivors include her husband, Tim Buesing of Greenville; one daughter, Amber Perez and her husband, Shawn, of Ennis; two sons, Stephen and Timothy Buesing of Greenville; her grandchildren, Xavier and Reagan Perez; her parents, Bill Hancock of Norfolk, Va., and Betty Sue Hancock of Chandler, Ariz.; and one brother, Billy Hancock of Lake Tahoe, Calif.

## Marilyn Hall

Memorial services for Marilyn Hall, 80, of Rockwall will be conducted at 2 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 21, at Holy Trinity by the Lake Episcopal Church, 1524 Smirl, in Heath.



She died Tuesday, Aug. 17.

Born July 9, 1930, in Des Moines, Iowa, to Clyde Keith and Helen Marie (Kale) Cunningham, she was married for 62 years. She was a homemaker and mother and caregiver to her own mother for 35 years. She enjoyed many activities with family and friends, including camping trips to Arizona, Michigan and Maine; making cross-stitch pieces; working crossword puzzles; playing cards and games; and watching the Dallas Mavericks and Kansas Jayhawks. She enjoyed cooking and reading and was a lover of animals, especially birds, and took in many stray dogs and cats as household pets. She was a 10-year resident of Rockwall.

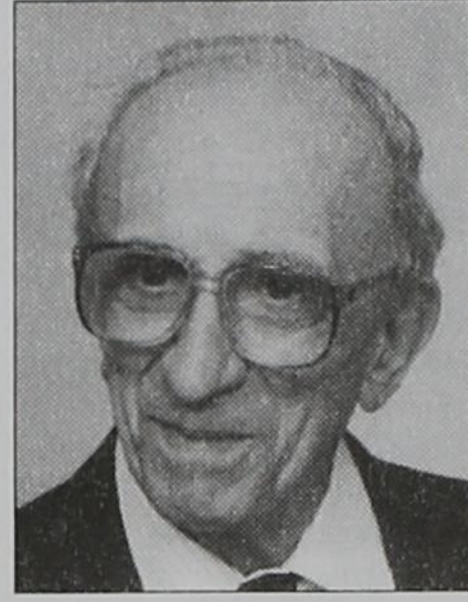
Survivors include her husband, George Hall of Rockwall; her son, Mark Hall, and his wife, Peri, of Heath; her mother, Helen Cunningham of Rockwall; her daughter-in-law, Donna Hall of Lansing, Mich.; her grandchildren, Andrea, Dillon and Brady; her great-grandchildren, Sydney and Evan; a niece, Debbie Barraclough of St. James, Mo.; and other relatives.

She was preceded in death by her father; one son, Tom Hall; and a brother, Butch Cunningham.

The family has suggested memorial contributions may be made to the building fund at the church or to the SPCA of Texas, 362 S. Industrial Blvd., Dallas, TX 75207.

## Tony Salverino

Services for Tony Salverino, 95, of Rockwall will be conducted at 10 a.m. Wednesday, Aug. 25, 2010, at the Sacred Heart Mausoleum Chapel, 3900 Rowlett Road, in Rowlett with Father Michael Guadagnoli officiating.



The family will receive friends Tuesday, Aug. 24, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., with Rosary at 7 p.m.

He died Sunday, Aug. 22.

Born Sept. 17, 1914, in Chicago, Ill., to Rosario and Santa (Vicari) Salverino, he was the owner/operator of Salverino's Grocery Store and several others in the Dallas area. In 1970 he went to work for Piggly Wiggly, then Fisher's Grocery in Highland until his retirement in 1976. He attended St. Bernard's Catholic Church in Dallas and St. Philip's Catholic Church in Dallas and Pleasant Grove.

Survivors include his wife, Mary Salverino of Rockwall; his son, Ross Salverino, and his wife, Nancy, of Rockwall; his daughter, Sandra Peebles, and her husband, Rex, of Midland; his grandchildren, Lisa and Callie Salverino of Rockwall and Natalie and Nicole Peebles of Midland; and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a grandson, Ross Anthony Salverino Jr.; his brothers, Joe, Frank, Dominic and Carlo; and his sisters, Mary and Sophie.

## Rockwall County News

## Rockwall County Letters to the Editor

We encourage the submission of Letters to the Editor for the publishing of letters is at the sole discretion of the editor. Letters which are considered libelous or an attack of an individual character will be rejected, as well as those promoting political candidates. Letters must be signed and include telephone number or address for verification.

### Responding to allegations

In light of the events described more fully below, I am commending Mayor of Heath to respond to the recently published allegations of a citizen against Assistant City Manager Kim Dobbs.

The citizen in question has made these public accusations, either in writing, during City Council meetings, to the local media or state and local law enforcement authorities. She has used terms such as "misappropriation of funds," "theft," "illegal kickbacks" and "demanding that Dobbs be terminated and prosecuted for her actions."

Unfortunately, these mere allegations were printed without any effort to ascertain their validity, and despite being in contradiction to a public statement by the Heath city attorney that no basis existed for such allegations. As a result, it appears that the citizen might easily be misled about alleged "violations of laws" by the city, especially given that certain of these "laws" do not even exist, and no application to these circumstances.

Because all of our citizens deserve that clarity and finality to these matters, I have exercised my authority as an elected official to request that various state and local law enforcement authorities review the city's official documents and records that allegedly served as the basis for the citizen's allegations. As a result, both the Rockwall County Attorney's Office and the Texas Rangers have been provided with all documents and records. Following separate independent, comprehensive reviews, I have been advised by both of these law enforcement authorities that the citizen's allegations were determined to be without merit, warrant no further inquiry or investigation and that they should be considered closed.

As a former federal law enforcement official and prosecutor, I do not respect, but have defended the First Amendment rights of free speech. All citizens are guaranteed under the law. However, defamatory attacks are not protected speech and should not be encouraged.

To that end, the City of Heath has no intention of responding with further public comments to these or any future allegations regarding this matter. To do so would only bring further attention to an already sensitive situation.

Mayor John Ratcliffe  
*Editor's Note: Rockwall County News has exercised careful editorial discretion in this controversy. Apparently Mayor Ratcliffe's reference to printing out any apparent effort to ascertain their validity" is aimed rather at the citizen. The fact is, city officials rejected the opportunity to respond to the letter to the editor on the questions raised by a Heath citizen.*

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# On God's Word

by Timothy W. Burnett

## Receive Holy Spirit...Acts 19:2-7

When we allow God's word to interpret itself, we can see that with mathematical exactness and scientific precision God defines the term "receive the Holy Spirit" to mean the point in time that spirit-filled people begin to speak in tongues. Last week we looked at Acts chapter 10 and saw that Peter and friends knew Cornelius and his household "received holy spirit" because they spoke in tongues.

