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ounty voters choose Congressman all, Judge Bridges for re-election

I votes follow State-wide epublican Party trend

Local turnout inches past 50 percent s voters decide on propositions, races

han 50 percent of registered Rockwall County voters cast uesday's elections, according to a report on the county election or's Web site.

45,540 registered voters in Rockwall County, 32,186, or 70.68 ricipated in the general election.

gh the presidential election undoubtedly played a major role in voter turnout, local elections - primarily propositions placed n - were a draw.

ockwall voters, a total of 19,262 voters, or 67.89 percent, e proposition for the issuance of \$100 million Road Bonds for the improvement of roads throughout the county. Voting against the measure were 9,111 local residents.

In Heath, Proposition 1 failed, with 2,069 voters, or 58.93 percent, turning down the measure, while 1,442 voted in favor. Proposition 1 would have change the name of the City of Heath to the Village of Heath.

Heath's Proposition 2, which allows the mayor to have a vote on council matters, allows for a sixth council member and removes the mayor's veto power beginning in May 2009, passed by a margin of 75.22 percent to 24.78 percent.

Unofficial vote totals for Rockwall County, as listed on the Web site Wednesday morning, included:

Local Results

• Criminal District Attorney (unexpired) - Kenda Culpepper, Rep., 17,568

• Judge, County Court at Law - David E. Rakow, Rep., 17,537 • Sheriff - Harold Eavenson, Rep., 17,521

• County Tax Assessor/Collector - Barbra Barber, Rep., 17,760

• County Commissioner, Precinct 1 – Jerry Wimpee, Rep., 4,808

• County Commissioner, Precinct 3 - Dennis Bailey, Rep., 4,255

 Constable, Precincts 1, 4 – Randy Earl Parks, Rep., 9,128 • Constable, Precincts 2, 3 – John Cullins, Rep., 8,345

State, National Results

• Straight party votes - Republican Party, 9,463; Democratic Party, 2,941; Libertarian Party, 51

• President/Vice President - John McCain/Sarah Palin, Rep., 16,582; Barack Obama/Joe Biden, Dem., 6,142; Bob Barr/Wayne A. Root, Lib., 129; write-in, 85

 U.S. Senator – John Cornyn, Rep., 16,246; Richard J. (Rick) Noriega, Dem., 5,849; Yvonne Adams Schick, Lib., 467

• U.S. Representative, District 4 - Ralph M. Hall, Rep., 17,173;

Glenn Melancon, Dem., 4,812; Fred Annett, Lib, 386 • Railroad Commissioner - Michael L. Williams, Rep., 15,420; Mark

Thompson, Dec., 5,718; David Floyd, Lib, 670 • Chief Justice, Supreme Court – Wallace B. Jefferson, Rep., 15,497;

Jim Jordan, Dec, 5,813; Tom Oxford, Lib., 597

 Justice, Supreme Court, Place 7 – Dale Wainwright, Rep., 15,129; Sam Houston, Dec. 6,173; David G. Smith, Lib., 553

Justice, Supreme Court, Place 8 – Phil Johnson, Rep., 15,754;

Linda Reyna Yanez, Dec., 5,472; Drew Shirley, Lib., 609 Judge, Court of Criminal Appeals, Place 3 – Tom Price, Rep.,

15,222; Susan Strawn, Dec., 6,077; Matthew E. Eilers, Lib., 523

 Judge, Court of Criminal Appeals, Place 4 – Paul Womack, Rep., 15,740; J.R. Molina, Dem., 5,334; David Howard, Lib., 637

• Judge, Court of Criminal Appeals, Place 9 - Cathy Cochran, Rep., 16,940; William Bryan Strange III, Lib., 2,011

 State Representative, District 89 – Jodie Laubenberg, Rep., 17,583 Justice, 5th Court of AP District, Place 3 – Mary Murphy, Rep.,

16,264; Don B. Chae, Dem., 5,268 Justice, 5th Court of AP District, Place 6 – David L. Bridges, Rep.,

16,214; David Hanschen, Dem., 5,426

 Justice, 5th Court of AP District, Place 8 – Kerry Fitzgerald, Rep., 16,278; Tina Yoo, Dem., 5,247

District Judge, 382nd Judicial District – Brett Hall, Rep., 17,968.

News Briefs

Boost Meals on Wheels this month

Purchase or renew a subscription to the Rockwall County News this month and 100 percent of the cost will be donated to the local Meals on Wheels program. To join your hometown newspaper in supporting Meals on Wheels during the holiday season, call 972-722-3099. The campaign ends Nov. 30.

RPA to meet Friday

The general meeting of the Rockwall Preschool Association will run from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. Friday at the Free Methodist Church on Dalton Road. Mary DeMuth, a speaker and published author, will present "Helping Our Mom Self Grow." For more information visit marydemuth.com or rockwallpreschoolassociation.com.

Masons plan Saturday blood drive

The East Trinity Masonic Lodge in Rockwall will host a blood drive to benefit the Texas Scottish Rite Hospital for Children from 8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. on Saturday. The event will take place in the Masonic Lodge Hall on the southwest corner of the courthouse square.

Saturday Lord's Acre event in RC

The Lord□s Acre Craft Bazaar & Silent Auction is set for Saturday at the Royse City Middle School. The craft bazaar will run from noon to 6 p.m., with a lunch café from noon to 2 p.m. Other events planned include Final Step Dance Academy performance, 1 p.m.; a flu shot clinic benefiting Helping Hands, 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.; bingo, 2 p.m.; FUMC Youth Praise Band performance, 3:30 p.m.; barbecue dinner, 6 p.m.; and live auction, 7 p.m. Proceeds will benefit local mission work at maintenance of the historic Methodist Church in Royse City.

Canine fashion show set Saturday

The City of Rockwall's Animal Services staff will host a Hottest Pooch Fashion Show & Contest from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday at the Animal Adoption Center, 1825 Airport Road. All dogs will be required to be on leashes and have current rabies vaccinations.

NAMI support groups to meet Saturday Two free NAMI support groups - one for individuals with mental illness (Room 205) and one for their family members (Room 206, B Building) - will run from 1 p.m. te 2:30 p.m. Saturday at the First United Methodist Church in Rockwall, 1200 E. Yellowjacket Lane.

Call Hall or Dee Whitfield at 972-412-6030 for details. Planting for the Holidays class Saturday

A free class on beautifying the home for the holidays using seasonal and foundation plantings - perennials and annuals - will be offered at 2 p.m. Saturday at Covington's Nursery Landscape Co., 5518 Liberty Grove Rd., in Rowlett. For more details call 972-475-5888.

Saturday is Walk in the Park event The Patriot PAWS Service Dogs Walk in the Park event will run from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday in Harry Myers Park in Rockwall.

The family event will include a veteran honor walk, dog walk, dog contests, children's games and raffles. Admission will be free. Funds generated will help train service dogs for U.S. veterans and others with physical disabilities. For details visit patriotpaws.org, call 972-757-5420 or e-mail patriotpawsusan@aol.com.

RHS to host Saturday arts, crafts show

The Rockwall High School PTA will conduct its annual Holiday Arts & Crafts Show from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday at the school. More than 40 vendors will showcase holiday and home décor, jewelry, floral arrangements, gifts and other items. A holiday quilt will be given away, and baked goods will be available for purchase.

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Kindergartner Matthew Tucker (front) shows how low he can go as he limbos with his classmates during the 50th Day of School Sock lat Grace Hartman Elementary School. Following behind are (front to back) Gregory Smith, Brandon Abraham and Luke Webber. dergarten teacher Jennifer Penton and Assistant Principal Michael Stuart hold the pole for students during Tuesday's dance. Staff photo by Kathy Williams

ockwall named 2009 exas Main Street City

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Texas Historical Commission has named the city of all as an official 2009 Texas Main Street City. The city of iso received the designation and Weatherford was accepted certified city. The announcement was made Friday, Oct. 31 CH quarterly meeting in San Angelo.

kwall Mayor Bill Cecil received the call announcing the ssion's decision on Friday from Rep. Jodie Laubenberg.

was a great call to get," Cecil said.

heity with the designation receives technical advice and asfrom the THC as the city moves forward with restoration of Mown area. Begun in 1981, the Texas Main Street program lalization program for historical downtown and neighbormmercial districts. In the last 27 years, the program has with more than 140 cities across Texas.

are very excited to have been named a Main Street program ont," Cecil said. "This gives us an opportunity to look at our In from a different view. There will be plenty of assistance State. This will help in a very, very good way to revitalize

llown area" THC will assist the newly designated cities with planning

and designing their downtown areas and help with board development, strategic planning and economic development as long as the city participates in the program.

A Main Street resource team will also visit each city to offer short- and long-term recommendations for rehabilitating buildings, attracting new business and promoting tourism.

"The Texas Main Street Program is one of our most successful and recognized programs," according to THC Chairman John L. Nau, III. "We have seen tremendous accomplishments in both large and small Main Street communities in the past 27 years and believe these cities will be among our most notable programs."

A press release from the Texas Historical Commission states the Main Street program is based on a 'Four-Point' approach of organization, design, promotion and economic restructuring within a context of historic preservation.

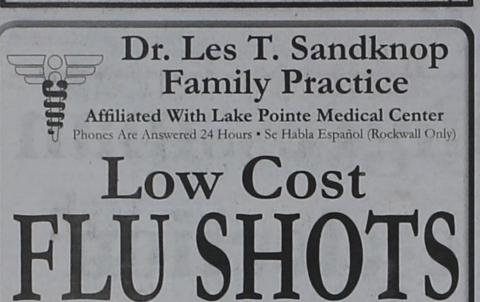
According to the THC, the Main Street program has, since its inception, stimulated more than \$1.3 billion in private sector downtown investment, helped retain, expand or recruit more than 6,000 businesses and created more than 23,000 new jobs in Texas.

The City of Rockwall plans to have a kick-off event in spring 2009, which will include a visit from Texas' First Lady Anita Perry.

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Andrew Sauerwein wins medals

at Special Olympics meet

More than 1,500 athletes recently converged on College Station to take part in the annual State Special Olympics Meet. Andrew Sauerwein, a sixth grade student at Nebbie Williams Elementary School in Rockwall, was among them, preparing to swim in three events. Athletes ranged in age from 12 to 99.

For Andrew, 12, the Oct. 24 meet was his first time competing at the state level. He has been swimming since he was three years old, and competes in summer meets in Lewisville, Frisco, Plano and Rockwall. He has been a member of the Rockwall Rockets Swim Team for three years.

Andrew's events were held at the Texas A&M University Natatorium. Andrew placed in all three contests, taking third in the 25-meter freestyle, fourth place in the 25-meter backstroke and seventh place in the 50-meter freestyle. Each event had eight swim-

Andrew was the youngest swimmer in each event.

Andrew's very proud parents are Stacy and Steven Sauerwein

RCN publisher challenges **Heath City Council's** unlawful decision

by Wesley W. Burnett

The City of Heath City Council took action Tuesday night in direct violation of the law by designating an unqualified newspaper for publishing its legal notices.

In its designation of The Dallas Morning News, the council apparently took its advice from the city secretary, who told the council she relied on the city attorney's opinion. The council's decision simply ignored the controlling regulation regarding qualifications for publishing legal notices.

That statute is Texas Government Code Section 5021.48, which requires that the designated newspaper be published in the county where the municipality is located. The qualified newspaper must also hold a U.S. Postal Service Second Class Periodical Permit in the municipality's county.

The Dallas Morning News is published in Dallas County. According to local U.S. Postal Service offices, the Rockwall County News is the only newspaper with a Second Class Permit in Rockwall County.

The council's failure to adhere to the law is a huge disappointment, especially considering that we sent letters with detailed explanations of the law and its clear meaning to city officials well in advance of the meeting.

We are surprised that council members did not ask questions about the qualifications of newspapers submitting proposals.

By publishing required notices in an unqualified newspaper, the city runs the risk of invalidating all of its actions which require publication. That means all ordinances, bid proposals, subdivision planning ... all the important issues requiring citizen awareness.

Heath city officials told our reporter that the decision was decided solely on the lower bid presented by the Dallas Morning News, and that qualifications of the newspaper were not questioned. The law does not require the city to choose the lowest bid, it requires the city to choose a newspaper which meets the requirements of the law.

We pray the council will rescind its decision and act according to the law.

(See next week's edition for full meeting details)

News Brief

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floral arrangements, gifts and other items. A holiday guilt given away, and baked goods will be available for purchas Thanksgiving meal drive under way

A Thanksgiving Meal Drive, sponsored by the Royse City Department, American National Bank, the First United M Church, Texas Leadership Bank and Trinity Baptist Churc in need of items for holiday food baskets: canned vegetal cornbread mix, cranberry sauce, boxed potatoes, stuffing pie mix and pie shells. Drop-offs may be made with any o sponsors or at the RC City Hall.

Government Data class slated

A two-session class entitled "Government Data on the Int be offered Monday and Wednesday at the Rockwall Coun Class registration may be handled at the library's upstair desk. The class will be conducted in the second-floor tech **RARTA plans Monday meeting**

The Rockwall Area Retired Teachers Association will mep.m. Monday in the Rockwall ISD Ad building. Humorist F Rumbley will be the featured speaker. RARTA is open to a school personnel and their guests.

Fire Station groundbreakings set

Celebrations marking the groundbreakings for Rockwall Stations No. 3 and No. 4 are set for 5 p.m. Monday at 291 St. Parking will be available at Springer Elementary. For i information call the fire department at 972-771-7770. Food drive under way for HH

Jerry Price with Edward Jones in Heath will conduct a for through Nov. 20 to benefit the Food Pantry at Rockwall C Helping Hands. Donations may be dropped off at his office Horizon Court from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more informa

contact Janet York at 972-771-3024. Library closed for Veteran's Day The Rockwall County Library will be closed on Tuesday f Veteran's Day, according to a news release from library o

Relay for Life kickoff scheduled The Rockwall County Relay for Life kickoff event will run p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Tuesday at Presbyterian Hospital on Ho Rockwall. Those attending can sign up as a Relay team ca

or learn more about Relay for Life. For more details contil Gerritsen at 469-273-3377. School district to destroy old files Records of students who were dismissed or graduated fr

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Rockwall Special Education Department in 2001 will be by Dec. 1, according to a RISD news release. Federal regul require that records no longer needed be destroyed. Any interested in obtaining their own records should contact department at 972-772-1175.

Scholarship, financial aid workshop set A College Scholarship and Financial Aid Workshop for st of the Rockwall Independent School District and their pa will begin at 7:30 p.m. Nov. 13 in the Rockwall High cafet Information on college financing, scholarships, grants and be provided.

Brown Bag Series continues Nov. 14

The Rockwall County Historical Foundation will conduct monthly lecture of its Brown Bag series at noon on Nov. Historic Courthouse on the Square. "Brotherhoods and S will profile organizations with deep Rockwall roots. The be free and open to the public.

Sheriff's group plans chili cook-off The Rockwall Sheriff's Association will host a chili cookat the Rockwall Sheriff's Office, 972 TL Townsend Drive Set-up begins at 9 a.m., with judging at noon. Cost is \$25 all proceeds will benefit needy Rockwall County families children. For details contact Lt. Todd Calkins at 972-204

Business Data class offered

A two-session class, "Business Data on the Internet" will Nov. 17 and 19 at the Rockwall County Library. Class reg may be handled at the library's upstairs reference desk. will be conducted in the second-floor tech lab.

Teen Evening of Wii set at library Teen Evening of Wii will be conducted at the Rockwall Co Library from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. on Nov. 18 in the Sto Room. Students in grades 7 through 12 are invited to part

College Awareness Night set Nov. 20 An Elementary Parents College Awareness Night will beg p.m. on Nov. 20 in the Dorris Jones Elementary cafeteria. Rockwall elementary students are invited to learn about and high school credit systems and elective process. Info also will be available on preparing for college academica financially and mentally. Childcare will be available by reonly for children ages 2 and older; call 214-207-4455.

Church to host health fair

Lake Pointe Church in Rockwall will host a health fair fro 1 p.m. on Nov. 22 in the church gym, located at I-30 and I A number of services and agencies will be represented. F details or information on free booth space, contact Cathl 214-893-9925 or cathleenlewis@tx.rr.com.

Library book drive set Nov. 22

A book drive to benefit the new Rockwall County Public will take place Nov. 22. Donors may donate books or fund collection points - Rockwall High School, Rockwall-Heat School or at the public library - from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Co Matthew Nelson at 972-722-8831 for more information.

Class on Christmas decorating set A free class on decorating Christmas trees and wreaths a

coordinating a holiday decorating theme will begin at 2 [at Covington's Nursery Landscape Co., 5518 Liberty Grov Rowlett. For information call 972-475-5888.