Last week we look at Acts 19:2-6, where the apostle Paul came to Ephesus to set the scene, a Jew named Apollos taught the Ephesians for a while. Apollos was a very knowledgeable man and strong in the scriptures. Yet he knew nothing of the baptism of John (Acts 19:24-25). During his stay, a couple of love-believers "expounded unto him the way of God more perfectly" (verse 9). These two believers were Aquila and Priscilla. They were a married couple who also quartered the apostle Paul for a while (Acts 18:1-3). Of course, Paul would have expounded unto them the way of God more perfectly. In other words, the information they shared with Apollos would have come from Paul.

When we arrive at the point where Paul enters Ephesus, Acts 19:2-6, "He said unto them, 'Have you received [lambano] the holy ghost since John's baptism?' And they said unto him, 'We have not so much as heard there be any holy ghost.' And he said unto them, 'Unto what then were you baptized?' And they said, 'Unto John's baptism.' Then said Paul, 'He that baptized you with the baptism of repentance, saying unto the people that they should believe on him which should come after him, that is, Christ Jesus.' When they heard this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. And when Paul had laid his hands upon them, the holy ghost came upon them; and they spoke with tongues, and prophesied."

Paul first asked if they received, or laid-hold of holy spirit since they believed. This alone reveals that to lay-hold of holy spirit chronologically comes after believing. The use of "believe" can be understood better when we consider its results, which is to be filled with holy spirit. When we consider Romans 10:9-10, we can see that Paul referred to when they believed their hearts that God raised Jesus Christ from the dead, which is unto righteousness or being filled with holy spirit. In other words, he asked them if they laid-hold of holy spirit since they were filled with holy spirit.

They had not even heard that it was possible to lay-hold of holy spirit. They were only baptized with the baptism of John. Remember that Apollos knew about the baptism of John. So Paul taught them that the old tradition of John's baptism was unto repentance. He might have even taught how baptism of water was a sign of things to come. And that now they must be baptized with holy spirit.

Paul says that after they heard him, they were "baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus." This means that they were filled with holy spirit. Then after they prayed for them, the holy ghost came on them when they spoke with tongues. Paul would have taught them about speaking in tongues, and its significance. First they believed unto being filled with holy spirit. Then they began to speak in tongues. Sound familiar? For a comparison, see Acts 2:4.

Notice the spiritual timing of events. First Apollos is in Ephesus teaching what he knows, which is the baptism of John. Then Aquila and Priscilla open up God's word more perfectly. Then Apollos heads off to another location and is very likely teaching the things correctly according to what he learned from the couple. Then sometime later, Paul shows up and helps everyone understand things correctly. In essence he laid up God's word more perfectly for them, just as Aquila and Priscilla did for Apollos. This is just one example for another study on how dynamic church can be when everyone is truly walking by the spirit of God.

Now, our focus has been on the direct relationship between speaking in tongues and receiving the Holy Ghost.

Last week we will study the use of the Biblical Greek word "epi" in the context of speaking in tongues and receiving the Holy Ghost. The first usage of "epi" is found in Acts in chapter 1:8 where Jesus is giving the 12 apostles instructions, "But you shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you." The word "upon" is the English translation from the word "epi". The word "receive" is translated from the Greek word "lambano."

## Health Council spurns

### Pay hike for city workers

At the Aug. 17 meeting of the City Council, staff brought a proposed budget with no pay raises, holding the city's reserve fund balance at \$1.7 million.

The proposed changes received unanimous approval from the council. The fund balance at \$1.7 million represents 37 percent of the city's budget, 12 percent more than the state's 25 percent goal.

Due to the lack of pay raises, City Manager Ed Thatcher said, "It would be wise for us to hunker down in this economy. I don't see getting better in the future."

Mayor John Ratcliffe praised the staff saying, "We recognize we've been asking staff and officials to do more with less. I see a bright future for our residents' health. While there are no raises in this budget there are also no pay cuts and no tax increases."

Councilman Steve McKimney stated that the city is "not going to be like anybody else. We're unique. We want to provide services at a high level while getting maximum benefit from our taxpayers."

## Just Say You Saw It In

### The County News

# Hungry Harry Restaurant Review

## Time Crunch Lunch at Van Chan's

by Hungry Harry

Have you ever had the problem of being given 30 minutes for lunch? Sometimes, it takes Hungry Harry 10 minutes to just make up his mind.



During in-service week at Rockwall High, special education math teacher Pierette Khater was given the Starfish Saver Award for "going above and beyond to save students by increasing academic success." Khater took a group of 53 students who in the past have failed state-mandated math tests and facilitated 42 passing and seven earning commended scores.

Courtesy photo/Rockwall County News

## Lake Pointe Medical Center lauded by national magazine

Lake Pointe Medical Center has been recognized for achievement in using evidence-based guidelines in providing care to patients through the American Heart Association/American Stroke Association's Get With the Guidelines program.

The medical center and 814 other hospitals are featured in an advertisement in the America's Best Hospitals issue of U.S. News & World Report published this month. The publication was designed to recognize the facilities for their receipt of Get With the Guidelines Gold and Bronze Performance Achievement Awards, according to a news release from Lake Pointe Medical Center.

More than 960 awards were distributed for achievement in coronary artery disease, stroke and/or heart failure treatment.

Get With The Guidelines is a hospital-based quality-improvement program designed to ensure that hospitals consistently care for cardiac and stroke patients following the most up-to-date guidelines and recommendations. The program addresses coronary artery disease, heart failure and stroke.

The American Heart Association/American Stroke Association's advertisement recognizes Lake Pointe Medical Center's commitment and success in performance achievement.

"The American Heart Association is pleased to recognize its top Get With The Guidelines participants," said Dr. Lee Schwamm, national chairman of the Get With The Guidelines steering committee, associate professor of neurology at Harvard Medical School and vice chairman of Neurology at Massachusetts General Hospital. "Healthcare providers who use Get With The Guidelines are armed with the latest evidence-based guidelines and immediate access to clinical decision support, using a set of tools that have been shown to improve delivery of evidence-based care. The goal of this initiative is to improve the quality of life and help reduce deaths and disability among patients with heart disease and stroke."

"We are proud that the American Heart Association and American Stroke Association have chosen the America's Best Hospitals issue of U.S. News & World Report to recognize Lake Pointe Medical Center for our achievements in their Get With The Guidelines program," said Carolyn Jackson, CEO of Lake Pointe Health Network. "Get With The Guidelines gives our professionals the tools and reports they need to effectively treat our coronary heart disease, heart failure and stroke patients."

I wasn't sure at first but decided to take a chance on Van Chan's. Located in the former AMC movie theater, this small chain restaurant at first glance has a rather plain, non-descript look.

However, the food menu was anything but plain. I was met with a very friendly hello and smile. Their recommendations were the lo mein. However, my choice was to go with the Garlic Chicken lunch special with a cup of delicious Hot & Sour soup. The next part of my experience is what sets it apart from other restaurants. By the time I filled my drink and got comfortable at my table, to my surprise, in approximately four minutes a hot, colorful plate of food was brought for my speedy meal need.

It gave me great stress-relief knowing that I could sit and enjoy my food, which was hot and well-placed. The portions were generous. My overall impression of Van Chan's is it is a great option for those in a hurry without sacrificing quality.

I suggest giving this tucked away Asian Cuisine restaurant a try for its good food, clean environment, and service that will exceed your expectations.

Atmosphere: Clean and Casual  
Service: Excellent. Prompt food and was very fast  
Food: Excellent. Flavor and portions were perfect  
Price: Excellent, Bargain for the quality  
Overall: Four out of four smiles  
Location: 2850 Ridge Rd Rockwall  
(Editor's Note: Hungry Harry is a local resident who enjoys eating out. The writer receives no compensation or benefit from any food establishment.)

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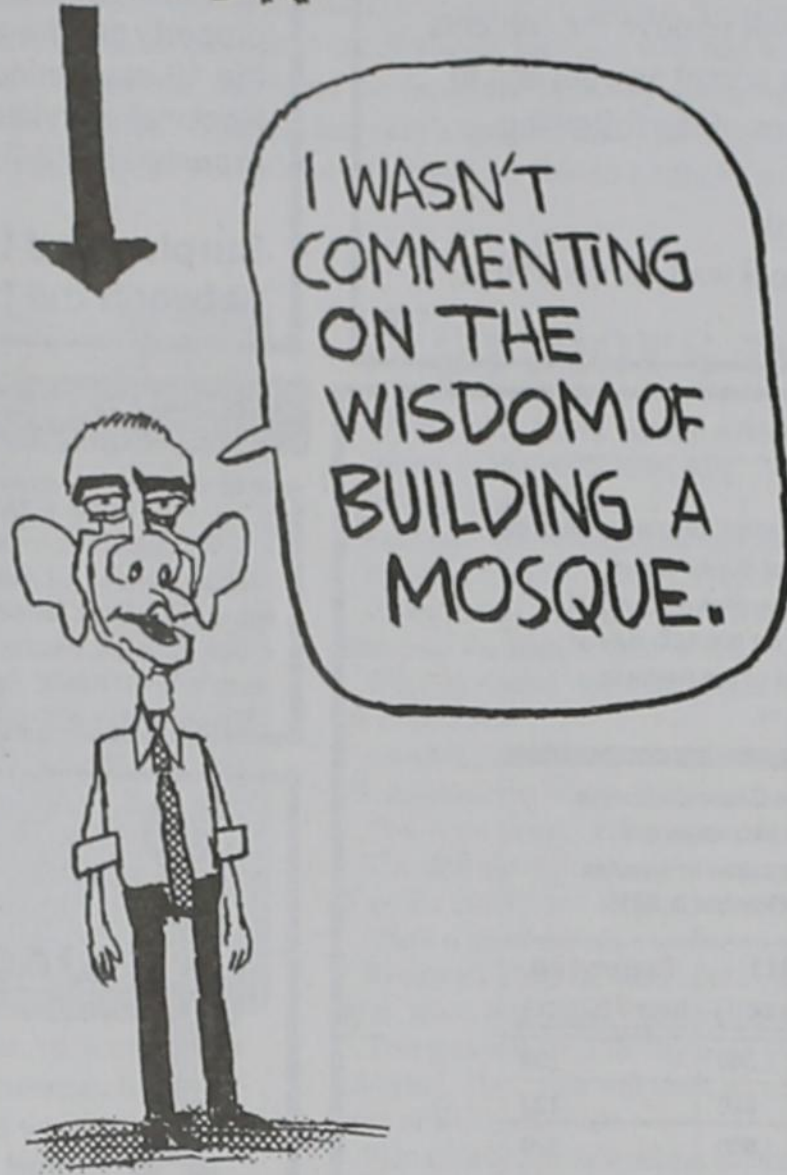
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## Who Cares About Our Future?

by Walter E. Williams

My column titled "What Handouts to Cut?" created a number of angry responses, and for the first time in my life, I had some, not much, sympathy for political cowardice. Most letters were from senior citizens angered by my suggestion that they were receiving handouts and those handouts be cut.

Federal tax receipts for 2009 totaled \$2.1 trillion. The largest items in the federal budget were Social Security (\$710 billion), national defense (\$689 billion), Medicare (\$456 billion) and Medicaid (\$327 billion). The primary recipients of federal spending are seniors. Some of the letters argued that it's unfair to characterize what seniors are getting as handouts because they worked all their lives and paid into Social Security and Medicare.

Jagadeesh Gokhale, senior economic adviser, Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland; and Laurence J. Kotlikoff, professor of Economics at Boston University document the looming Social Security and Medicare crises in "Is War Between Generations Inevitable?". They report that "A male reaching 65 years of age today (in 2000, the year of their study) can expect to receive \$71,000 more in government 'transfer' benefits (of all kinds at both the federal and state levels, but mainly from Social Security and Medicare) than he will pay in taxes (of all kinds at both the federal and state levels) before he dies. A 65-year-old female can expect a net gain of more than twice that amount; she can expect \$163,000 more in benefits than she will pay in taxes."

The picture is not so rosy for people who entered the labor force in 2000. They will pay far more in taxes than they will receive from transfer programs. Expansion of elderly handouts, such as prescription drugs, will make things worse. "For example: A 20-year-old female can expect to pay \$92,000 more in taxes than she will receive in transfer benefits over her lifetime. The future looks more than three times as bleak for her male cohort, who can expect to pay \$312,000 more in taxes than he will ever receive in benefits."

Why is Social Security a better deal for today's seniors? Just look at what they paid in. From 1937 to 1949, the maximum annual Social Security tax was \$60. It remained under \$200 until 1956. After 1956, Old Age, Survivors and Disability Insurance was added and in 1966, Medicare was added. It wasn't until 1969 that maximum Social Security taxes exceeded \$2,000. Today, the maximum annual Social Security tax is \$13,000 and the maximum annual benefit is \$25,000.