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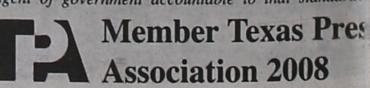
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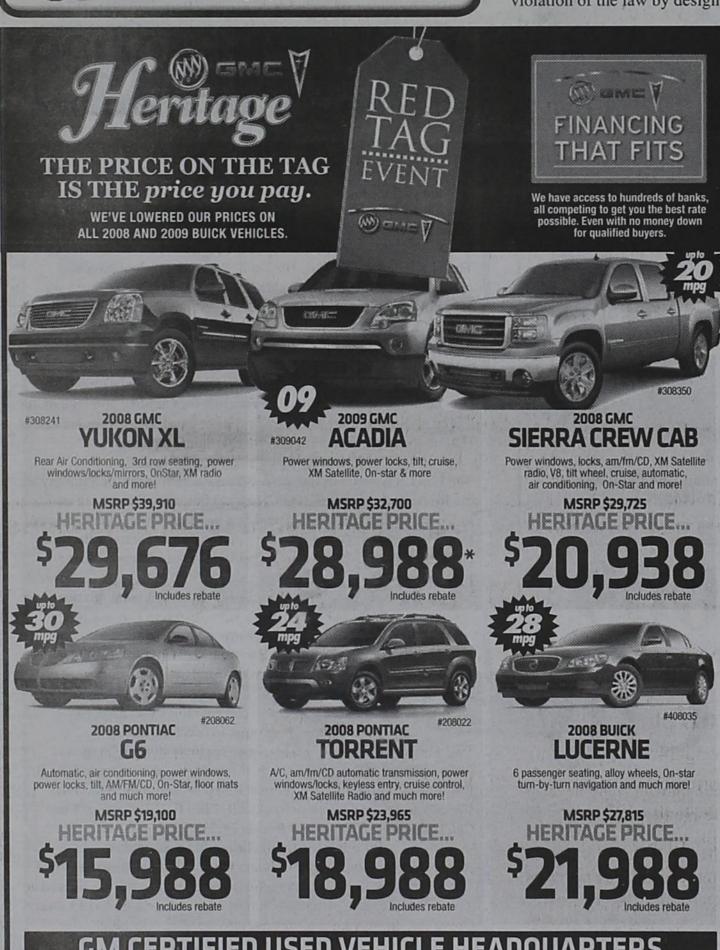
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Leoni (left) and Emily Maxwell (right) vote for their favorite pumpkins at the Cullins-Lake Elementary School third grade decorating contest. Students voted for their favorites with pensich will be collected and used to buy supplies for the third grade classrooms. 10to by Kathy Williams



denominator, Batman, it's the Partners In Prime! Cullins-Lake Pointe Elementary School fifth e teachers Janet Caporaletti (One) and Kathy Riley (Itself) prepare to tackle prime numbers their classes last Friday, Oct. 31. Needing a creative way to help their students understand prime bers, Caporaletti and Riley created Partners In Prime. Just a reminder-a prime number is a ber that can only be multiplied by itself and one. photo by Kathy Williams

Pumpkin decoration contest raises money for Cullins-Lake Pointe Elementary

Cullins-Lake Pointe Elementary School have a creative way to raise money for classroom supplies and support materials they might not otherwise be able to buy.

For at least the last seven years, third grade students have decorated pumpkins to be voted on by the rest of the school with a penny vote. Children bring money donations from home, which is traded for pennies. The pumpkins line the hallway with a small container to collect pennies. To vote for a pumpkin, a penny is put in the container. The pumpkins with the most pennies, win.

A first, second and third place winner is chosen from each third grade class, with victorious pumpkin artists receiving a gift certificate to the school store.

Teacher Joann Dickerson said the money collected benefits all the third grade classrooms. She said in the past, the teachers have bought novels, math manipulatives, reading games and similar supplemental materials.

Dickerson said the teachers have great support from parents and volunteers, organizing pumpkins as they come in and staffing the penny table.

Winners are:

Angela Born's class: first, Alyssa May; second, Alec Betancourt; third, Kali Mellor.

Joann Dickerson's class: first, Sierra Gunter and Kara Taylor; second, Olivia Cantwell; third, Nathan Tormey.

Gloria Hill's class: first, Colin Rails; second, Daniel Smith; third, Raeann Davis.

Joyce Horton's class: first,

The third grade teachers at Jacqueline Mote; second, Eric Nwaguw; third, Travis Fortner.

Kimberly McGovern's class: first, Jack Breeden; second, Rachel Phillips; third, Kristen Flem-

Michelle Thompson's class:

first, Chase Wood; second, Nicole Wohnsiedler; third, Jeffrey Tessitore.

Chelsea Worrell's class: first, Rylie Hunt and Rachel Leonie: second, Regan Hunt; third, Victoria Cooper.

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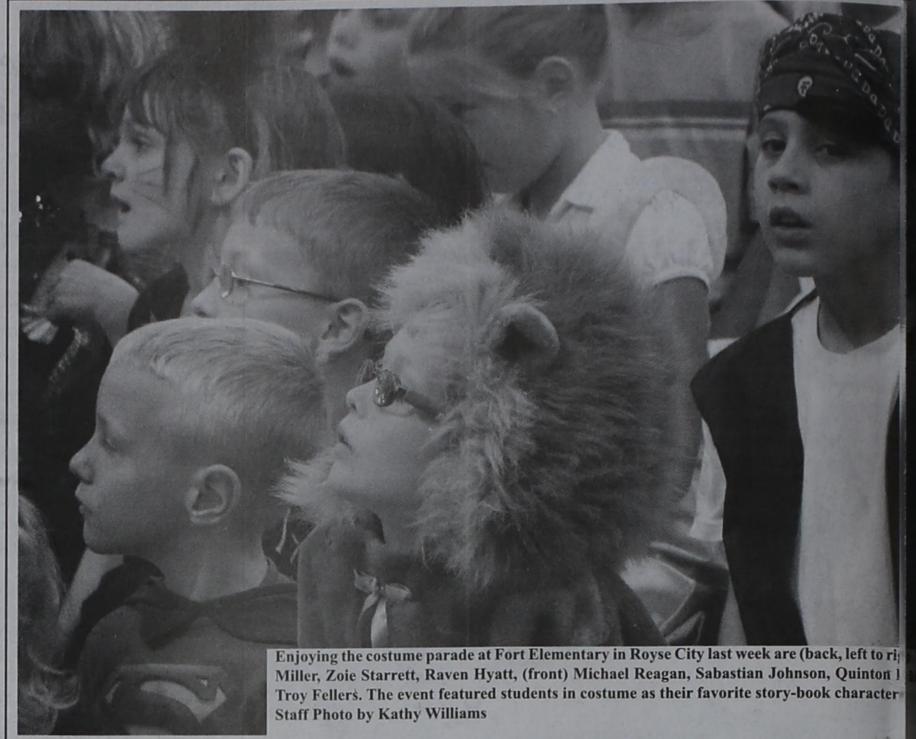
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Royse City Thanksgiving M Drive seeks food donations

Donations of specific non-perishable food items are needed as part of the Thanksgiving Meal Drive under way in Royse City.

Sponsored by the Royse City Police Department, the drive needs items for distribution in Thanksgiving baskets to be distributed to families in need that reside within the Royse City city limits or whose children attend the Royse City Independent

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Specific items needed include canned vegetables and sweet potatoes, packaged gravy mix, cornbread mix, cranberry sauce, boxed potatoes, stuffing, pumpkin pie mix and pie shells. Cash contributions also are needed to purchase turkeys.

Food items may be dropped off at any of these co-sponsors' locations: American National Bank, the Royse City City Hall, the First United Meth the Royse City P ment, Texas Leade Trinity Baptist Ch and Dental Assis Royse City Indepondent District. by Roy Hea

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Josh Newman and Haley Jones were named e Community Christian School's homecoming king a the October 16 Spirit Day Bonfire. It was the first time ing Homecoming King and Queen at the school. Photo Courtesy Anne Horan

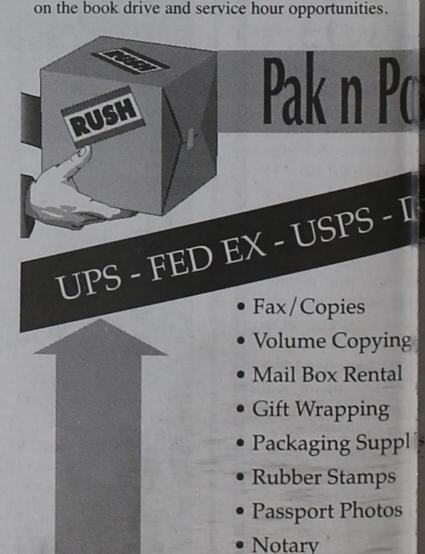
Eagle Scout project booked begin at to will prove

A book drive to benefit the Rockwall County Publicake place Nov. 22.

Donors may donate books or funds at three collections Rockwall High School, Rockwall-Heath High School, public library, located at 1215 E. Yellowjacket Laneto 4 p.m. on the designated date.

The book drive is being organized by Rockwal School senior Matthew Nelson as a requirement to Scout rank. Eagle Scout is the highest award give Scouts of America. One requirement for Eagle is to pand carry out a service project, such as the book drive currently a Life Scout with Troop 314 in Heath.

Contact Matthew Nelson at 972-722-8831 for more on the book drive and service hour opportunities



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perfect for a day of golf. While participants were raising money for the school, incentives were offered for them to play their best. Prizes were offered for anyone making a hole-in-one, getting closest to the pin and for the longest drive.

Two golfers came within a foot of scoring a hole-in-one. A Chevy Malibu had been offered as a prize for a hole-in-one, but at, 100 w riding, booster club was sadly taken back to the dealership when the two golfers

h addresses Friday's RPA meeting

Muth, author of several Christian-based parenting books ent speaker at women's retreats and parenting seminars. guest speaker for Friday's Rockwall Preschool Associa-

Our Mom Self Grow" will be DeMuth's topic.

her writing and speaking, DeMuth "seeks to overturn family patterns and instead encourages parents to make a haven for their children," according to a news release. ut DeMuth can be found at her Web site at marydemuth.

erved the Lake Ray Hubbard area since 1985. Its primary ellowship and educational opportunities for mothers and poolers. Membership is open to all Rockwall-area mothldren ages birth through kindergarten. The organization's incides with the typical school year, but new members are tany time.

information about the group, visit

preschoolassociation.com.

ng king an ge financial aid workshop set Nov. 13

Scholarship and Financial Aid Workshop open to Rockindent School District students and their parents will be Nov. 13 in the Rockwall High School cafeteria.

will begin at 7:30 p.m. shop will provide resources for college financing. Inforcholarships, grants and loans will be provided. Session I, li Cherry, the RHS counselor, will focus on College Scholces. Session II, presented by the Collin College Financial ment, will target Applying for Financial Aid. A questionsession will follow.

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Rockwall County Obituaries

Bobby Graves

Services for Bobby Graves, 39, of Heath were conducted at 10 a.m. Monday, Nov. 3 2008, in the Lakepointe Church in Rockwall. Burial followed in the Rest Haven Memorial Park.

He died Oct. 29.

Born July 7, 1969, in Fort Hood to Robert Michael Graves Sr. and Wanda Sharon (Fussel) Graves, he enjoyed sports and was an All-District football and baseball player in both his junior and senior years at Minden

High School. He was named Louisiana Boys State Delegate his senior year. He also was named Division III All-American Punter at

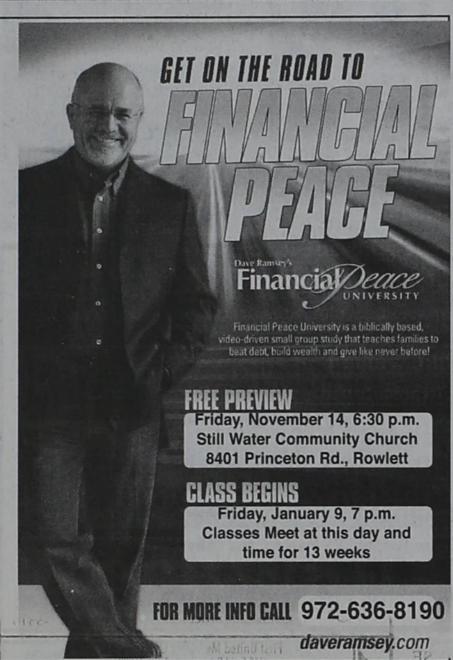


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University of the South-Sewanee. His record of most yards during a single season still stands. He graduated with a bachelor's degree in business administration from Louisiana Tech.

He was lauded as No. 1 Investment Officer for Bank One Securities for two consecutive years and Top 10 Investment Officer for Wells Fargo. He was president of RRMG Investments and the owner of Graves Ranch.

He was a member of Lakepointe Church, the American Angus Association, the American Brahma Breeders Association, the American Hereford Association and the Texas Polled Hereford Association. He was a supporter of several charities, including the Rockwall Women's League, AMICA and the University of South-Sewanee.

Survivors include his wife, Shelle (Daugherty) Graves; his children, Trey, Brooke and Christian Graves and Ashley and Kirsten Fladeland of Heath; his mother, Sharon, and her husband, Earl Walker, of Minden, La.; his sister, Cheri, and her husband, John Merritt, of Heath; a nephew and niece, Gage and Gabby Merritt of Heath; and his grandfather, Guy Fussel of Minden.

His father preceded him in death.

Pallbearers included Kyle Gauthreaux, Jeff Ryan, James Harrod, Trey Austin, Gage Merritt and Mike McGowan.

The family has suggested that in lieu of flowers, memorial contributions be made to the University of the South-Sewanee General Scholarship Fund, 735 University Ave., Sewanee, TN 37383.

Bonnie McMahan

Services for Bonnie McMahan, 62, of Garland were conducted at 10 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 5, 2008, in the Rest Haven Funeral Home-Rockwall Chapel. Burial followed in the Rest Haven Memorial Park.

She died Nov. 1 following a valiant battle against cancer.

Born Jan. 29, 1946, in Chicago, Ill., to William Riley and Jean (Burkhart) Abel, she lived in Garland for 23 years and was

a member of the Meadow View Church of Christ in Mesquite. She loved to read the Bible, and Proverbs 31 summarized her life. She especially enjoyed the Christmas season and loved and cared for her pets, Mitsy and Chestnut. Her aspirations were to be an excellent wife and a great mother.

Survivors include her husband, David McMahan; her children, Bill and Robin McMahan, Bryan and Stephanie McMahan and Kim and Frank Mayhew, all of Garland; her grandchildren, Wes, Katie,

Michael, Frank Jr. and Charlotte; and her brother-in-law, Robert McMahan.

Her parents preceded her in de-

Keith Allen Prinz

Services for Officer Keith Allen Prinz, 42, of Rockwall, were conducted at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 5, 2008, in the First Baptist Church in Rockwall with Pastor Steve Swofford and

ficiating. Burial followed in the Rest Haven Memorial Park.

He died Nov. 1.

Born May 5, 1966, in Corpus Christi, he was a devoted husband of 17 years and a loving son, brother and father. He was a police officer with the Garland Police Department for more than 23 years and was a member of the Lake Pointe Church.

Survivors include his wife, Janna Prinz of Rockwall; his children, Cody and Dlaney Prinz of Rocky rents, Robert and Gloria Prinz of Garland; his brother, and his wife, Julie, of Murphy; his sisters, Susan Will husband, Dave, of Rowlett, Sharon Luker and her husban Rowlett and Sharlene Tate and her husband, Danny, of Ro mother- and father-in-law, Dale and Ginger McCreary of his brother and sister-in-law, Shawn and Heidi McCreary and numerous aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins ar

His grandparents preceded him in death.

The family has suggested memorial contributions be Lakeside National Bank, Keith Prinz Memorial Fund, Rockwall, TX 75087.

Robert 'Bud' Renner

Services for Robert "Bud" Renner, 50, of Rowlett will be at 10 a.m. Friday, Nov. 7, 2008, in the Lake Pointe Church in Rockwall with Brent Ewing officiating. Burial will follow in the DFW National Cemetery. The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. today.

He died Monday, Nov. 3.

Born Sept. 27, 1958, in West Covena, Calif., to Glenn and Gail (Vickery) Renner, he served in the U.S. Air Force and started a law enforce-

ment career, serving in the Cushing, Okla., Police Dep Oklahoma University Police Department and the Richard Department. In 1996 he left police work to become a seci vironmental supervisor for Fujitsu, a position he held un He enjoyed being active in Boy Scouts; he was an Ea Cub Master and an assistant Boy Scout leader. He worl Discovery Space Shuttle Recovery and FEMA, as wel in the U.S. Air Force Reserves. He also was a member Ham Radio, the NRA, Rowlett CERT and Lake Point Rockwall.

Survivors include his parents, Glenn and Gail Renner of his wife, Cynthia Renner, and his children, Chris, Ryan a Renner, all of Rowlett; a grandson, Luke Warnick of brothers, Richard Renner and Raymond Renner, and a si Aloiso and her husband, Tony, all of Aurora.