As with any Ponzi scheme, the people who get on board early make out. This is pointed out by Geoffrey Kollmann and Dawn Nuschler of the Congressional Research Service in their report "Social Security Reform" (October 2002). They say, "Until recent years, Social Security recipients received more, often far more, than the value of the Social Security taxes they paid. ... For example, for workers who earned average wages and retired in 1980 at age 65, it took 2.8 years to recover the value of the retirement portion of the combined employee and employer shares of their Social Security taxes plus interest. For their counterparts who retired at age 65 in 2002, it will take 16.9 years. For those retiring in 2020, it will take 20.9 years." My question is: How can anyone who draws out every penny he's put into Social Security in a few years say that he's not living at the expense of another?

In my opinion, it takes a special form of callousness and disregard for the welfare of future generations of Americans for today's senior citizens to fight against reform. Nobody's talking about abolition of federal senior programs. We must accept that serious mistakes were made and we must take compassionate corrective action. But what the heck! As I said in my "What Handouts to Cut?" column, "Both today's politicians and seniors will be dead so why should they make sacrifices now to prevent an economic calamity decades off into the future?"

Walter E. Williams is a professor of economics at George Mason University. To find out more about Walter E. Williams and read features by other Creators Syndicate writers and cartoonists, visit the Creators Syndicate Web page at [www.creators.com](http://www.creators.com).

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**We must demand a return to the constitutional limited government we inherited from our ancestors**

## The Best Place To Live

Bill O'Reilly

The winner is: Finland! According to Newsweek magazine, that is the best country on the face of the earth. Who knew? The United States is the 11th best place to live, just behind Denmark, which, of course, is the promised land of Finland.

Nine years ago, I visited Helsinki, Finland's small capital city. There are saunas everywhere, and that's a good thing when you are that close to the Arctic Circle. In fact, unless you're a polar bear, going outside in winter can be breathtaking. Literally.

Nevertheless, the five million-plus Finns are relatively fine. Eighty percent of students make it to college, and life expectancy is close to 80 years old. There are few poor people floating around -- you'd be a block in that circumstance.

Newsweek is a relatively liberal publication, and I was struck by the magazine's choice because there is little "diversity" in Finland and the left is diverse. Ninety-four percent of citizens are of Finnish extraction, the rest are Swedes or Russians. That means blacks, Asians and other groups are in short supply. In fact, about the only time Finns get them is on videotape.

How about religion? Well, 83 percent of Finns are Lutheran and 15 percent do not believe in God. That means if you are Catholic, Jewish or Muslim, you might be very lonely. There could never be a mosque anywhere in Finland because there would be no one to go the other way.

Life in Helsinki was pleasant but boring. I mean, how much herring can you eat? There aren't too many attractions, but there are plenty of lakes and 60,000 lakes. Of course, if you swim in the lakes, you will get

hypothermia, which puts a crimp in water sports, as we all know.

Finns are generally liberal thinkers with the exception of global warming. Many ask: Why fight that? If the warming trend increases, perhaps we could get out of the house by May. It is hard to argue with that logic.

As an American, I always think my country is best, and truthfully, I never thought Finland was in the same league until Newsweek enlightened me. I kind of like having options in my life, and the USA offers plenty of those. If I want to freeze, I can sidle on up to Alaska. If I want it hot, Florida is a short plane ride away. We also have plenty of lakes here, and you can actually swim in most of them. We have two oceans, the Rocky Mountains, the desert southwest and San Francisco, which is really another planet.

But I am happy for the Finns because they don't get much attention. And Finland is a fine place, although Newsweek is definitely overstating things. Unless I missed it, I don't believe millions of people are sneaking across the Swedish border trying to take up residence in the paradise of Finland.

Or am I wrong?

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## National ID Card: Obama's Next Assault on Freedom

Andrew Leonie

Many, if not most, Americans have had a deep and long held suspicion of compulsory government personal identification -- ID cards. After all, if the government can identify all of us, the argument goes, the government can track each one of us. Such an ability of the government to track us every time such an ID card is used to verify our identity when we write checks to buy our groceries, use credit cards to buy a rental vehicle, stay in a hotel or board a plane or even when we make donations to our churches, is a huge intrusion into our personal freedom.

To most Americans the very idea of a national ID card system seems like one step away from Nazi concentration camp tattoos used in the 20th century. Worse, the idea seems to feed into the "end-times" biblical scenario seen by some Christians. Our existing little paper Social Security card or our Texas Drivers License or even our U.S. Passport do not carry that baggage -- yet.

Like most other countries, including, all the European Union countries, we have long used national ID cards. For example, those of us traveling in Europe may have become vaguely aware that the names and addresses of hotel registrants are routinely sent to police each evening to be compared to Interpol lists of wanted and watched persons. These countries do not have the American history of individualism and strong personal freedom, and this European system is primarily viewed as a mechanism of crime control.

Do you remember that after 9/11, Congress passed the REAL ID Act? This is the law that bars issuance of drivers licenses to aliens or multiple licenses to the same person. It also requires standardization and authentication of documents presented by applicants, requires anti-counterfeit features in the cards themselves and, importantly, links the state databases together. Additionally the drivers licenses are indexed to our national security numbers.

Now there is a new attempt under the Obama administration to further expand this area of law. As reported by Mark Krikorian in National Review, the outline of the amnesty bill sponsored by Democrat Senators Chuck Schumer and Harry Reid also requires development of a new "fraud-proof" social security card containing biometric data (a photograph, fingerprints, iris scan, and possibly DNA profile), a memory chip and be scan readable. This new national SS ID card is scheduled to be implemented 18 months after expected signing of this bill and would work with the proposed new "Biometric Enrollment, Locally-stored Information, and Electronic Verification of Employment" (BELIEVE) system. Ostensibly the BELIEVE system is intended to prevent aliens from getting jobs.

Do we need to be concerned about this latest attempt to identify and track Americans? Well only if you think the government has no business in your business. If you believe that big government is the solution and not the problem, then you can support this new assault on individual freedom. As for me, I remember President Ronald Reagan saying, "The scariest words in the English language are; 'I'm from the government and I'm here to help'".

Andrew Leonie is a lawyer who has lived in Rockwall County with his



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In compliance with Chapter 152.013 of the Local Government Code, the Commissioners Court hereby gives notice that the following salary / compensation increases are proposed for Elected Officials of Rockwall County. The proposed increases in salaries and / or allowances shown below, if approved, will become effective October 1, 2010.