In lieu of flowers, the family has suggested memorial c be made to the American Cancer Society, P.O. Box 560 TX 75356.

Elbert Terry

Services for Elbert Terry, 86, of Royse City were conducted at 1 p.m. Monday, Nov. 3, 2008, in the Rest Haven Funeral Home-Royse City. Burial followed in the Royse City Cemetery.

He died Oct. 29.

Born Oct. 19, 1922, in Blackland, Rockwall County, he served in the U.S. Army Air Force as an airplane maintenance crew chief from 1942 to 1946 and was a VFW member of Police Chaplain Ken Ashlock of Post 2559. He worked for John E Mitchell Co. for 20 years as a spot welder and was a lifelong farmer in the Hunt County area. He was a Bapt

Survivors include his wife of 66 years, Louise Terry of one daughter, Anna Jean Bozman; his grandchildren, Terr husband, Orlando, Brian Bozman, Brooke Bozman of P Davis and husband, James, of Athens and Michael Terri Ohio; his sister, Stella Powell of Southlake; and his Gentry of Sunnyvalle.

He was preceded in death by his son, Don Russell Te ents, Betty and Jess Terry; his birth parents, William (Willis) Gentry; and his brother, Cleve Gentry.

Rockwall Cou Religious Life

Lord's Acre Craft Bazaar, Live Auction Si

Painting light posts, trimming hedges, planting flo papers and weed eating were just a few of the tasks ac when some First United Methodist Church of Royse Ci recently helped out the city by volunteering man hours.

After seeing how much can be accomplished just | some time, the missions committee at the church decid wanted to give even more back to their community.

The 35th Annual Lord's Acre Craft Bazaar & Live Auc munity event hosted by First United Methodist of Roys be on Saturday. Although a portion of the proceeds I gone to the missions committee, a bigger chunk than in be designated for local mission work.

Lord's Acre has grown from its humble start many y have a wonderful café lunch at noon, arts and craft vend try store with homemade jellies and baked goods, er throughout the day, basket raffle, an amazing BBQ dir fun-filled live auction to round out the evening. This yea adding bingo to the lineup of events to take place during we are bringing back our flu-shot clinic for \$15, with being given to Helping Hands of Rockwall County.

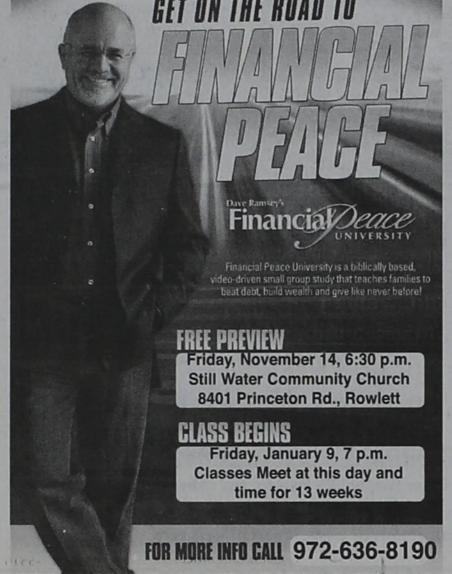
The public is encouraged to attend this day of fun, wh gin with lunch at noon. The craft bazaar will last until 6 begins at 6 p.m. and the live auction kicks off at 7 p.m. available during the auction portion of the evening so can get in on all the excitement. The Lord's Acre Crai Live Auction will take place at the Royse City Middle cated at 1310 E. Hwy. 66. For more information about call 972-365-9355.

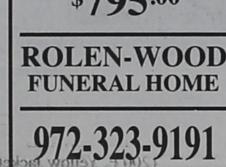
Coventry Signing Stars come to First Christian

On Sunday, the "Coventry Signing Stars" will be a pa a.m. worship service at First Christian Church, 3375 Ric Rockwall.

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Lake Pointe Church throws party for Middle School Students

by Amy Van Vleck

Students went crazy on Friday, Oct. 17, when Lake Pointe Church's Student Ministry threw a party just for them.

More than 1,200 local middle school students attended the "Party in the Parking Lot," an annual event for middle school-age kids held at the Pier 4:19 Student Center in Rockwall. All students in grades six through eight were invited.

"It was probably the largest gathering of middle school students from one church in the country," said Matt Humber, Lake Pointe's middle school pastor. "They are more candy than probably should be allowed."

Prizes were given away all night, ranging from area restaurant gift cards to digital cameras to a 15" flat-screen television. Candy was tossed off the Pier 4:19 roof (by responsible adults), the Skate Park was open, and bounce houses filled both parking lots. There was a rock-climbing wall in the center lot, concessions were sold all night, and fun music was played all evening as kids hung out and laughed.

Although the Party in the Parking Lot happens only once a year, all middle school students are welcome to attend "The Shore" each week at Lake Pointe Church. The Shore is a worship and teaching time for middle school students and takes place at 7 p.m. each Thursday night in the Pier 4:19 Student Center on the south side of Lake Pointe's Rockwall campus.

For more information about The Shore and other events for students, visit fournineteen.com.

Cheerleaders join in Gameday God's Way

For the second straight year, the Rockwall-Heath High School varsity cheerleaders are participating in Gameday God's Way.

The cheerleaders and Hawk guards gather every Friday morning at the home of Ken and Cheryl Moore to have Bible study and fellowship. Some of the topics at the gatherings have included "What's Your Story?",

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"The Right Way to Pray," "Your Days are Numbered," "Learn to Forgive Yourself' and "Who Cheers for You?"

The Moores organized the meetings to create an environment outside of school for students to being their game days with prayer, devotion and

Varsity cheerleaders include Raychel Clark, Stefanie Cotner, Cady Dicus, Cheslea Dwyer, Madison Edwards, Sarah Gerritsen, Jahmela Headley, Kaitlyn Howell, Morgan Johnson, Kaleigh Loeffler, Megan McKenna, Sarah McKimmey, Taylor McLoughlin, Kendal Moore, Meredith Moreau, Sarah Moseley, Raichel Patrick, Michaela Tomalin, Whitney Williams and Emily Wood. Mascot is Johnathan Romo. Sponsor is Shanon Josephson.

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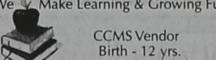
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Rockwall County sheriffs seeks entries for first annual charity chili cook-off

The Rockwall County Sheriff's Association is hosting its first ever chili cook-off, with proceeds going to less fortunate families and children in the county.

The cooking competition will take place Nov. 15 at the Rockwall County Sheriff's office, located at 972 T.L. Townsend Drive, just north of Utley Middle School. Set-up begins at 9 a.m., with judging starting at noon. The cost is \$25 per entry.

Judges for the day will be Rockwall County Judge Chris Florance. Harold Sheriff Eavenson and Fate Mayor Bill

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Royse City to host holiday parade, chili cook-off December 13

The Royse City Chamber of Commerce will host its annual Christmas Parade and Chili Cook-Off on Dec. 13.

Festivities, set to begin at 2 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church Family Life Center, will include children's games and rides; story time with Mrs. Claus; and chili, hot dogs, desserts and cornbread.

Judging for the chili contest will begin at 3 p.m., and carolers will serenade the crowds lining Main Street for the 6 p.m. parade.

Following the parade, Santa will make his appearance at the Christmas

tree lighting ceremony at City Hall while a special Christmas

Choir performs. Theme for this year's event is Texas Country Christmas.

For more information, contact the chamber at 972-636-5000.

'Imagine' exhibit debuts at Hilton **Bella Harbor**

Imagine... It's Easy If You Try,' which features works interpreting imagination and confidence through a variety of mediums, is now on exhibit at the Hilton Bella Harbor Fine Arts Gallery.

The new exhibit, organized by Rockwall Area Artists and the gallery, includes 44 works by local visual artists, including Vicki Hoarty, Max Buller, Sueretta Todd, Mark Walden, Betty Foster and David Smithers.

The exhibit is open to the public and free of charge. It began last week and will run through Jan.

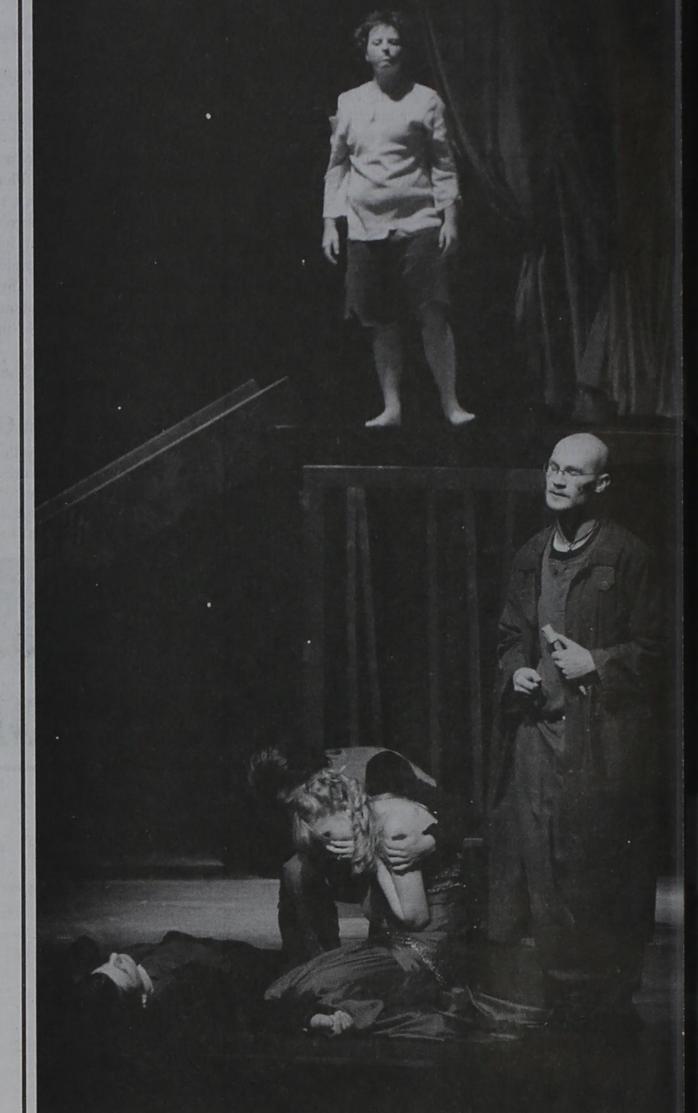
"The 'Imagine' exhibit highlights the enormous artistic talent here in the smallest county in Texas," said artist and Rockwall Area Artists liaison Vicky Hoarty. "The beautiful Hilton Bella Harbor on the shores of Lake Ray Hubbard is a wonderful venue to show off all that Rockwall has to offer."

Following the showing, pieces from the exhibit will be available for private collections. Prices will range from \$200 to \$1,500. Art catalogs are available at the concierge desk.

The hotel is an exhibiting partner with Rockwall Area Artists, with permanent exhibits featuring the work of eight local artists in public areas and guest rooms throughout the hotel.

For more information, contact rockwallareaartists.com or the hotel at dallasrockwall.hilton.com.

Just Say You Saw It In "The County News"



The Royse City High School Theatre Company performed its first production n the new Auditorium last week, wowing the audience with "Dracula." On stage are (clockwise from Smallwood, Kyle Hammonds, Mackenzie Turner, Austen Sharp and Walter Thomas. The lay directed by Scott Tipton. Staff Photo by Tim Burnett

Royse City's Methodist Church of e Lord's Acre bazaar, silent auction

The Lord's Acre Craft Bazaar and Silent Auction, which will benefit local mission work and maintenance of the historic Methodist Church in Royse City, will take place Saturday at the Royse City Middle School on Hwy. 66.

The craft bazaar will run from noon to 6 p.m., sidelined by a lunch café offering homemade soups and sandwiches from noon to 2 p.m.

Other planned activities include:

· A raffle of themed baskets from noon to 6 p.m.

 A Final Step Dance Academy performance, 1 p.m.

to 4 p.m.; proceeds will benefit Helping Hands of Rockwall Bingo beginning at 2 p.m.

· The First United Methodist Church Youth Praise Band performance, 3:30 p.m.

• A barbeque dinner, 6 p.m.

• A live auction, 7 p.m.

The bingo event will serve as a fundraiser for the family of Tom and Caroline Jenkins of Royse City. Caroline Jenkins is a teacher at Scott Elementary, while her husband is pastor of the Kaufman Presbyterian Church.

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Entertainment Briefs

Tree Lighting ceremony set

The 25th Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony at the Rockwall City Hall will take place at 6 p.m. Dec. 4. Live entertainment, crafts in Santa's Workshop, cookies, coffee, photos and visits will Santa will be available. For more information visit rockwall.com/parks or call 972-771-7740.

Heath Holiday in the Park slated

The annual Heath Holiday in the Park event is set for 7 p.m. Dec. 5 in the Towne Centre Park Pavilion. The event will include school choir performances, sing-alongs, refreshments, miniature train rides and Santa's arrival. Canned food donations for the Rockwall Helping Hands food pantry will be collected. For details, visit heathtx.com or call 972-771-6228.

Ballroom Extravaganza scheduled

A Holiday Ballroom Extravangza dance party will be conducted from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Dec. 6 at The Center. Open to individuals ages 13 and older, the event will celebrate the season with music and dancing. Light refreshments will be served. Cost will be \$10 per person. For details visit rockwall.com/parks or call 972-771-7740.

Next Lunch Basket set Dec. 9

The next Lunch Basket event will be Dec. 9 at the Center at Rockwall CityPlace. Creative holiday settings by area hostesses will be featured. Reservations cost \$20 and may be made by calling Leigh Plagens at 972-771-8976 or cplagens65@aol.com.

Lunch with Santa on Dec. 18

Lunch with Santa will run from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Dec. 18 in the Rockwall ISD Education Center Gym. A photo with St. Nick will be included in the \$10 cost. For more information visit rockwall. com/parks or call 972-771-7740.

Rockwall County Yesteryears

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Department of Human Resources in Rockwall. Jones received a probationary job after passing an examination given by the Texas Merit System Council. Rockwall Rotary Club hosted a Chili-Stew Supper as a fundraiser for the Rotary Foundation. The price for the all-you-could-eat dinner was \$2.50 for adults and \$1.50 for children under 12. Sue Rosenbalm prepared her special chili and stew recipe.

40 Years Ago Week of Nov. 8, 1968

On Nov. 2, 1968, Miss Donna Roan, 12, of Rockwall entered the First Practice Contest in Baton Twirling held at the Florence Park Center in Mesquite. Miss Roan won two trophies, placing first in Beginners Miss Majorette and Beginners Basic Street. Mr. and Mrs. R.W. Pickens of Rockwall went to visit their daughter, Francie Sue, at Stephens College during Parents Weekend. Miss Pickens was a sophomore at the college for women. There were close to 1,700 parents in attendance. There were many activities during the weekend, with an open house for the parents and daughters, followed by a dance for parents, daughters and dates.

50 Years Ago

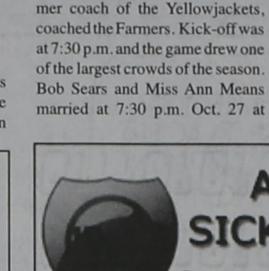
Week of Nov. 10, 1958

Members of the Alpha Tau chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma had their first meeting of the year at the home of Mrs. A.D. Hartman in Rockwall. Mrs. McCollum gave the theme for the year, "In Vain We Build a World, unless the Builder Crows." Hostesses for the meeting were Mrs. Walter Cullins Jr., Mrs. J.L. Glenn, Mrs. A.D. Hartman, Mrs. Sidney Peak and Mrs. Dorothy Pullen. The school lunch menu for Nov. 10-14 included meat and cheese sandwiches, potato chips, English pea salad, banana pudding, plain or chocolate milk on Monday; Italian spaghetti, pinto beans, tossed salad, peach halves and hot rolls on Tuesday; fried chicken, creamed potatoes, congealed vegetable salad, ice cream and hot rolls on Wednesday; Vienna sausages, navy beans, pickled beets, fruit cobbler and corn bread on Thursday; pork roast, candied sweet potatoes, congealed fruit

salad, ice caked squares and bread on Friday.

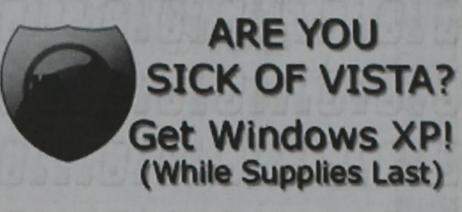
60 Years Ago Week of Nov. 5, 1948

The Rockwall Yellowjackets football team met the Farmersville Farmers at Memorial Field in



Rockwall. J.A. Wilkerson, for-

the Sachse Christian Church. After the wedding, a reception was hosted at the home of Mr. and Mrs. B.C. Sulmon in Sachse. The groom was the son of Mr. and Mrs. B.S. Sears of Rockwall and was raised and educated in the Rockwall community.