Elected Officials	FY2010	FY2011 (Proposed)	Proposed Incr / (Decr)
County Commissioner #1 Longevity	2,160	2,340	180
County Commissioner #4 Longevity	720	840	120
County Sheriff Longevity	960	1,080	120
County Sheriff Education Incentive	-	1,500	1,500
County Tax Assessor / Collector Longevity	2,340	2,520	180
Justice of Peace #1 & #4 Salary	62,517	66,018	3,501
Justice of Peace #1 & #4 Allowances	720	4,920	4,200
Justice of Peace #1 & #4 Longevity	2,340	2,520	180
Justice of Peace #2 & #3 Longevity	1,800	1,980	180
Constable #1 & #4 Longevity	1,080	1,800	720
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District Clerk Longevity	3,060	3,240	180
439th District Judge Supplement (new court)	-	13,750	13,750

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- Most of the Compensation increases for FY2011 are result of service longevity.
- The Court voted to include the Sheriff in the department's Education Incentive Plan.
- The Court plans to bring JP #1 salary and allowances into alignment with JP #2.
- The Sheriff and Constables are each provided a County vehicle.
- 439th District Court Judge supplement for 11 months pending Governor's appointment.

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#### Brockway Branch Channel Improvements- Phase 2

The project includes approximately: 1,813 cubic yards of channel excavation, 807 cubic yards of gabion mat, and other miscellaneous items.

Bids shall be submitted in a sealed envelope externally marked - **Brockway Branch Channel Improvements- Phase 2**.

Bids will be opened and publicly read in the City Council Chambers at the Rockwall City Hall, 385 S. Goliad. No bids will be open or considered if received after the specified time.

Prequalification is not required. Completion time is **75 Calendar Days**. The City 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 City.

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.

Plans and specifications may be examined Rockwall Engineering Office located at the Rockwall City Hall, 385 S. Goliad, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, Rockwall, Texas (phone numbers: 972-771-7746, fax 972-771-7748), and procured at the office of the Engineer, Birkhoff, Hendricks & Carter, LLP, 11910 Greenville Ave., Suite 600, Dallas, Texas (phone numbers: 214-361-7900; fax 214-461-8390), at a non-refundable cost of \$25.00, beginning Friday, August 27, 2010.

### ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

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#### Chandlers Deep Lift Station Site Improvements

The project includes 135 LF Concrete Retaining Wall, 77 CY gabion Mat, 176 SY 8-inch Reinforced Concrete Driveway (3600 PSI, 6.5 Sack Cement) and other miscellaneous items. All work shall meet OSHA guidelines for confined space entry.

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Bids will be opened and publicly read in the City Council Chambers at the Rockwall City Hall, 385 S. Goliad. No bids will be open or considered if received after the specified time.

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The City of Rockwall is holding an on line Surplus and Unclaimed Property Sale beginning August 30, 2010 and closing on September 14, 2010 at 10:00 am. The on line sale conducted by Rene' Bates Auctioneers Inc., Texas License Number 66 www.renebates.com. Property includes vehicles, equipment and furniture. All property will be sold as is, where is with no warranties or guarantees of any kind. The City reserves the right to remove and add property to this auction at any time. The auctioneer will determine the forms of payment accepted. It is the buyer's responsibility to pay in full and remove property purchased within 10 days of the auction closing date. Property not picked up within the 10 day period will be subject to re auction. Surplus property is located at the Rockwall Service Center, 1600 Airport Rd., Rockwall, TX. Contact Lea Ann Ewing Frausto at 972-771-7700.

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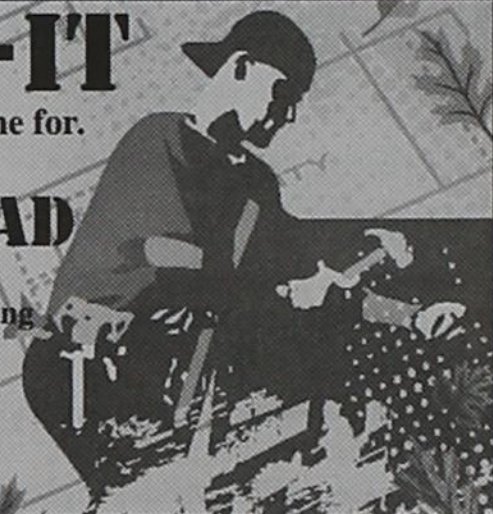
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Notice is hereby given that the original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Clova L. Curry, deceased, were issued on August 11, 2010, Cause No. PR10-28, pending in the County Court at Law of Rockwall County, Texas, to: Royce Lee Johnson, Jr.

All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to file them to the undersigned (this notice) within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.  
c/o: Cathy Mason Penn  
Attorney at Law  
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DATED the 12th day of August, 2010.

#### NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING

The Roysse City Independent School District will hold a Public Meeting - Hearing At 7:00 PM, September 20, 2010. The District's regularly scheduled monthly board meeting Ernest Epps Education Center - Boardroom 810 Old Greenville Road, Roysse City, Texas. The purpose of the Public Meeting will be public presentation and discussion of the District's proposed Financial Integration System of Texas), on the Financial Accountability System. The public is invited to attend and comment during the meeting.