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Fifth grade students at Jones Elementary recently experienced colonial times with a multi-faceted project. Students had the option of creating a tri-fold brochure, a colonial ABC book or preparing a speech delivered in the costume of a figure from colonial history. Pictured is Kirsten Baker in a Pocahontas outfit telling third grade students about life in colonial Jamestown. The fifth graders presented their projects to other students in the school through a colonial times "living museum."

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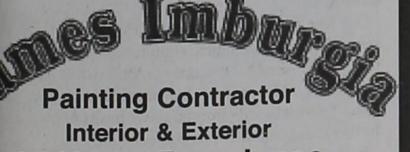
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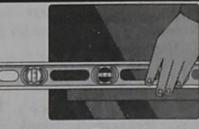


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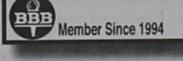
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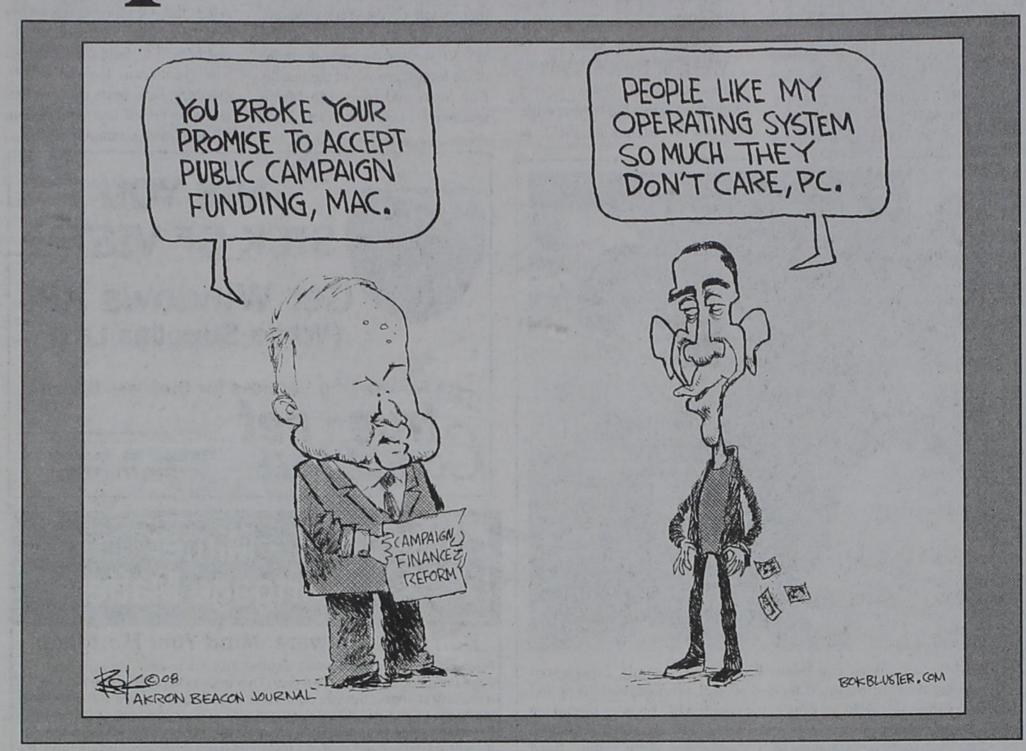
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Opinions



American Wackonomics

by Walter E. Williams

For the U.S. Congress, news media, pundits and much of the American public, a lot of economic phenomena can be explained by what people branch of economic "science" wackonomics and apply it to some of today's observations and issues.

Since July this year, crude oil prices have fallen from \$147 to \$64 a barrel. Similarly, average gasoline prices have fallen from over \$4 to a national average of \$2.69 a gallon. When crude oil and gasoline were reaching their historical highs, Congress and other wackoeconomists blamed it on greedy oil company CEOs in their lust for obscene profits. But what explains today's lower prices? The only answer, consistent with wackonomic theory, is easy: Oil company CEOs have lost their lust for obscene profits. Or, maybe, since many of these CEOs are getting up in years, they might have begun to heed Matthew's warning (19:24), "It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter into the kingdom of God."

Speaking of CEOs, there's the "unconscionable," "obscene" salaries they receive, in some cases over \$10 million a year. Wackonomics has an easy answer for these high salaries: it's greed. However, CEOs don't have the corner on greed. There are other greedy people we don't scorn but hold in high esteem. According to Forbes' Celebrity 100 list, Oprah Winfrey receives \$275 million, Steven Spielberg gets \$130 million, Tiger Woods \$115 million, Jay Leno \$32 million and Dr. Phil \$40 million. I need to talk to these people and learn their strategy. I've been making every effort to get that kind of money. I go to bed greedy, dream greedy dreams, awaken greedy and proceed through the day greedy. Despite my heroic efforts, it's all been for naught; I earn a pittance by comparison.

Wackonomics can help us understand what some people call the income distribution. The logical extension of wackonomic thought is that the unequal or unfair distribution of income is the handiwork of a

dollar dealer who distributes dollars. The dollar dealer might deal one person a million dollars a year while dealing most others a mere pittance like \$10, \$20 or \$30 thousand a year. Thus, the reason why some people want, human greed and what seems plausible. I'm going to name this are wealthy while others are poor is because the dollar dealer is a racist, sexist, a multi-nationalist, or just plain mean. Economic justice requires a re-dealing of the dollars, income redistribution or spreading the wealth, where the government takes the ill-gotten gains of the few and returns them to their rightful owners. Wackonomics might have a greedbased explanation for income inequality. There is a pile of money called income and greedy people got there first and took their unfair share. Similarly, economic justice requires a redistribution of income.

> Wackonomics isn't just practiced by the uninitiated. This year's Nobel Laureate, Princeton University Professor Paul Krugman, after the terrorist attack on the World Trade Center, gave one rendition of wackonomics in his column "After the Horror," New York Times (9/14/ 01). Krugman wrote, "Ghastly as it may seem to say this, the terror attack

> like the original day of infamy, which brought an end to the Great Depression — could do some economic good." He went on to point out how rebuilding the destruction in New York and Washington, D. C., would stimulate the economy through business investment and job creation. For practitioners of non-wackonomics, this reasoning doesn't even pass the smell test. If Professor Krugman's vision is correct, and extending his logic, the terrorists would have made an even larger contribution to our economic well-being had they been able to fly a plane into the White House and destroyed buildings in other cities.

Wackonomics isn't all bad. There's an upside to it. It spares people the bother of having to understand the complexities of the world.

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What Greenspan missed

by Sheldon Richman

Former Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan made headlines around the world with this admission: "[T]hose of us who have looked to the self-interest of lending institutions to protect shareholders' equity (myself especially) are in a state of shocked disbelief. Such counterparty surveillance is a central pillar of our financial markets' state of balance. If it fails, as occurred this year, market stability is undermined."

Greenspan made his confession before the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform. During that hearing, this exchange took place between Greenspan (AG) and Chairman Henry Waxman (HW), as reported in the New York Times:

HW: "You had the authority to prevent irresponsible lending practices that led to the subprime mortgage crisis. You were advised to do so by many others. Do you feel that your ideology pushed you to make decisions that you wish you had not made?"

AG: "Yes, I've found a flaw. I don't know how significant or permanent it is. But I've been very distressed by that fact."

Now it will be said endlessly, "Even Alan Greenspan concedes that the freemarket philosophy is flawed." But not so fast.

While he paid lip service to the efficiency of markets, his professional career reveals someone who does not believe in laissez-faire. After all, in a free market there would be no government money monopoly or government-banking cartel.

These interventions deeply distort the market process. Yet that is what Greenspan ran for nearly 20 years. Greenspan says he was shocked that self-interest didn't prevent reckless investments. But conspicuously missing from his testimony was any reference to the perverse incentives that the government in many ways created for the

mortgage industry. He told the committee that the demand for securitized subprime mortgages worldwide was "excessive" and "explosive," and without that demand our

economic problems would be less severe. But that raises the question: Why were securitizers and investors clamoring

for subprime mortgages?

We know the answer. A government effort spanning several decades and the administrations of both parties, including that of Bush 43, pressured and virtually compelled lenders to make mortgage loans to people who wouldn't

have otherwise qualified. This was carried out on many fronts, including the government-sponsored enterprises (GSEs) Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac, the Federal Housing Administration, the Department of Housing and Urban Development, and the Community Reinvestment Act (aimed at promoting loans to low-income people), backed by Greenspan's announced readiness to provide liquidity when asset bubbles burst.

A major factor was the "too big to fail" doctrine under which the government would bail out troubled lenders.

The result of this campaign was the relaxing of lending standards and the weakening of the market's natural discipline. If a local bank or mortgage broker

knew its subprime loans would quickly be sold to a GSE or another institution and turned into guaranteed mortgage-backed securities, there was little reason to enforce high standards on borrowers.

As long as housing values kept going up, the system could be sustained. If a homeowner got in trouble with his adjustable-rate mortgage, he could refinance at the new higher value or sell the home for a profit.

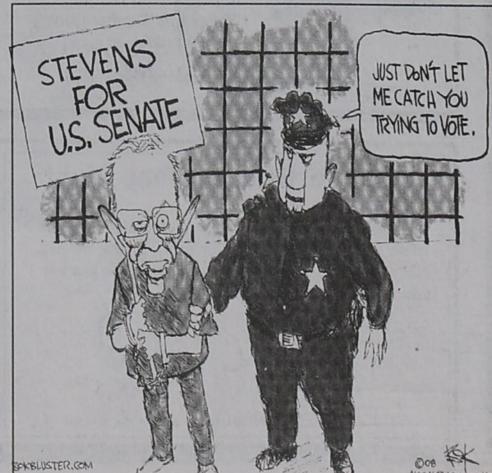
But the rise in housing prices couldn't go on forever. When interest rates rose and the housing glut became apparent, values turned south. Now many mortgagors found they owed more than their homes were worth.

Why Greenspan blamed the "free" market rather than the perverse incentives created by the government-banking complex is a matter of speculation. Since he was a party to this rotten system, acknowledging the government's role would reflect poorly on a major part of his career.

So perhaps he thought he'd look better in the history books by blaming the free market and his misplaced faith in it.

Of course, the point is that there was no free market. You'd think that Greenspan would know that a free market would have no government safety net for the financial industry. But you'd be wrong.

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The Fear Fac

by Bill O'Reilly

Fear is driving the presidential election of 2008. Since meltdown in early October, Barack Obama's poll numbers risen, as millions of Americans are afraid of losing their They fear the federal government has lost control of marketplace and are looking for a white knight to turn around.

That fear is well founded. The Bush administration speculators to run wild in the stock and commodities column stated last spring that oil speculators were artificial prices and the oil companies were taking advantage of the raising prices based upon "futures contracts," not supply

Naysayers criticized me, but when the speculators i prices cratered. The entire gas price deal was a scam and

That, of course, happened on President Bush's watch. mortgage mess. Under the nose of the Securities a Commission, supposed federal watchdogs, banks and bro like Lehman and Merrill Lynch were allowed to buy up r banks made to folks who didn't have much money. When t homebuyers couldn't meet their payments, the market feds simply stood by and watched the economy unravi

So who can blame the folks for being angry and fea nobody is looking out for them. And so they flocked to Obama.

But now the fear factor may be shifting. For the fire Rasmussen Reports poll shows that more Americans McCain is better on economic issues than Obama. You the Plumber for that.

When Obama told Joe that he wanted to spread the v many Americans were startled. Is it the job of the federa to take money from private citizens and give it to other that socialism? That one statement from Obama has McCain's advantage.

Despite deep disenchantment with the Republica Americans remain traditional in their beliefs and d entitlement cultures such as those in France and Scandina the Founding Fathers did not want a huge federal appara in personal finance. Now many voters, especially senio understand income redistribution, are becoming fearful administration might bring about not only change, but d

The McCain campaign has seized on this. But with j to go, it might be too late. However, fear can make folks do This election is not over until the very frightened fat la

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Spending the Econ into Oblivion

by Congressman Ron Paul

With news this week that Congress is poised to co stimulus package, I am forced to again ask a question the in Washington: How will we pay for this?

While a few Members of Congress have raised the iss was not the primary concern of the House Budget Commi interviewed Ben Bernanke on Monday. And, when they question to the Chairman of the Federal Reserve, his a We October. No standard rhetoric about how Congress needed to make Needless to say, not many specifics were discussed.

One of the most liberal members of the House, Barney least volunteered something of a suggestion: "We can le of itself." This, of course, goes in the right direction, enough.

We need to declare the facts and their obvious conse deficit of the United States is now spiraling out of control bailout package has only made it worse. Our crushing one key reason behind our current economic turbulence

As Congress begins to consider the third "stimulus pa year, we need to realize it is time to start setting priorities. P one should be cutting spending in foreign countries. simply mean Iraq, but everywhere.

The next stimulus package is likely to include money for While these investments are, constitutionally speaking be made by state and local governments, it is not likely will suddenly begin to pay heed to the document we as uphold.

Still, we need to acknowledge the fact that the current prid 30; Drivin Administration are rushing the nation toward bankrupt

This being the case, we could hope they would at least senses regarding our debt and foreign spending sprees. foreign-held debt is at record highs and moving ever h Continuing to borrow money from Red China and oth

pay "dues" to the United Nations and run "Plan Colom" sense at all.

Our whole carrot-and-stick approach to foreign pol sense. The US government simultaneously gives mone to Egypt. We send AIDS money to Africa while AIDS clin shut down. "Millennium challenge" funding goes to co enact "market based reforms" as we push our own count further into a centrally planned economy.

Economic recovery will only come through financial pru and getting back to producing things of value again. B be a foregone conclusion that we are about to enact another initiative to "stimulate the economy."

Instead, there should be some serious talk about cutting foreign giveaway programs. But, alas and again, we st

Congress is still not close to being serious about endin to debt and spending, and is again faced with the deadly attempt to spend us out of a recession. We should not the 1930's those types of efforts gave us the Great Dep

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and shops, autographed sports program, tickets to the dinner memorabilia and home decor and silent auction, recognition items, as well as other surprises. All proceeds go toward the senior prom and after-prom party.

"The seniors are excited to host this event," said Will Fox, senior class president. "The golf tournament and silent auction are major fund raisers for the senior class." Tournament fees are \$100 per player or participants may register as a team. Team sponsorship fees range from \$500 to \$5,000 and include a wide range of perks, including hole sponsorship, recog-

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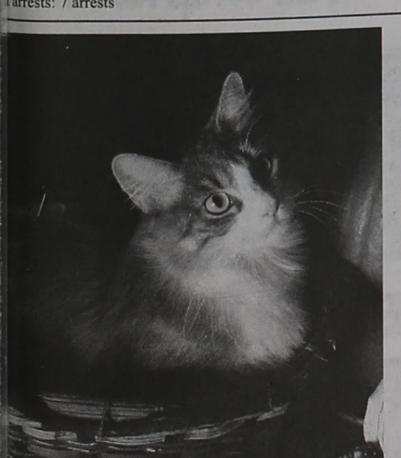
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Non-golfers are also welcome to attend the dinner at a cost of \$25 per person. Reservations are required by Nov. 7. The senior class is accepting donations for the auction from those who may not be able to attend, but are interested in helping the class.

For more information on the tournament, please contact Blair Garrett at jgarrett1@covad.net. For information regarding dinner reservations and/or to donate an auction item, contact Renee' Aube' at raube@swbell.net.

Heritage Christian Academy to honor veterans November 11

The students and faculty at Heritage Christian Academy in Rockwall are hosting a Veteran's Day Ceremony on Tuesday, Nov. 11 to honor past and present members of the armed services.

Congressman Ralph Hall will be the guest speaker. The ceremony is at 9 a.m. in the school's Multi-Purpose Room, with a reception to follow. The school has invitations available that can be given to veterans, inviting them to the ceremony.

Guests are requested to sign in at the office. For more information or to request an invitation, please call the school at 972-772-3003. Heritage Christian Academy is located at 1408 S. Goliad Street.



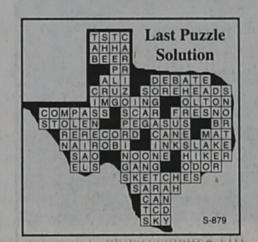
Maurine Cain Middle School D-FY-IT Governing Board recently worked its Adopt-A-Highway area, picking up trash. The group has signed up for a two-year commitment to pick up a two-mile stretch of Horizon Road – from Ralph Hall Parkway to FM 549 – at least four times a year. Twentyeight students and 11 adults participated. Pictured at back are Claire Carpenter, Ashley Chambers, Ryan Ramirez, Kara Stanfield and Sonya Avramov; third row, Peter Scheele, Kailey Peters, Bailey Ford, Kat Wall and Caitlyn Tunnell; second row, Ryan McHargue, Kailey Litherland, Natalie Williams, Emily Fletcher and LeeShea Mayo; and, at front, Samuel Scheele, Myles Manning, Ian Zurutuzza, Madison Deaton and Holly Bender.

Amy Parks plans Nov. 14 Juvenile Diabetes Kids Walk

In observance of World Diabetes Day, Nov. 14, Amy Parks Elementary School students will host a Juvenile Diabetes Kids Walk to raise money to help find a cure for the disease.

Finding a cure for juvenile diabetes is particularly im-

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fifth-grade student Ian Douglas, was diagnosed with the disease just before his fifth birthday. He will be insulin-dependent for the rest of his life, which means he is required to monitor his blood sugar closely, as well as his food

Diabetes affects all aspects of the walk or make a donation to Douglas' daily life -- from playing sports to playing with his Foundation.

portant to the school's student friends. Because of this disease, body because one of their own, he is at great risk for blindness, circulatory problems that could lead to amputation, kidney and heart disease and even early

Amy Parks Elementary students will do fundraising for two weeks prior to the walk. To help, sponsor a child, participate in the Juvenile Diabetes Research

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Heritage Christian survives scare with rally in Waxahachie

In its closest contest of the year, Rockwall's Heritage Christian Academy defeated Waxahachie Eagle Advantage Academy 66-48 Friday.

The Eagles' victory set up a battle Friday night at Rockwall-Heath High School for the TAPPS six man Division I District 2 title and a first-round bye in the playoffs. HCA (8-1 overall) will be hosting archrival Greenville Christian School (9-0). The teams are the state private schools' two top-ranked six-man teams.

In Waxahachie, the Eagles trailed 48-46 after three quarters but rallied to score the game's final 20 points to pull out a victory.

Kevin Prater's three-yard run to his third touchdown of the night put HCA ahead to stay.

Senior running back Josh Points led the Eagles' offense with 21 carries for 199 yards and four touchdowns. Prater added two rushing TDs and caught a pass for a third score. Josh Peschell and Noah Ward each caught a touchdown pass from senior Zach Read, who threw for three TDs and also had three of the four interceptions by HCA's defense. Junior Micah Griffey picked off the fourth Waxahachie pass.

Both teams in Friday night's showdown will advance to the playoffs, but the loser of that game would have to play a Bi-District game the following weekend.

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Passing - HCA: Zach Read 8-16-1-61, Josh Peschell 1-1-0-10; WEAA: Zach Bozeman 22-47-4-302.

Rushing - HCA: Josh Points 21-199, Kevin Prater 6-49, Zach Read 8-45, Travis Arterburn 2-29; WEAA: Samson Anderson 3-30, Allen Mick 3-3, Clinton Styles 1-0.

Receiving - HCA: Kevin Prater 2-27, Noah Ward 2-25, Josh Peschell 3-15, Josh Points 2-5; WEAA: Ben Kents 9-186, Allen Mick 5-72, Ryan Landis 6-32, Ryan Green 2-5, Samson Anderson 1-7.



Josh Points (31) pushes the ball down field for more HCA yards as teammate Zack Read (7) assists in blocking during last Saturday's game against Waxahachie Eagle Advantage Academy. Photo by Mike Griffey

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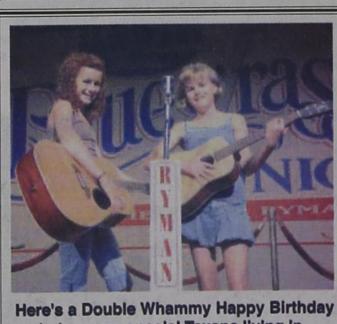
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Bulldogs hold off Newman Smith 24-16, clinch initial district 10-4A playoff ber

by Matt McGillen

Having made the jump from 3A to 4A to with only three minor hiccups – including tough losses to twin unbeatens Rockwall-Heath and Highland Park – the Royse City Bulldogs took care of Carrollton's Newman Smith 24-16 to earn a spot in the District 10-4A postseason.

Although they still have one remaining district game against woeful R.L. Turner (1-8, 0-6) the Bulldogs (6-3, 4-2) already know they will face Dennison in the opening round of the playoffs Nov. 14 at 7:30 at Southern Methodist University.

"That was definitely our goal, to make the playoffs," said first year Royse City coach Greg Strahm. "And we went out and accomplished it. We always felt like we could be a contender in 4A if we could get the kids to buy in to what we were tying to do: play four quarters of good football. All credit goes to the kids."

With Richard Morrison passing for three touchdowns and Kollin Padon contributing a 20-yard field goal, the Bulldogs lead 24-3 in the fourth quarter before Smith managed a couple of late scores to make the game seem closer than it probably could have been.

"We played well enough to win, but probably not as well as we could have played. It was not our best game," said Strahm.

The usually fleet-footed Morrison, who came into the game with 684 rushing yards and seven touchdowns, actually lost yardage.

The shifty senior ended the night with minus 15 yards on just five carries. But, according to Strahm, there was a method to Royse City's madness.

"(It was) definitely by design," Strahm said about Morrison, who normally turns routine drop back passes into dazzling excursions through befuddled defenses when he is forced to scramble.

"We wanted to work on a little different phase of our game. We know we can pass against anybody. We need to work on our running game a little bit."

Indeed, despite fewer passing plays being called, Morrison still finished the game 15-for-23 for 231 yards and the three scores with no interceptions.

Despite missing a game with an ankle injury, he has now passed for 2,186 yards and 21 TDs with six picks.

The Bulldogs got on the board first when Morrison connected with Eric Schneider for a 43-yard touchdown. Following Padon's field goal, Morrison found Ryan Fedric for a six-yard score, before Smith scored it's only first half points on a Phillip Ichter 30-yard field goal.

Morrison then hit his favorite target, Justin Jacobs, for a 57-yard bomb to make the score 24-3.

Jacobs, who has 45 receptions for 870 yards and seven touchdowns,, had just two catches against Smith but still ended up with a game-high 77 yards.

Lady Bulldogs win play-in match but are eliminated

by Matt McGillen

Having had to win a play-in match just to make it to the postseason as the District 10-4A fourth seed, the Royse City Lady Bulldogs' reward was a first round matchup with District 9-4A champion Frisco Liberty at Sachse High School Nov. 4.

Not only had the Lady Redhawks finished a perfect 14-0 in their district matches, they entered the playoffs riding a 16-match winning streak, having put together an impressive 31-6 overall record.

And although the Lady Bulldogs wiped out a double-digit lead to win the first game of their bi-district contest, Liberty was just too talented and too fundamentally sound, rallying for a 24-26, 25-16, 25-12, 25-12 win to end Royse City's first season in 4A with an overall mark of 17-16.

Despite the loss, though, Royse City coach Trent Tharp was anything but dejected.

"I am happy," said Tharp who led the Lady Bulldogs to within one win of the 3A state tournament in 2007. "It was a very productive year. We met all but one of our goals, and that was to win this game."

Though they roared back from a 22-12 deficit in the first game by scoring eight straight points during a 13-2 finishing run, the Lady Bulldogs fell too far behind too quickly in the last three games.

"I think they started pressing, trying to do too much, when we were behind," said Tharp. "We didn't play very smart at times. We were swinging away when we should have been tipping and tipping when we should have been swinging away."

The Lady Bulldogs also lost their serving touch, catching the net four times in the final game alone.

That was in direct contrast to the win-or-go-home-early match against Newman Smith on Oct. 31, also at Sachse HS.

The Bulldogs upended Smith 25-17, 24-26, 25-17, 25-20 to break a tie for

the fourth and final playoff spot.

Senior Skyler Strahm led the way with 26 kills, 19 digs, and a while

Kellie Wyrick added 11 kills, two aces and 25 digs.

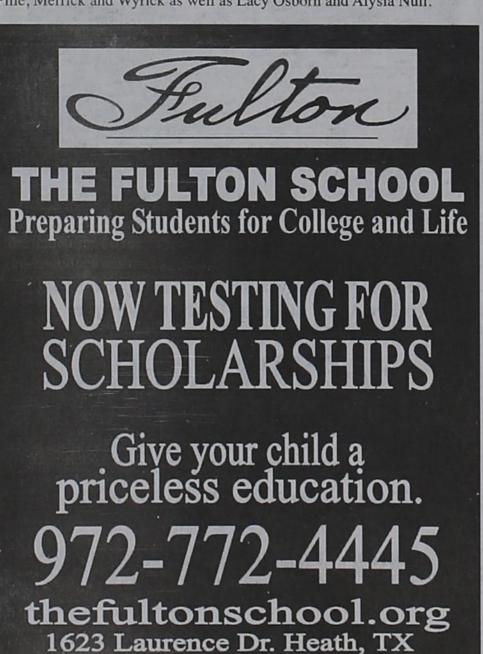
Fayrina Merrick also had nine kills, 27 digs, five blocks and three aces.

Setter Autumn Landers delivered 45 assists along with 24 digs, three kills

Setter Autumn Landers delivered 45 assists along with 24 digs, three kills and a pair of aces with Shelby Pille contributing six kills, 26 digs and three blocks and Taylor Jordan seven kills and eight digs.

"We hade a good group of seniors and they fought hard to the end," Tharp said. "But we have a good group of kids returning and we'll be ready to go get another playoff berth."

Playing their final match for the Lady Bulldogs were Strahm, Landers, Pille, Merrick and Wyrick as well as Lacy Osborn and Alysia Null.



With regard to their district finale against Turner, a team staggering through the midst of a eight-game losing string, Strahm remains confident but respectfully cautious.

"We expect their best game," he said. "They have nothing to lose. I want us to be focused and take care of business."

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RC-Eric Schneider 43 pass from Richard Morrison (Kollin Padon kick)
RC-Padon 20 FG
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Passing: RC – Morrison 15-23-0-231. NS – Aldo 11-17-2. Receiving: RC – Devin Bryant 1-34, Dave 2-7, Fedric Jacobs 2-77, Eric Schneider 5-75, Mapes 1-(-2). NS – Matt 1-6, Gaines 1-0, Joyner1-20, Lasker 6-95, Isaiah Ogunfunw

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Who: RL Turner versus Royse City

When: Nov. 7, 7:30 p.m.

Where: Royse City ISD Stadium

Records: Turner 1-8,0-6 lost to Heath 53-0. RC 6-3,4-2 bt Smith 24-16

When Turner has the ball: QB Mikal Patterson is 61-forcent) for 624 yards with five scores and eight interception Bernal has 16 catches for 262 yards. RB Miles Williams has on 106 carries

When RC has the ball: QB Morrison is 151-for-242 for 2,1 21 TDS with six interceptions. He has also run for 669 yard scores. WR Justin Jacobs has 45 catches for 870 yards and se Thompson has 37 receptions for 385 yards and five scores



Eric Schneider (25) pulls in a Bulldogs pass from quarterback Richard Morrison during last Thursday's game against Newmann Carrollton. After the reception, Schneider ran into the end zone for Royse City's first touchdown of the game.

Staff photo by Tim Burnett



Bulldogs Devin Bryant (8) shoots between Newman Smith defenders as Royse City took on the Trojans last Friday in Carrollto Staff photo by Erin Strahm

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ks blast Turner 53-0, host Highland Park in battle of unbeatens for district title

ave been a little boring for the Rockwall-Heath offensive trio ollingshead, Everett Gilbert and Kendial Lawrence for the last ers of the Hawks' game against RL Turner Halloween night at Stadium in Carrollton.

an three minutes of possession time, the Hawks (9-0 overall, bolted to a 37-0 first-quarter lead over the reeling Lions (1send the starting quarterback and his two star running backs ine for the remainder of what would eventually end in a 53-0

gure to be on the far, far opposite end of boring, though, when inked and unbeaten Highland Park Scots (9-0, 6-0) invade Sanders Stadium Thursday, Nov. 6 in a battle that will decide 10-4A championship.

will not only bring their state ranking to Rockwall, but a 45ct winning streak. The 2007 state 4A runnerup went 15-1 last cluding a 34-14 win over Heath - losing only to Lake Travis, e title game.

e kids, it doesn't matter who they are," said Heath coach iss. "What matters is who we are. What really matters is that hance to win a district championship. It's a big game for both be ready."

Hawks fare against the Scots remains to be seen, but they tely ready for Turner, starters and backups alike.

rief appearances before yieldir understudies against the Lawrence and Gilbert made their limited chances.

gained 112 yards on just ies and scored four more s, boosting his season total to , meanwhile, had only three 27 yards, but made the most touch, returning the free kick Turner safety 62 yards for a ake it 16-0 five minutes into irter.

lead, however, didn't get a extend his streak of 127 consses without an interception, even attempted to throw due dedness of score.

new we had to get our startnere," Moss said. "We got our ot of playing time, something

n't done before." lefense, in keeping with the setting, was simply scary. k defenders - playing all but

without starting middle linestin Moss and his wingmen nfo and Ryan Moseby - held a dismal 36 total yards and y one non-penalty first down, with less than three minutes

bers were in stark contrast k's game against Richardson en the Hawks were burned for yards and surrendered almost ards in 56-49 OT win.

just went out and did an awe-Moss said. "To hold the other ut a first down until the last the game was pretty impres-

starting backfield done for Hawks fans got a glimpse of Junior Jesse Irokwe rushed for a dozen carries and scored the al touchdown on a five-yard run with 8:47 remaining in the game. Hollingshead's backup, junior Kevin Rodgers, was 2-for-5 for 31 yards and his first touchdown pass of the season, hitting Ryan Peterson for a 15-yard score in the third period that

Things won't be nearly so easy against the at-times vulnerable Scots, who edged Royse City 46-43 and had their hands full for three quarters before beating Rockwall 35-20.

In a side-by-side comparison, the Scots and Hawks appear pretty similar overall.

Highland Park averages 49.4 points a game to Heath's 40.0, with the Scots also having a small edge in total offense, 442 to 414.

On the ground, however, the Hawks average 266 yards, with Lawrence's 189 per game average leading the way compared with the Scots' average of 186, with Bryan Dickenson's 94.0 per game topping

The Scots have the edge though the air, though, as Luke Woodley has thrown for 2,175 yards (256 per game) and 22 touchdowns with only one interception, compared to Hollinghead's more modest totals of 1,272 yards (141 per game) and eight scores with no picks.

Neither quarterback is a threat to run, as Woodley has run for only 44 total yards, but has five TDs. Hollingshead has had even less success, having run for a minus total for the year, losing 117 yards on 38 carries without a score.

Rockwall-Heath RL Turner

Heath - Kendial Lawrence Kendial 18 run (Brad Howes kick) Heath - safety, punter stepped out of end zone

Heath – Everett Gilbert 62 punt return (Howes kick)

Heath - Lawrence 28 run (Howes kick) Heath - Lawrence 6 run (Howes kick)

Heath - Lawrence 31 run (Howes kick)

Heath - safety, quarterback tackled in end zone

Heath - Ryan Peterson 15 pass from Kevin Rodgers (Howes kick) Heath - Jesse Irokwe 5 run (Howes kick)

RH RLT First downs Rushes-yards 30-254 33-12 Passing yards 31 Passes 2-5-0 1-4-0 Punts-ave 3-25.0

6-31.7 Penalties 5-61 6-55 Fumbles-lost 2-1 3-0

Individual statistics

Rushing: Heath - Lawrence 7-112, Gilbert 3-27, Rodgers 3-33, Irokwe 12-65, Will Smith 1-1, Armondo Villa 2-2, Alex Young 1-9. Turner - Brent Bilger 7-13, Xavery Williams 2-(-13), Miles Williams 14-17, Paul Mata 6-5, Dakota Whitehead 2-(-12), Sergio Tomayo 2-2. Passing: Heath - Rodgers 2-5-0-31.

Whitehead 1-4-0-24. Receiving: Heath - Matt McGowan 1-13, Peterson 1-18. Turner - Matthew Bernal 1-24.

Up next

Who: Highland Park vs. Rockwall-Hearth

When: Thursday, Nov. 6, at 7 p.m.

Where: Wilkerson-Sanders Stadium Records: HP 9-0, 6-0, beat Rockwall 35-20. Heath 9-0, 6-0, beat RL Turner

When HP has the ball: QB Luke Woodley is 141-for-209 for 2,175 yards and 22 TDs with one interception. RB Bryan Dickenson has rushed 100 times for 848 yards and nine scores and caught 24 passes for 372 yards for four more TDs. WR Austin Mai has 33 catches for 560 yards and three TDs; Josh Francis has 24 catches for 383 and three TDs and Morgan Stringer has 24 receptions for 372 yards and five scores.

When Heath has the ball: RB Lawrence has rushed for 1,704 yards on 190 carries and has scored 30 TDs. RB Gilbert has 551 rushing yards and 457 receiving yards and seven TDS. QB Hollingshead is 127-for-1272 for eight TDs and non interceptions

Injuries: none reported



Hawks running back Will Smith (23) lunges forward against the R.L. Turner defense during last Friday's game in Staff photo by Carl McClung

ath girls take second, boys third at district; h qualify for regional CC meet

Heath double regional qualifiers in cross country are (back row,

left to right) Mitchell Howell, Hunter Beauchamp, Sam Stone, Lenica

Morales, Aly Coughlin, Jackie Myers, Vanessa Bovee, (front row) Carlos

Zaldivar, Aaron Contreras, Cassie Munoz and Andrea Moeller.