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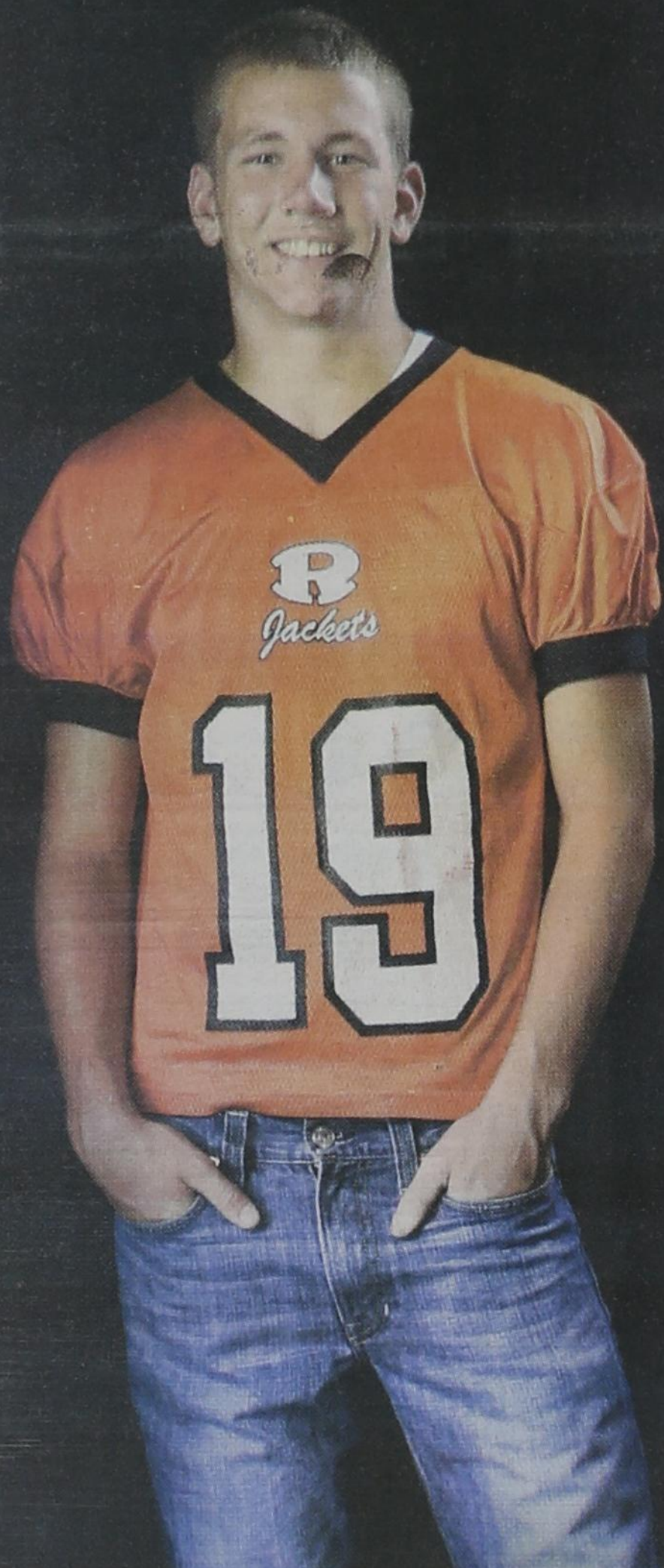
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Yellowjackets' quarterback Alan Reed (18) takes aim for a backfield pass to running back Josh Broach (34) during Friday's scrimmage against Denison at Wilkerson Sanders Stadium. Photo by Roy Heath/Rockwall County News

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## Five Jackets open season starting both ways

When Rockwall lined up for its first football game this season Thursday night, head coach Scott Smith expected five Yellowjackets to start both on offense and defense.

To Smith, that was a sign that the team's new philosophy could work. The thinking behind training players to go both ways is to have the best athletes on the field as long as possible and to simplify the approach to both offense and defense.

"When you see it from a big picture standpoint, the more you have that can play better, the more you understand they have, the better. You want to make it complex enough but not too difficult," Smith said.

The two-way starters were strongside guard/left defensive end Robert Hinton, wide receiver/middlelinebacker Reed Loftis, wide receiver/free safety Spencer Edwards, wide receiver/strong safety Michael Hinckley and running back/weakside linebacker Josh Broach.

The system had seemed to work Friday, Aug. 20, in a scrimmage against Denison, also at Wilkerson Sanders Memorial Stadium.

The final segment was a timed quarter. Denison's Yellow Jackets scored a touchdown for an early 6-0 lead. RHS got its offense going late to score a touchdown with 14 seconds to play and go ahead 7-6 with an extra-point kick.

"We played hard and forced some turnovers," Smith said of a defense that held Denison in check. "The kids tackled and flew to the football. We got a lot of good work."

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## HCA, St. Paul's could light up the scoreboard

Who: Heritage Christian Academy Eagles vs. Arlington St. Paul's Prep Lions

When: 10 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 28

Where: Kennedale

Records: This is the first game for each team, and it's a non-district contest. Last season, HCA was 1-1 and Lions were 9-2.

Injuries: The Eagles are expected to be without seniors Sam Lyon and Joe McConnell.

History: The teams haven't played. Heritage Christian is a TAPPS school, and St. Paul's is a TCAF member.

What to expect: The scoreboard operator could be busy in this six-man game, part of the DFW Mustang Classic.

In its second scrimmage Saturday, HCA ran almost at will against two opponents, and also went both top and underneath for passing scores.

St. Paul's both scored and gave up points. Last year, the Lions roared with 95 points in a playoff win over Azle Christian, but gave up 140 points in their two losses. One was a 66-60 decision over Arlington Howland Academy, which fell to Heritage Christian 52-48.

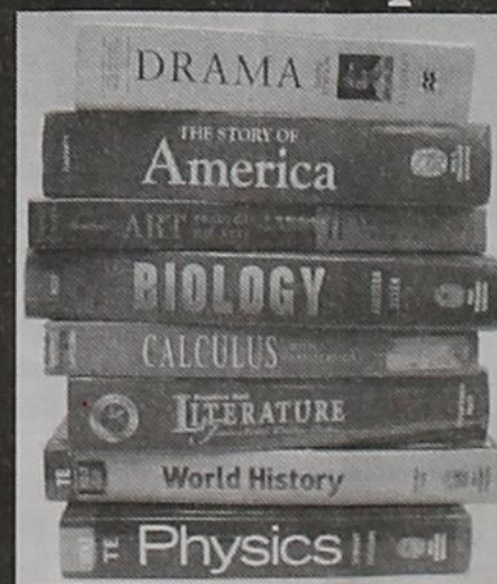
Quarterback Joseph Solis graduated, but Eagles head coach Robert Huckabee said St. Paul's still is "pretty athletic." Returning from last year are the Lions' top receiver, Frank Hamadachi, and rusher, Jason Gordon.

HCA lost only one player from last season, and added three players to a strong returning core. In a scrimmage against Dallas' Cedar and Temple Christian transferred Krys Harber (from Cedar) and Travis Arterburn (returning from the Eagles after a year at Dallas Christian) scored touchdowns. Sophomore quarterback Nathaniel Mateer, back for his second year, also threw to two returning seniors — his brother Aaron Mateer and Austin Pettit.

Harber, Caleb Cathey, and his brother Evan Pettit damaged the ball.

On defense, the Eagles were impressive in containing Dallas Academy's returning 100-yard rusher, John Carson.

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# Hawks would accept Victory along with Honor against Naaman Forest

Garland Naaman Forest Rangers vs. Rockwall-Heath Hawks  
 7:30 p.m. Friday, Aug. 27  
 Wilkerson-Sanders Memorial Stadium  
 It's the first game for both teams, and it's non-district competition. In Naaman Forest was 5-5 and the Hawks were 7-4.  
 None reported.  
 The teams have not played against each other. RHHS is in just its sixth varsity program.  
 Both teams have questions about their offense, with some inexperienced players at key positions.  
 Naaman Forest, John Harris and Jerome Regal took 31 of the 09' team's 43 touchdowns with them when they graduated. Justin Torris is the new quarterback, Terrance Robertson is expected to be the top ballcarrier.  
 The players return to the Rangers' defense - which is considered the team's strength, especially its linebackers. Sean Mitchell is the leader of that group for District 10-5A team. Darren Wicker and Robertson, both of whom played on last year, will join Mitchell.

The Hawks' lack of experience extends to their new quarterback, senior Ross Hudson. Much of his job will be getting the ball to junior running back Dorian Lowery, who ran for 982 yards and scored 13 touchdowns last season. Clark Pope and Amaris Fields should be reliable receivers for Hudson's passes.  
 RHHS head coach Mickey Moss knows his Naaman Forest counterpart, Mark Elam, who was the RISD athletic director when Moss arrived to coach the Hawks.  
 Elam is being honored at this week's Heritage Honor Before Victory Classic, games Thursday and Friday featuring Rockwall and Rockwall-Heath against non-district opponents. Elam devised the Honor Before Victory leadership program in 2008. He also was Rockwall's head coach until 2005.  
 Moss said, "I know Coach Elam's teams. They'll be ones that will play hard. They'll be very sound and execute well."

Dorian Lowery protects the ball following a handoff from Hawks' quarterback Ross Hudson (back).  
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Christina Mathews was born and raised in Austin, Texas. She graduated Summa Cum Laude from Texas A&M University in 2007, with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Nutrition. She then attended the University of North Texas Health Science Center in Fort Worth to pursue her Master's of Physician Assistant Studies Degree, graduating from the program in 2010 with Academic Honors.

She is a current member of the Texas Academy of Physician Assistants and the American Academy of Physician Assistants.

Christina enjoys treating patients of all ages and her professional interests include women's health, preventative medicine and pediatrics.

In her spare time, Christina enjoys watching college football and basketball, and spending time with family and friends.



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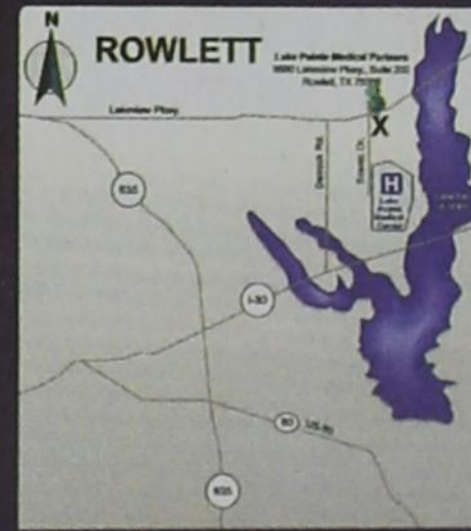
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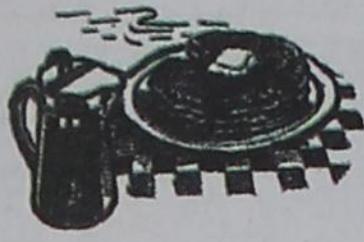
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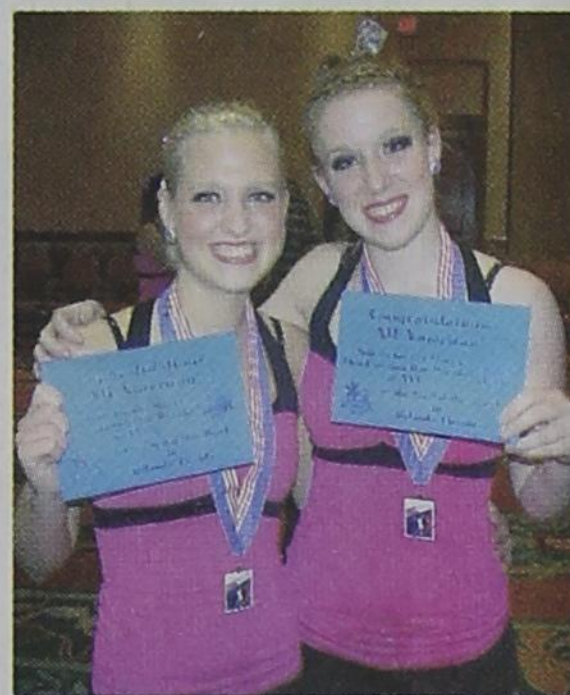
The Rockwall-Heath High School Highsteppers attended ADTS Drill team Camp July 1 in Richardson, bringing home several awards for their performances. Team Awards receive the All American Team of the Day, SUPER Sweepstakes, Best Overall Precision and Home Award. Individual honors included the All American award to Taylor Short, Rachel Smith, Peek, Emiley Jurgensmeyer, Kurstin Hill, Ashlee Lindemann, Alexandrya Heath and Maddie Honorable Mention awards went to Bree Statham, Savannah Jones and Erin Shaw. Taylor Short won an individual award for Outstanding Performer. Members of the 2010-2011 Highsteppers (in order) Kolby VanBeyers, Morgan Carney, Alyssa Mastronardi, Allie Heath, Rebecca Powell, O'Connor, Kalya Jones, Tori Bryant, Head Line Instructor Stephanie Garner, Kelsey Frazee, Bradford, Jennifer Stubbs, Kurstin Hill, Erin Shaw, Kayla Bender, Macy Christian, Meredith Madison Welch, Maddie Mills, Bree Statham, Katelynn Redding, Savannah Meler, Abigail Amanda Davis, Line Instructor Ashlee Lindemann, Rachel Bates, Kayla Stubbs, Alaina Smith, Instructor Karee Turner, Line Instructor Haley Mullet, Nicole Alyatim, Pharon Davidson, Digirolamo, Madi Lovett, Junior Lieutenant Rachel Smith, Lieutenant Kirsten Peek, First Lieutenant Emiley Jurgensmeyer, Captain Taylor Short, Senior Lieutenant Savannah Jones, Junior Lieutenant Victoria Pulley, Junior Lieutenant Kristina Starnes. The RHHS Highsteppers are under the direction of Monica Lyon, assisted by Anna Blair.