Photo by Libby Holley

t a happy accident.

ckwall-Heath cross country coach Libbey Holley was at Horn ol in Mesquite, she coached both basketball and track. After a nowever, she found that because the two seasons overlapped ne needed to give up basketball and focus on her first love:

decided to try her hand at cross country. est, as they say, is history, at least as far the Heath cross coun-

o seasons, Holley has taken two teams with barely more than al runners combined and turned them into double regional as the girls team finished second and the boys third at the 4A meet Nov. 1 at Samuell Farm in Mesquite.

top three teams, as well as the top 10 individuals advancf Heath's teams will compete at the regional meet Nov. 8 at Park in Arlington.

wo teams and top 10 individuals at regionals qualify for the Nov. 15 in Round Rock.

hey could do it," said Holley after the boys outraced everyone all and Highland Park in the team standings. "It was just a em actually doing it. Now I get to take both teams (to region-

excited." team - which second place its neets during the son - also turned erformance, trailrennial champion Park, which has district meet exe in the last two

who also qualigionals in 2007,

by newcomer vee, who finished a time of 12:03 two-mile course. y Sara Sutherland lland Park, who an easy win in a

ing. s took five of the ots, finishing with just 25 points to Heath's 56 while cross-town rival Rockwall captured the third regional berth with 73 points.

Aly Coughlin was 11th in 12:33 with two time state qualifier Andrea Moeller 12th in 12:34. Jackie Meyers finished 15th (12:48) while Cassie Munoz, a 2007 regional qualifier, rounded out the Lady Hawks' scoring runners with a 16th place effort in 13:05.

"I'm really pleased with how they competed. I think they ran the best they have run all year," said Holley. "And they are a lot of fun to be around."

For the boys, Hunter Beauchamp came home in 14th place in a time of 18:29, followed by Aaron Contreras in 16th (18:39), Carlos Zaldivar in 19th (18:45), Mitchell Howell in 24th (19:17) and Sam Stone in 26th

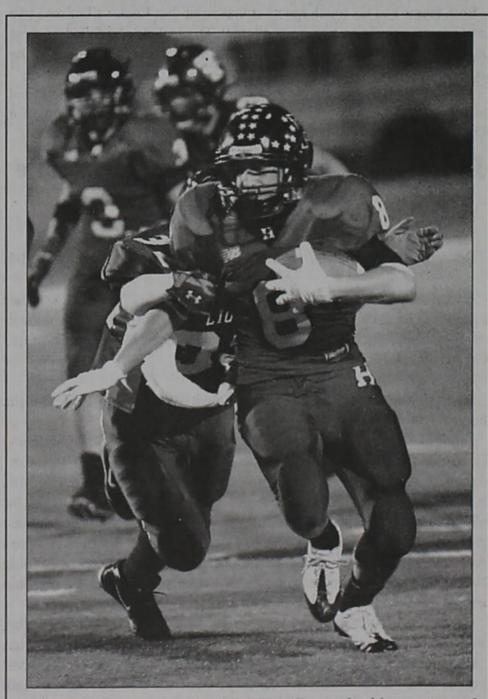
Matt Galvin of runnerup Highland Park was the overall winner, with a time of 16:47 over the three-mile course. The Rockwall's boys team placed five runners from second through tenth place to capture the team title.

Dave Kirwan, who has had both a son and a daughter run for Holley, says the former high jumper has made a tremendous difference in the

"She's really well organized and keeps them focused and motivated over the three months (of the season) and even inspires them," said Kirwan. "Just by sheer will power, and calling them at home (in the off season) and getting them to stay in shape. They went from 13 kids to over 40."

Looking back on her decision to let go of basketball and switch to cross country, Holley said the distance between her favorite sport and her second choice is narrow-

"I wasn't sure how I'd feel about it, "she said. "I've ended up liking it a whole lot." Like someone often says, accidents happen.



Hawks wide receiver Matt Bielski (8) muscles his way toward the R.L. Turner goal line during last Friday's game in Carrollton. Staff photo by Carl McClung

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Jackets' valiant effort falls short against undefeated Scot

by Lary Bump

Rockwall is showing it won't go down without a fight in the District 10-4A playoff race.

The Yellowjackets fell behind by 22 points at Highlander Stadium in Highland Park, where the Scots have won 53 consecutive games. Rockwall put a scare into HP until the closing seconds when Adam Dingwell was hit and fumbled at the home team's 21 yard line.

Highland Park won 49-39, but it was more a matter of the Jackets' running out of time. In addition to coming up short at the game's end, they just missed scoring at the end of the first half when Dingwell's pass fell just beyond Aaron Arterburn's reach in the end zone.

Similarly, RHS could be running out of time to reach the playoffs with one game remaining. The Jackets (3-6 overall, 2-4 in the district) and Carrollton Newman Smith trail Richardson Pearce (4-5, 3-3). A win by Newman Smith (2-7, 2-4) by more than two touchdowns at home Friday against Pearce could give Rockwall a chance.

In their final regular-season game, the Yellowjackets host Greenville (1-5, 2-7), and would have to win to be part of a three-way tie for 10-4A's fourth and final playoff berth.

If the Jackets play as they did against the Scots, beating Greenville would be no problem. Rockwall rolled to 628 yards of offense.

Scott Smith explained how RHS' offense has improved. "It really just started against Pearce," when the Jackets scored 35 points. "We went with our strength, which is the offensive line. We've gone to a two-back offense. It's real simple. Josh Broach has really come on.

During the first half of this season, Rockwall averaged just 15.4 points per game. Sophomore Broach had 261 rushing yards and two touchdowns. In the four games since, the Yellowjackets have averaged 39.3 points per game, with Broach gaining 313 yards and scoring eight TDs. At Highland Park, he ran for two scores and caught a pass for another.

"We've really improved a lot. I just don't know if we improved fast enough," Smith said.

An earlier jump-start for the offense might have meant a victory over Royse City or even Rockwall-Heath, the district's other undefeated

The Jackets were disappointed in defeat, but Smith said, "I was proud of the kids. Three or four plays and it could have been different."

His only criticism was of himself, for his play calling in the third quarter when the Jackets trailed 35-20. Dingwell's pass on fourth and one from the Scots' 2 yard line fell incomplete.

"We had two tight (ends) and probably should have stuck it in there." Rockwall didn't lead against Highland Park (9-0, 6-0), but matched touchdowns on the Scots' first three possessions.

At halftime, with HP leading 28-20, Smith told his defense, "If we make two stops, we can win this game.

That seemed like a tall order because the Jackets hadn't kept HP from scoring a touchdown on any of its four first-half possessions. Then the Scots scored TDs both times they had the ball in the third quarter to take a 42-20 lead with 2:44 remaining in that period. The halftime message seemed to sink in during the fourth quarter

Rockwall had been stopping the run all night. Highland Park averaged just 2.3 yards per carry (25 for 57 yards).

But on the Scots' final third-quarter possession, Grant Gunderson intercepted a pass in the end zone.

In the fourth quarter, Michael Colacecchi recovered a Highland Park fumble to set up Broach's second touchdown. Then Rockwall stopped the Scots on fourth and one and forced on punt the next time they had the ball.

HP's only punt of the game turned out to be one of the game's biggest plays. The kick from the Scots' 40 headed toward the right sideline, bounced past Gunderson as the coverage approached and then took a hard left turn that allowed the home team to down the ball at the 1 yard line.

After four incomplete passes turned the ball back to Highland Park, quarterback Luke Woodley ran in for the game's final touchdown.

Meanwhile, Highland Park was unable to stop Rockwall's attack. Dingwell had his best game, passing for 441 yards and four touchdowns

and carrying the ball for 67 yards - all career highs.

After Woodley's 63-yard pass to Morgan Stringer made the score 42-20, the Jackets scored on three of their next four possessions. They missed only when the Scots intercepted a third-down pass in their end zone.

First, Dingwell threw 45 yards to Will Beasley for a touchdown. Then Broach ran 4 yards and caught a pass for 36 yards, good for two more TDs. Gunderson's point after the last touchdown pulled the Jackets within 42-39 with 2:56 remaining.

Both teams had six touchdowns at that point, but Rockwall missed two extra-point kicks and a two-point attempt. The Jackets also failed on three onside kicks. Said Smith, "Field position didn't matter. We were scoring from all over the field."

After the last touchdown came Highland Park's three-and-out and 59-yard punt. A minute and 22 seconds just wasn't enough time for RHS to make up the 10-point deficit, but the Jackets battled to the end.

Jackets host Greenville in season finale

Who: Greenville Lions at Rockwall Yellowjackets When: Friday, Nov. 7, 7:30 p.m.

Where: Wilkerson-Sanders Memorial Sanders

Records: Greenville 2-7 overall, 1-5 District 10-4A; Rockwall 3-6,

Last game: For the second consecutive week, the Yellowjackets last Friday played one of their best games this season but fell at unbeaten Highland Park 49-39. The same night, Richardson Pearce routed Greenville 54-14.

Injuries: Neither team has major injuries.

History: The teams are competing against each other in 10-4A for the

What to expect: The Jackets' offense is clicking on four cylinders --Quarterback Adam Dingwell has passed for 1,731 yards and 15 touchdowns, running back Josh Broach leads the team with 10 touchdowns and 574 rushing yards, wide receiver Will Beasley has 31 catches for 497 yards and three scores and slotback Jarron White has 683 combined yards rushing and passing with six TDs. In addition, linebacker Aaron Arterburn moves over to offense on occasion as a tight end or running back. His five touchdowns include two each rushing and passing and another on an interception return.

Greenville's offense is ground-based, with 16 touchdowns passing and just four passing. Alton Dennis is a running quarterback who has gained 873 yards (5.4 per carry) and scored eight TDs. He'll be shooting for 1,000 for the season. Dakieston Williams also has run for eight touchdowns, with 759 yards and a 4.8-yard average. The Lions' leading receiver is Dijuan Sheppard with 16 catches for 239 yards and two touchdowns.

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Final Scoring 39 13 Rockwall 49 14 Highland Park 14

HP - Morgan Stringer 28 pass from Luke Woodley (Matt Bonano kick)

Rock - Aaron Arterburn 19 pass from Adam Dingwell (Grant Gunderson kick)

HP – Bryan Dickenson 21 pass from Woodley (Bonano kick Rock - Mark Ulbik 25 pass from Dingwell (kick blocked)

HP - Woodley 1 run (Bonano kick) Rock – Josh Broach 13 run (Gunderson kick)

HP – Will Leifeste 8 pass from Woodley (Bonano kick) HP – Austin Mai 12 pass from Woodley (Bonano kick)

HP – Stringer 63 pass from Woodley (Bonano kick) Rock - Will Beasley 45 pass from Dingwell (kick wide right)

Rock – Broach 4 run (run failed) Rock - Broach 36 pass from Dingwell (Gunderson kick)

HP – Woodley 2 run (Bonano kick)

Highland Park Rockwall 21 24 First downs 25-57 34-187 Rushing Yards 416 441 Passing Yards 26-39-1 26-45-1 Passing 1-59.0 1-65.0 Punts-avg. 3-45 7-60 Penalties 2-1 Fumbles-Lost

Individual Statistics

Passing: Rockwall - Adam Dingwell 26-45-1-441; Highland 1 Luke Woodley 26-38-1-416, Dillon Zweifel 0-1-0-0,

Rushing: Rockwall - Josh Broach 13-80, Adam Dingwell Anthony Strange 5-15, Aaron Arterburn 4-14, Jarron White Highland Park - Bryan Dickenson 14-45, Will Glasscock 2-15. Woodley 5-7, Dillon Zweibel 2-6, Team 2-minus 16.

Receiving: Rockwall - Jarron White 6-171, Will Beasley 10-142 Wardell 3-50, Josh Broach 5-34, Mark Ulbik 1-25, Aaron Arterburg Highland Park - Morgan Stringer 5-171, Austin Mai 9-90, Will L. 5-58, Bryan Dickenson 2-40, Austin Miller 2-23, Will Glasscock Chris Hipps 1-13.



Yellowjackets wide receiver Will Beasley (27) targets the goalline last Friday at Highland Park. Staff photo by Roy Heath

Rockwll boys win 10-4A cross country meet

Corey Miller ran the best race of his senior season to lead five Rockwall runners among the top 10 as the Yellowjackets won the District 10-4A boys' cross country championship Saturday.

Highland Park's Matt Galvin dominated the race, finishing a 3.1-mile course at Samuell Farm Park in 16 minutes, 47 seconds. Miller paced a deeper RHS squad by placing second in 17:26.

Following him immediately across the finish line were Jacob Phillips, third in 17:28, and Joel Gibbs, fourth in 17:32. Jack Hammond was seventh in 17:46 and freshman Thorne Pettigrew placed 10th in 17:52.

"That was a PR (personal record) for Thorne," said head coach Toby Howell. "We ran a really good race. I'm really happy with the team. We knew it would be a real tight race."

The Jackets finished with 26 points to 32 for HP.

Both the Rockwall boys' and girls' teams qualified for Saturday's Region II championships at Vandergriff Park in Arlington.

The girls placed third to take the last qualifying spot in the regionals, scoring 73 points to 25 for Highland Park and 56 for Rockwall-Heath.

Kelli Hardenbrook led the Lady Jackets with a sixth-place finish in 12:21 over a two-mile course. Rockwall's other scorers were Marissa Valenzuela, 13th in 12:39; Nicole Salom, 17th in 13:01; Hannah Kruen, 18th in 13:09, and Michelle Conomos, 19th in 13:10.

For Rockwall, though, the day belonged to Miller.

He said, "I'm pretty excited. It was definitely my best race by far. I really like this course. There's enough terrain to keep it interesting but

Miller followed Howell's advice for the race. "He told us to run with all our heart and show how hard we've been working."

Going into the district meet, the team worked on speed. Miller said, "That helped with our finishes. We were going all out." In the district junior varsity meet at Samuell Farm, Rockwall's boys

and girls both finished second.

The JV boys placed second to Highland Park 19-49. Houston Smith led the Jackets with a third-place finish in 18:52. Following him were Nick Pokorny, sixth in 19:05; Derrick Yuan, 11th in 19:28; Antonio Harvey, 14th in 19:49, and Sam Grinnin 15th in 19:58

Highland Park literally ran away with the girls' race, sending the first

Highland Park sweeps RHS JV teams

Both Rockwall junior varsity football teams lost to Highland Park Thursday, Oct. 30, at Wilkerson-Sanders Memorial Stadium.

The JV Orange team lost 21-0, with the Scots scoring their final touchdown with 30 seconds remaining. Rockwall used two interceptions and a fumble recovery to move inside Highland Park's 20 yard line three times, but the Yellowjackets couldn't push the ball across the goal line.

HP had just a 22-6 lead over the Jackets' JV White team until late in the third quarter. A big finish gave the Scots a 44-12 victory.

11 runners across the finish line. The Scots' 15 points easily tanced Rockwall's 112.

Hannah Valenzuela broke through the ranks of Highland Pa ners to place 12th in 13:33. Hallie Elledge was 13th in 13:38, Brown 18th in 13:56, Keelie Carell 24th in 14:06 and Ellen Ste

Rockwall wins volleyball play

"We made history," Rockwall's volleyball players repeatedly to other Tuesday night.

In a tense four-game contest against McKinney North, they I become the first Lady Jackets squad to win a volleyball playoff I "This is awesome," senior co-captain Kim Grinnan said after

23, 23-25, 30-28, 25-22 victory over the Lady Bulldogs. "We I goal at the beginning of the season. We worked really hard. Eve was just phenomenal tonight."

Phenomenal was just one of the adjectives being tossed around Said head coach Damon Wilson, "Kimberly played her best m the year. Sarah (Hubbins) had an amazing match. How many d she have? I don't know. A million? Anna (Thomas), our setter, go the head, but she hung in there."

"I've gone through three playoff games without winning, is really nice. We've come this far and we don't want to stop

The Bi-District-champion Lady Jackets next will meet District first-place finisher Dallas Woodrow Wilson in the Area round. said he expected the match would be Saturday somewhere in Me He referred to the third game, which the teams entered after s 25-23 decisions in the first two games.

The Lady Jackets (26-14-1) seemed to have the third game wol when co-captain Stephanie Shaw, one of their 10 seniors, reached a kill. Officials couldn't agree whether Shaw had reached over so the point was replayed.

North (27-15) then won the point to tie the game, and later wen 27-26 and 28-27. With the Lady Dawgs needing to win by two kills by junior Maggie Brindock twice evened the score. Then Gr kill put RHS ahead 28-27. After North again tied the score, (came through with two more kills for a 30-28 victory and a 2-1

In the fourth game, Rockwall took the night's biggest lead a 5 but the McKinney team three times pulled within two points b Lady Bulldogs error led to a side out and the 25th point that g Lady Jackets their win.

Even that came after RHS thought it had won the match - twic the score 24-20 and 24-21, two big hits by Brindock, who led Rc with 16 kills, were ruled out just past the back line.

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ams 8th grade volleyball completes successful season

liams Middle School's eighth grade A volleyball team had will go up to play in high school. We did not have height, but everyone s in the season that ended Sunday, but overall it was a good e girls who will be entering Rockwall High School next

he district A volleyball tournament at Cain Middle School, defeated the host team before bowing out in the semifinals 25-12 loss to the tall, dominating team from Lovejoy Sloan

1 Amy Williams, the A team's head coach, "They were 4-4 They worked their tails off. Most of the girls you saw here had a different strength and contributed."

Williams' eighth grade B and C teams both went 10-1 overall under coach Arthur Latus. The B team won the district tournament, but the C team lost in the semifinals and finished third.

Latus said, "They hustled and were very coachable. They did everything we asked them to do. We had good offensive hitters and passers and setters.

"Everything we do is what the Rockwall High team does. We use the same drills and the same sets."



Iliams Middle School Lady Wildcats 8th grade volleyball 'A' team players competing against Lovejoy in their district semi-finals ast Saturday at the Cain Middle School gym are Madison Roof (34), Hayden Raney (10), Lauren Herndon (18), Ashlyn Broussard d Sarah Thomas (16). Lovejoy won the match 25-12, 25-12. iff photo by Tim Burnett

lams' 7th grade A team finishes unbeaten season

he Williams Middle School seventh grade A team routed Cain ay at Wilkerson-Sanders Memorial Stadium to complete its

he game was scoreless after the first quarter, but Ramon Harris ee touchdowns in the second quarter to give the Wildcats a in the third quarter. ne advantage. That helped WMS finish 7-0-1.

xed Williams' running and passing games successfully. He with tight end Chris Glover for the Wildcats' final touchdown.

Will Smith followed the TD with his third conversion kick.

Williams' other quarterback, Jordan Jeter, ran 14 yards for the touchdown that put his team ahead 28-0 in the third quarter.

Justin Willis scored the Mustangs' touchdown on a 36-yard run

In the intra-city seventh grade B game that night, Cain won radley Barnett, starting at quarterback for the first time this 20-0. The Mustangs had a 13-0 halftime lead before Charles Treadway broke loose for a 67-yard scoring run in the third quarter.

s' 77 ties for first in Rockwall freshman Trey Manis shot 77 to tie for first place among and help the Yellowjackets' freshman boys' golf team place he Rockwall JV Invitational Monday, Oct. 27, at The Shores

Kinney junior varsity won the event at 326, followed by freshman 1 at 335, Texarkana Texas JV 365, Jesuit JV 368, nar 373 and RHS freshman 2 with 393.

vitational

shing in the top 10 for the Jackets were Teal Willis, seventh nd Chad Taylor, eighth with 84. Nick Ziebell also scored for an 1 team with 91.

the freshman 2 team was Williams Middle School student LosSantos at 86. Landon Rochon followed with 95, with nompson (101) and Luke Phillips (111) also scoring. Other scores were Christian Rang's 93 and Wes Switzer's 112.

nd Chad Taylor each shot 81 Monday, Oct. 20, to help the freshman boys' golf team finish fourth in the Creekview al in Carrollton.

cets totaled 349, with Ziebell scoring 87, Rang 100 and Switzer

hot 79, the best score by a freshman, in the Richardson JV al Oct. 16, at Los Rios. RHS' freshman 2 team finished at 390, e Richardson and Richardson Pearce junior varsitys. Other ere Thompson 93, Switzer 105 and Phillips 113.

Jackets girls place third at eson golf tourny

sity placed third behind Colleyville Heritage and Midlothian deson Tournament. Brittany Stansbury had the sixth-best total 173. Other scorers for the Lady Jackets were Hayley Bingham 4, Taylor Bond 95-97-192 and Dana Cappello 104-95-199.

oach Matt Claborn said, "The girls are slowly rounding into rittany and Dana both had personal bests on the second day of ament, and they all show they can play solid golf in spurts. We ork on becoming more consistent and not allowing poor shots

all finished third in the Rockwall Invitational Oct. 22 at Buffalo olf Course, with the Lady Jackets' junior varsity finishing fifth e five teams with enough players to qualify for team scoring. lark's 95 led Rockwall. The other scorers were Courtney with 98, Kaite Lamond at 102 and Brett Glover with 111 for a of 398. Highland Park placed first with 331.

Southerland led the JV team with 104, followed by Elise 117, Cindy Cho 118 and Alyson Heuer 120 for a total of 459.

Shelby Adams serves personal best

Cain Mustangs 8th grade 'A' teammember Shelby Adams accomplishes a personal best with 13 consecutive serves during last Saturday's district tournament at Cain Middle School. Staff photo by Tim Burnett

kwall boys' swimmers beat Garland to stay undefeated

style relay team won that event to keep the Yellowjackets undedual meets with an 89-81 victory over Garland Tuesday at the I YMCA.

d 81-75 entering that relay, and needed to finish at least second to win the meet. Jared Tokuz, Sean Eldridge, Ryan Lang and ilters erased any doubt by completing the event in 3 minutes, conds.

uartet also accounted for six first places in individual events. 8 won the 200 freestyle in 1:58.91 and the 500 free in 5:26.12;

on the 100 butterfly in 58.88 and the 100 breaststroke in 1:11.37; ok the 200 individual medley in 2:22.13, and freshman Eldridge 50 free winner in 26.07.

lition, Matt Lang won the 100 free in 56.56. Eldridge, Matt athan Eldridge and Tokuz combined to take the 200 free relay 56.

ockwall girls lost to Garland 88-66 despite two individual wins elay first place each for Dominique Cordova and Aly Heuer. 1 won the 50 and 100 free races in 27.79 and 1:03.08. Heuer fin-

eet went down to the last event, but the Rockwall boys' 400- ished first in the 100 fly (1:15.36) and 100 breaststroke (1:22.72). They both were on the winning 200 medley relay team with Rebekah Yount and Katie Crook, finishing in 2:10.55.

Freshman Brooke Baird was the Lady Jackets' only other individual winner, with a time of 2:34.86 in the 200 free.

Rockwall's early schedule includes meets against some of Texas' top 5A and 4A competition, including the TISCA zone meet later this month in Corpus Christi.

The District 10-4A and Region II championships will be in February. Head coach Brad Quindt thinks the season might not end there.

He said, "If the team continues to improve and perform at their top level, we could have several Yellowjacket swimmers advancing all the way to the state 4A championships."

The six boys who won events against Garland all are underclassmen. They're expected back again next season, when the Rockwall ISD's state-of-the-art Aquatics Center is scheduled to open.

Additional information about the RHS swimming team is available at http://site.rockwallisd.com/RHS/bquindt/class-2.aspx.

This article includes material provided by Eric Eldridge.



Kendal Moore, of the senior team, leaps for more yards during last Saturday's RHHS Student Counil Powder Puff football game. Junior defender Sydney Horton dives for Moore's

Staff photo by Carl McClung

Powder Puff football game ends in 6-6 tie for RHHS girls

The second annual Rockwall Heath High School Student Council Powder Puff football game between the junior and senior girls was anything but puffy - the girls battled hard for class bragging rights for the next year. The event is also a fundraiser for the Student Council.

Last year's contest was won by the Class of 2008 senior girls, but this year's game ended in a 6-6 tie. Between 50 and 60 girls participated.

Team captain for the seniors was Student Council President Irma Fernandez. Junior team captain was Junior Class Vice President Macall

Junior and senior members of the varsity football team coached the girls. Senior girls coaches included Hawks quarterback Drew Hollingshead, running back Kendial Lawrence, and offensive linemen Parker Pennington, Austin Moss, Greg Deloache, Everett Gilbert, David James, Brad Howes and Alex Hart.

Junior girls coaches were Aaron Pierce, Kevin Rodgers, Austin Woods, Cole Abston, Cameron Wilson and David Tanner.

Referees for the game were Hawks Head Swim Coach Tommy Sacco and Varsity Girls Basketball Assistant Head Coach Priscilla Vela. Emcee was school counselor James Garrett.

Entertainment at the game was provided by the tutu-clad dancing senior boys Beau Dicus, Adam Phillips, Cameron McClung and varsity mascot Johnathan Romo.

The Student Council advisor at RHHS is Leah Voth.

Wilson to oppose RHS in Area playoff

Who: Rockwall Lady Jackets vs. Dallas Woodrow Wilson Lady Wildcats

When: Most likely Saturday, but could be Thursday or Friday

Records: Rockwall 26-14-1 overall; Woodrow Wilson 16-17

Last match: On Tuesday, the Yellowjackets edged McKinney North 25-23, 23-25, 30-28, 25-22 and Wilson swept Dallas A. Maceo Smith 25-19, 25-18, 25-13.

History: This season, Woodrow Wilson won its third district championship. The Lady Wildcats now have reached the Area round for the third time in five year. This is Rockwall's first trip to the Area round. What to expect: The teams aren't very much alike. Woodrow Wilson is

smaller, with just three players 5'10" or taller to 10 for the Lady Jackets. The Lady Wildcats also are younger, with just five seniors compared to

The young Wilson came on strong late this season, and has won 13 consecutive matches. The Lady Jackets, who finished third in District 10-4A, have won four in a row.

Lady Jackets open basketball season Tuesday

It's a new year, in a new district with mostly a new team. Still, there's excitement surrounding the Rockwall Lady Jackets basketball team.

Gone are almost all of the players from a team that reached at least the

5A regional semifinals in each of the last four years. There's only one returning starter, but she's a good one. Peyton Adamson led the team in scoring with more than 19 points per game last season as a sophomore. She also finished second in the United States in successful 3-point shots, but has worked this summer on driving to the basket and making herself a more complete offensive player.

Adamson heads a backcourt that should be Rockwall's strength, at least early in the season.

Starting with Adamson at guard will be two seniors, point guard Raven Turner and Kayla Kimmons.

"Raven played some last season. She's the fastest kid I've ever coached," said RHS head coach Jill McDill. "Kayla has been in the program four years. She's a good shooter."

Up front in the high-low post offense will be 5'10" senior Jordan Anterhaus, one of the first players off the bench last season, and 6'0" freshman Alyssa Lang.

McDill said of Lang, "She should help on the boards. We have a really good group of freshmen who were undefeated in seventh grade. There are two other freshmen on the JV and 17 or 18 on the two freshman teams."

That points toward a bright future, but there also could be a strong team this season. McDill hinted at an eight-player rotation to begin the season. Senior Katy Mueller and junior Vertashia Dean will help up front, with junior Aimee Coleman adding backcourt depth.

After winning a scrimmage last Saturday at Frisco Liberty 64-50, McDill said, "We have to learn our roles, figuring out who's going to do what and where we want the ball to go. We need work on defense and rebounding. We just have to practice."

The Lady Jackets will play another scrimmage Saturday at home against Mesquite - with the freshmen scheduled to tip off at noon, the junior varsity at 1:30 p.m. and the varsity at 3 p.m. All three teams will open the season at home Tuesday, with the varsity scheduled to play Parish Episcopal at 7:30 p.m.

Gone also is Rockwall's 5A status. RHS is playing this year in District 10-4A, but McDill said that doesn't make it easier.



RHHS Hawks linebacker Ryan Mosby stretches out in an attempt to block an R.L. Turner punt during last Friday's game at Carrollton.

Staff photo by Carl McClung



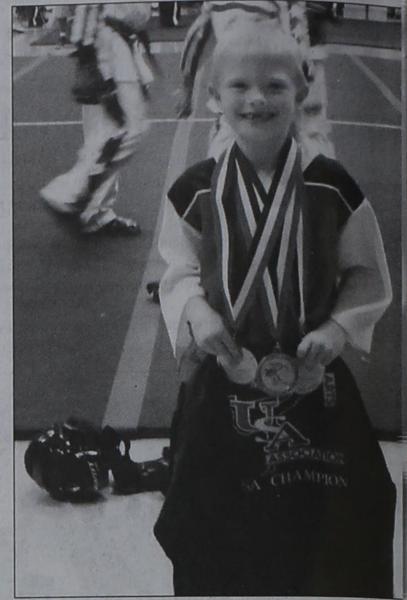
Royse City Bulldogs wide receiver Justin Jacobs (7) follows the blocking of teammate Ryan Fedric (9) during last Thursday's game against Newman Smith at Carrollton. Also assisting in the play is Frank Dave (21). Staff photo by Erin Strahm



and A 7:30 p.m.

Yellowjackets tight end Aaron Arterburn (81) holds on to the ball after his reception in the end zone during last Friday's game at

Highland Park. Staff photo by Roy Heath



Sam Wigley returns from Karate Championship with medals, trop

Cullins-Lake Point Elementary second grade stud Wigley recently attended a karate championship event ir where he was recognized as the 2008 United State Maj Association U.S. Champion in two separate events: ti forms and sparring. Wigley, who has been studying Bush Ryu karate for the past two years, is pictured above with h and trophies from the event.

Rockwall Riptide begins se with strong performance

At the YMCA meet on October 25, the Rockwall Riptide began their season with solid performances.

Six-year-old David Johnston swept his events in the boys with wins in the 25 yard back, 25 breast, 25 free and 50 free Emily Manly (10) swept the 9-10 girls division with wins free, 50M breast, 100M fly, 200M IM, and the 200M medle sisting of Manly, Carolyn Johnston, Brooke Arnold, and Mi Nathan Eldridge (14) won the 13-14 boys 50M free, 100N breast, and placed third in the 100M fly.

Samantha Wang (6) won the 6 & under 25 yard back. Ford Blaylock (8) won the 7-8 boys 50M free, 100M IM second in the 25 breast.

Michael Bartley (10) won the 9-10 boys 50M free, 50M b fly, and was second in the 200M IM.

Bridget Griesbach (9) won the 9-10 girls 100M free. Raena Eldridge (12) won the 11-12 girls 50M backstroke,

vidual medley, and was second in the 50M breaststroke. Hunter Arnold (12) won the 11-12 boys 50M freestyle, placed second in the 200M IM, and was part of the winning

William Rapp (11) won the 11-12 100M free, 100M butt IM, and was part of the 11-12 boys winning relay of Ra Justin Tokuz, and Collin Vu.

Justin Tokuz (12) was part of the winning 11-12 boys competing in the 13-14 boys division placing second in the 100M fly and 200M IM.

Evan Perlitz (11) won the 11-12 boys 50M back.

Breana Williams (14) won the 13-14 girls 50M back. Taylor Blaylock (14) won the 13-14 girls 100M fly and in the 200M IM.

Ryan Rock (13) won the 13-14 boys 50M back and place the 50M free.

Brooke Arnold (9) took second place in the 9-10 girls 50N breast, 100M fly, and was part of the winning 10 & under medley relay.

Jared Tokuz (16) placed second in the 15 & Up boys ! 100M fly and 200M IM.

Alex Rodriguez (10) took second place in the 9-10 boys 50 free, 100M fly.

Rockwall Yellowjackets' sched

Saturday, Nov. 8 - Varsity 1 girls' golf: at Waco Creekview T Cottonwood Creek Golf Club, 8 a.m.

Varsity 2 boys' golf: at Waxahachie Tournament, Waxahac Club, 8 a.m.

Girls' cross country: at Region II Championships, Vande

Arlington, 9:35 a.m. Boys' basketball: Varsity and JV scrimmage at Grand Prai Boys' cross country: at Region II Championships, Vande

Girls' basketball: home scrimmage vs. Mesquite – JV and

Arlington, 10 a.m.

noon and 1:30 p.m., and varsity and freshman, 3 p.m. Monday, Nov. 10 - Varsity 3 boys' golf: at Sachse T

Firewheel Bridges Course, 8 a.m. Tuesday, Nov. 11 - JV and freshman 1 boys' golf: Tournament, Waterview Golf Club, 8 a.m.

Freshman A girls' basketball: home vs. Crandall, 4:30 p.m Girls' basketball: home vs. Parish Episcopal, JV 6 p.m.

7:30 p.m. JV White girls' basketball: at North Forney, 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 12 - Varsity and JV wrestling: scrimma

East, 4 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 13 - Girls' gymnastics: compulsory v Garland Lakeview Centennial and Boswell at Brandenburg, JV White girls' basketball: at Frisco Liberty Tournament Freshman A girls' basketball: at Duncanville Tournament Friday, Nov. 14 - Boys' gymnastics: compulsory vs. Garla Lakeview Centennial and Boswell at Brandenburg, 6:30 p.m. JV White girls' basketball: at Frisco Liberty Tournament JV and Freshman A and B girls' basketball: at I

Tournament Varsity girls' basketball: home vs. Sachse, 6 p.m.

Williams Wildcats' schedule

Tuesday, Nov. 11 - Cross country: at Allen, races at 4:15 and 5 p.m.