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The Rockwall High School Stingerettes Drill Team attended the All American Dance and Drill Team Camp this summer at the Richardson Renaissance Hotel. The team won numerous awards, including Best Home Routine, All American Team of the Week, Super Sweepstakes, Best Overall Technique and All American Team of the Day. All American Honorable Mention recognition went to five members of the team, 1st Lt. Michelle Mason, Lt. Chandler Due, Lt. Marley Lites, Lt. Natalie Trollinger and J.V. Alyssa Herrera. Members of the 2010-2011 RHS Stingerettes are (in no order) Darby Kelly, Stephanie Grubbs, Brooke David, Tori Lynskey, Allyson Baumann, Victoria McClain, Chelsey Clement, Claire Tommey, Alyssa Herrera, Melissa LeCour, Amanda Brooks, Ashley Westmoreland, Jessica Davis, Dejauna Channel, Cheyenne Dixon, Manager Diana Risher, Manager Lauren Lewis, Peyton Wiggins, McKenzie Nelson, Amanda Perez, Baylee Moffatt, Gabby Lall, Allison Chappell, Katy Switzer, Rose, Darby Rich, Lisa Pitts, Zoe Hartmeier, Katelyn Barton, Bailey Archer, Manager Stormi Mador, Manager Hanna Truett, Manager Ashley Grey, Carmen Maloney, Shelbie Vines, Tracie Shipp, Aly Peterson, Karisma Armendariz, Leah Walker, Alyssa Fawks, Bailey Pierson, Macey McKee, Paige Paslay, Amanda Bull, Manager Haley Birdwell, Lt. Rio McGowan, Lt. Natalie Trollinger, Lt. Michelle Mason, Captain Chelsey Crawford, Lt. Marley Lites, Lt. Emily Auth and Lt. Chandler Due.

Photo courtesy of Gail Crawford/Rockwall County News



Two members of the Rockwall High School Stingerettes Drill Team received All American honors at this summer's All American Dance and Drill Team Camp in Richardson. Stingerette Captain Chelsey Crawford and team member Katelyn Barton now have the opportunity to appear with All American recipients from around the country at the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade in New York City or the Capitol One Bowl in Washington, DC.

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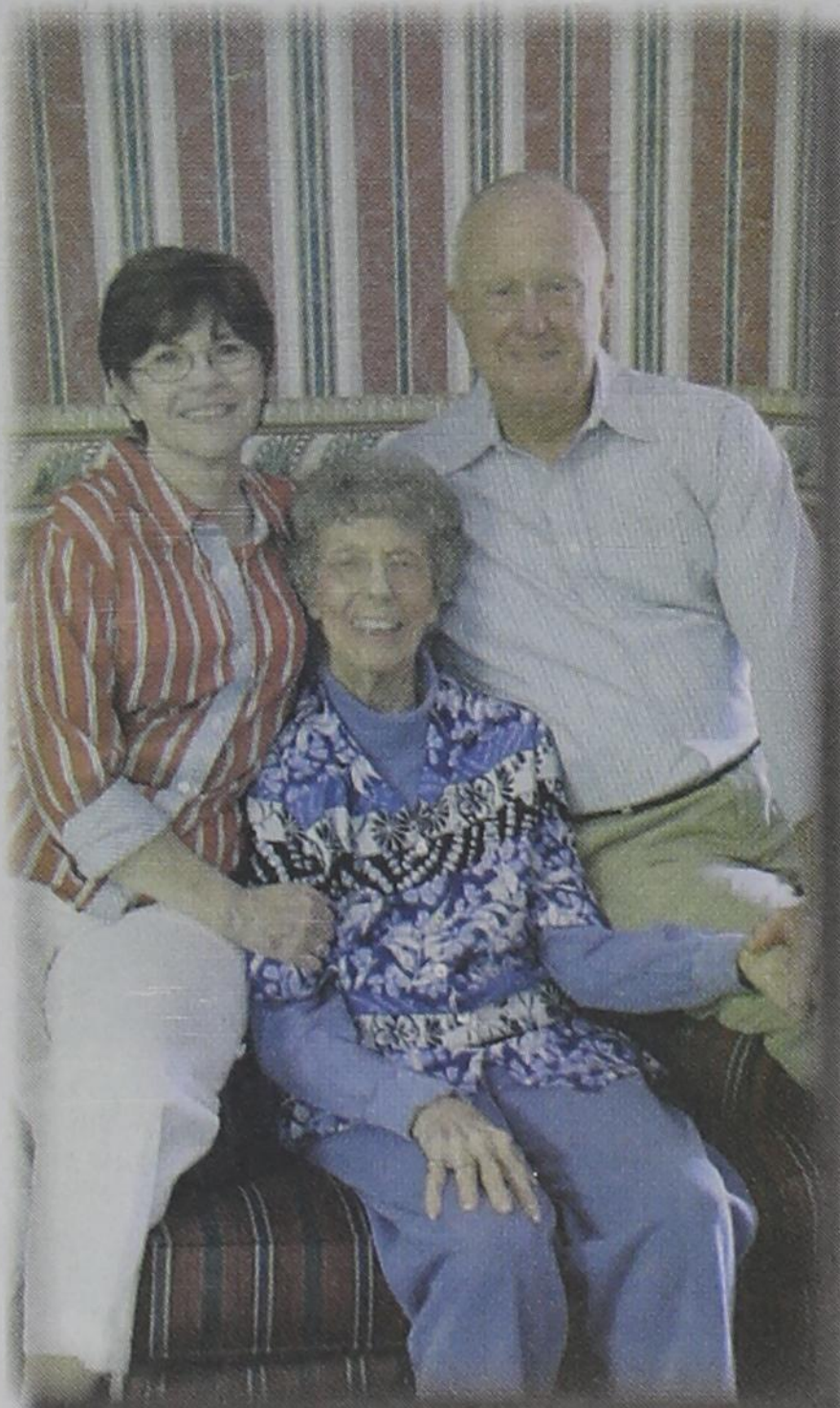
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Maxine Harber with her son Les and his wife Karylle Harber.

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What about the offense? "I did feel like we were moving the ball downfield."

That changed on the final drive with long runs by Broach.

Smith said, "The biggest thing for us offensively is to make sure we give the ball to him enough."

At what point would you use Broach less frequently on offense so he could be fresher on defense?

"That's yet to be seen, a number of positions."

In the four days between the scrimmage and the season opener, the Jackets geared up to stop West Mesquite's speedy senior quarterback, Trevone Brown.

Smith said, "Their quarterback is outstanding. He can run the ball and make you miss, and he throws the ball very effectively."

While some individual players are working at two positions, there's one position being shared by two players. Senior Shinn and Ted Gates are equal footing as kickers.

The coach said, "Our kickoff game will be huge. We're excited about our kickers, and we'll do a great job in coverage, special kickoff coverage."