7th grade girls' basketball: home vs. Allen Curtis, C 5:30 p p.m. and A 7:30 p.m.

7th grade boys' basketball: at Allen Curtis, C 5:30 p.m., I

. Thursday, Nov. 13 - 8th grade girls' basketball: home vs. A C 5:30 p.m., B 6:30 p.m. and A 7:30 p.m.

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ockwall County high school bands take p honors at fall marching competitions

Rockwall County high school marching bands have been since before school began, not only perfecting their halfto perform each week at their school's respective football also competing in area marching contests.

e City, Rockwall and Rockwall Heath High School bands nete in the same contests, but most weekends in October ber find them spread across North Texas, taking on bands larger counties, such as Denton, Tarrant, Collin, Dallas and roving that the schools from the smallest county in the state the bigger schools note for note and step for step.

Royse City Bulldogs

ity Bulldogs band director Dean Bouras said the band o 79 students. The theme for this year's show is "Movie Inder the field direction of drum majors Sean Smallwood and Zeal, the band's musical selections include the movie theme nan," "James Bond 007," "Yoda's Theme from Star Wars," 30 Nove from Austin Powers" and "Superman."

1 competed in the 17th Annual Mesquite Marching Festival Oct. 4 at Mesquite Memorial Stadium, earning a Division 2 ney also participated in the annual UIL Region 3 Marching ednesday, Oct. 22, also held in Mesquite, competing against bands in the 4-A Division.

ldogs earned a Division 1 rating.

said the band is planning a spring 2009 trip to Disney World. on on the band's activities can be found on their website at ecityband.org.

ISD students feted in onal Merit Scholar Program

tockwall Independent School District high school students a recognized by the National Merit Scholar Program. ional Merit Scholar Program is an academic competition nition and scholarships. High school students across the enter the program by taking the Preliminary SAT/National holarship Qualifying Test. Of the approximate 1.4 million some 50,000 students qualify for recognition in the National holar Program.

Royse City High School student

Scholarship Program Commended

Mackenzie Turner has been

John Donahoe, a 2008

graduate of Heritage

Christian Academy in

Rockwall, earned the College

Board's Advanced Placement

Scholar Award by completing

at least three AP exams with

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onal Hispanic Recognition ssandra Munoz - daughter of Connie and Felipe Munoz organ Tamez - daughter of Manuel Tamez and Leslie Collins Rockwall High School Yellowjackets

Rockwall High School's show for this year is called, "Electronica." Band director Mike McGill said the music is in three movements, featuring "Waveforms," "Harmonic Synthesis" and "Electroshock."

The band is under the field direction of head drum major John Perish and assistants Timmy Clark and Callie Mulkey.

On Oct. 11, the RHS band performed in the Annual DeSoto Classic Invitational Marching Contest. After a great performance in the afternoon preliminaries, the band was selected to perform in the evening fi-

The band was awarded Division 1 ratings and placed seventh in the

The colorguard earned a Superior rating, or Division 1 rating. The band's percussion section also received a Superior rating.

The RHS band also competed at the UIL Region 3 Marching Contest Oct. 22. The band received Division 1 ratings from all three judges. This is the fourth consecutive Division 1 rating for the RHS band, and the 25th Division 1 rating in marching since 1978.

Rockwall Heath Hawks

The Mighty Hawk Marching Band from Rockwall Heath High School has competed in four contests this fall. Under the field direction of drum majors Carlos Silva, Emily Davis, and Amanda White, this year's show is entitled "Defying Gravity," with selections from the Broadway musical, Wicked. Songs include "No One Mourns the Wicked," "Popular," "For Good" and "Defying Gravity."

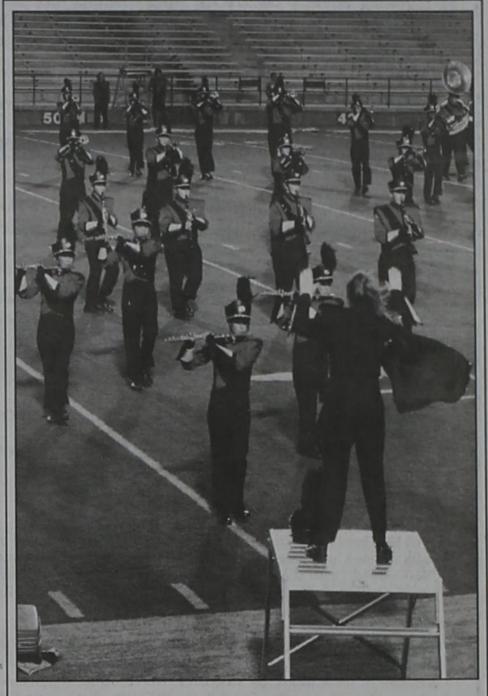
The band participated in the Mesquite Marching Festival Oct. 4, receiving second place in the 4-A classification. The band received Division 1 ratings from all the judges. The hornline also won the Best Hornline Award in 4-A.

At the H.E.B. Marching Contest on Saturday, Oct. 11, the band placed ninth in the preliminaries.

The Hawks next performed at the UIL Region 3 Marching Contest Oct. 22 in Mesquite, receiving all 1st Division ratings from the judging

Their final contest appearance was Saturday, Nov. 1 at the Frisco Centennial Marching Contest. The band earned a spot in the finals, where they placed ninth.

Benny Davis is the director of the Mighty Hawk Band.



The Rockwall Heath Mighty Hawk Band is directed by Drum Major Emily Davis at the UIL Region 3 Marching Contest Oct. 22. Staff photo by Amy Smith



The Royse City Bulldog band performs selections from "Movie Themes" as its competition show at the Oct. 22 UIL Region 3 Marching Contest in Mesquite. Staff photo by Amy Smith

Drum Major Callie Mulkey leads the Rockwall High School Yellowjacket band as they perform their show, "Electronica," at the UIL Region 3 Marching Contest Oct. 22. Staff photo by Amy Smith



National Merit Program recipients from Rockwall Heath High School are (from left, back row) Cassie iunoz, Avnee Kumar, Emily Sears, Morgan Tamez, Krista Heinrich, Amanda White, (front) Beau Neus, Will Fox, Charlie Wilson, Mitchell Blom, Matt Krusz, D.J. Griffin. Not pictured Zach Brown. Staff photo by Tim Burnett



Rockwall High School National Merit Program recipients are (from left, back row) Miguel Chavira. Trevor St. John-Gilbert, Jolease Darrington, Terrilyn Bradley, Russell Ramirez, Sarah Williams, Corev Miller, Kimberly Grinnan, Greg Fox, Jonathan Holloway, (front) Travis Griswold, Michael McBee. John Perish, Ryan Cerrato, Joseph Williams. Staff photo by Tim Burnett

Legal Notices

PUBLIC NOTICE

The following property owners are hereby notified that their property contains a vacated structure and has been declared dangerous by the Building Official of the City of Rockwall. According to the Rockwall County Appraisal District, you are the registered owners of the following properties.

LD Archibald & Carla R Revocable Living Trust c/o Gary Archibald Property owner:

158 Wayne Dr, Rockwall, TX 75032 Property address: 574 County Line Rd., Rockwall, TX 75032 Legal Description: Rockwall Lake Est. #2, Lot 983-A

You are hereby ordered to appear before the City Council on November 17, 2008 at 6:00 p.m., to show cause, if any you have, why the building or structure, or any part thereof, should not be repaired, demolished, or removed. At the conclusion of the hearing, the City Council may order the structures repaired, demolished, or removed as the Council deems necessary

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County Court At Law (district) OF

ROCKWALL COUNTY, TEXAS CAUSE NO: 1-08-741

TO: RAMIRO MENDOZA ADDRESS UNKOWN

You have been sued. You may employ an attorney. If your or your attorney do not file a written answer with the clerk who issued this citation by 10:00 A.M. on the Monday next following the expiration of forty-two (42) days after you were served this, before the Honorable County Court At Law (district) of Rockwall County, Texas, at the Government Center, 1101 Ridge Road, Suite 209, Rockwall, Texas, a default judgment may be taken against you.

You are hereby commanded to appear by filing a written answer to the Plaintiff's Original Petition, at or before ten o'clock A.M. of the Monday next after the expiration of forty-two days after the date of issuance of this Citation, on MONDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2008 AT 10:00 AM before the Honorable County Court At Law (district) of Rockwall County, Texas at the Government Center, 1101 Ridge Road of said County in Rockwall, Texas. Said Plaintiff's Petition, was filed in said Court on AUGUST 7, 2008, A.D., in this case numbered 1-08-741 on the docket of said court, and styled, THE AMERICAN NATIONAL BANK OF TEXAS vs. RAMIRO MENDOZA AND SERGIO HERRERA.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: FRAUD

The officer executing this writ shall promptly serve the same according to requirements of law, and the mandates thereof, and make due return as the law directs.

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- Public Notice -

County Court at Law of

The City of Rockwall City Council will hold two (2) public hearings on Monday, November 17, 2008 in the City Council Chambers at Rockwall City Hall, 385 South Goliad, Rockwall, Texas, to consider the annexation described below.

The first public hearing will be held at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, November 17, 2008, in the City Council Chambers.

The second public hearing will be held at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, November 17, 2008, in the City Council Chambers.

A2008-006

Hold a public hearing and consider a City-initiated request to annex land in accordance with a previously approved Chapter 212 Texas Local Government Code Development Agreement, specifically for approximately 9.96-acres located along the north side of SH 66 east of FM 1141 and contiguous to the existing City Limits line, and more specifically described by metes and bounds as follows:

BEING a 9.96-acre tract of land situated in the W.M. Dalton Survey, Abstract No. 72 in the County of Rockwall, Texas and being more particularly described as follows:

BEGINNING at a point in the North Right of Way Line of State Highway 66 and the Southeastern Corner of Abstract 122, Tract 4; said point also being the City of Rockwall City Limits per ordinance No. 98-10 (Area 7);

THENCE N 00° 56' 14" W along said Tract 4 east property line for a distance of 503.91 feet

THENCE S 90° 00' 00" W for a distance of 672.35 feet more or less to a point intersecting the property line of Abstract 72, Tract 11;

THENCE S 01° 29' 23" E following said property line for a distance of 229.77 feet for a

THENCE N 88° 50' 08" E following for a distance of 196.68 feet for a corner;

THENCE S 01° 29' 23" E for a distance of 118.00 feet for a corner;

THENCE N 88° 50' 08" W for a distance of 216.65 feet for a corner;

THENCE S 01° 19' 10" E for a distance of 264.37 feet to a point intersecting the South Right of Way Line of State Highway 66;

THENCE N 89° 19' 54" W for a distance of 94.72 feet to the beginning of a tangent curve to the right having a radius of 946.00 feet;

Continuing along said curve to the right, through a central angle of 12° 40' 59", a distance of 209.41 feet, a chord length of 208.98 feet, and tangent of 105.13 feet to a point;

THENCE N 77° 59' 07" W for a distance of 68.09 feet to the beginning of a tangent curve to the left having a radius of 800.00 feet;

Continuing along said curve to the left, through a central angle of 12° 38' 49", a distance of 176.58 feet, a chord length of 176.23 feet, and tangent of 88.65 feet to a point;

THENCE S 89° 22' 04" E for a distance of 431.67 feet along the South Right of Way Line of State Highway 66 for a corner;

THENCE N 00° 37' 56" W for a distance of 60.00 feet to the North Right of Way Line of State Highway 66 for a corner;

THENCE S 89° 22' 04" E a distance of approximately 317.69 feet to the Point of Beginning and containing, 9.96 acres of land (433967.738 square feet) more or less. The above description is intended to follow referenced parcel lines and to follow all existing City of Rockwall City Limit boundaries.

All interested parties are encouraged to attend. Please contact the City of Rockwall Planning and Zoning department at (972) 771-7745 with any questions, or visit our website at www.rockwall.com/planning/annexation.asp.

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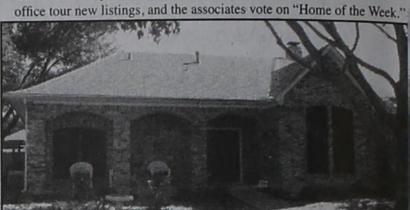
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Bids are invited upon the several items of work as follows: Pedestrian concrete trail and drainage

All quantities are estimated and subject to change. General and Automobile liability and statutory Worker's Compensation insurances are required. Bid Security required 5% Bidders Bond and 100% Performance and Payment Bonds.

Proposal documents, including plans, drawings and technical specifications, are on file at City of Rockwall Purchasing Office, 385 S. Goliad, Rockwall, TX 75087.

Attention is called to the fact that not less than the minimum salaries and wages must be paid on this project, and that the Contractor must ensure that employees and applicants for employment are not discriminated against because of their race, color, religion, sex, or national origin.

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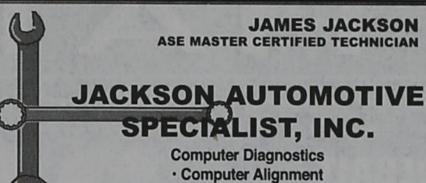
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NO. PR08-98 IN THE MATTER OF THE **ESTATE**

OF MARY ELLEN HALL, DECEASED IN THE COUNTY COURT AT LAW OF ROCKWALL COUNTY, TEXAS NOTICE TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS AGAINST THE ESTATE OF

MARY ELLEN HALL Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Mary Ellen Hall, Deceased (the "Estate") were issued to Ralph M. Hall, as Independent Executor of the Estate, on October 22, 2008 by the County Court at Law of Rockwall County, Texas, acting in Cause No. PR08-98, styled Estate of Mary Ellen Hall, Deceased, in which Court the matter is pending.

All persons having claims against the Estate are hereby notified to present them to the undersigned at the following address within the time and in the manner prescribed by law:

Ralph M. Hall 1500 Sunset Hill Drive Rockwall, Texas 75087 DATED the 22nd day of October,

RALPH M. HALL, Independent Executor of the Estate of Mary Ellen Hall, Deceased

TAGT hosting open house Wednesday

The Texas Association for the Gifted and Talented will host an open house during its 2008 **Annual Professional Development** Conference from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. Wednesday at the Sheraton Dallas Hotel.

Metroplex-area parents and educators are invited to browse the hundreds of exhibitors and vendors on hand for the event and mingle with others from the GT community.

Special half-hour sessions for parents will be presented at no charge.

For more information, call 512-499-8248 or visit txgifted.org.

Trend lauded by magazine for second year

Trend Personnel Services of Rockwall was again named one of the fastest-growing businesses in the nation for 2008, according to Inc. 5000 magazine.

Founded in 1997 by D.W. Bobst, president and CEO of Trend, the Rockwall-based business specializes in all HR functions, including worker's compensation insurance, payroll, employee benefits, 401k benefits and HR consulting for small- to medium-sized businesses. Over the past three years, the firm has grown more than 400 percent and expanded to include six locations across the Metroplex. Plans are in the works to construct a new 20,000-square-foot office building in 2009.

RISD creates employee health, wellness program

The Rockwall Independent School District has introduced a health and wellness program designed specifically for employ-

The wellness program offers health education materials, resources and a series of programs and initiatives to help employees lower their risk of disease and improve their overall health and well being, according to a district news release.

Laurin DeStefano, the physical education teacher at Grace Hartman Elementary School, has been named Rockwall ISD's wellness coordinator.

"I am thrilled about this new and unique opportunity for the Rockwall ISD employees," said DeStefano, who will serve as wellness coordinator in addition to her teaching role at Hartman. "This program is designed to attract every employee, on their own terms, with their own passions, and with their own strengths and challenges. We are promoting a work environment which supports and encourages healthy behaviors."

DeStefano joined Rockwall ISD in 1998 and has experience in professional exercise training and personal health. She was a top competitor on the Southern California Amateur Women's Bodybuilding Circuit in the early 1980s and has led other exercise classes.

The new program will consist of seven areas of wellness education and programming: mental, emotional, physical, spiritual, financial, social, family and ca-

Rockwall ISD employees will receive e-mail newsletters regarding the Wellness Program and will be invited to attend luncheons with expert speakers that will address health and wellness topics. One of the initial community partners in this district-wide initiative is UnitedHealthcare, the district's primary medical benefit provider.

College-prep event will target elementary students

An Elementary Parents College Awareness Night will begin at 7 p.m. on Nov. 20 at the Dorris Jones Elementary School cafeteria, 2051 Train Glen Drive.

Hosted by the school's PTA, the program will be led by the Rockwall-Heath High School and Rockwall High School counselors, Barbara Hollinghead and Teddi Cherry.

Parents of all Rockwall elementary students are invited to attend to learn about the school district's middle school and high school credit systems and elective process. Parents also will receive information needed to aid their children in preparing for college academically, financially and mentally.

Topics to be covered include the TEA state credit system; Pre-AP, AP courses and electives beginning in the sixth grade; how the TAKS factors into course selection: the difference in the district's three graduation plans; college financial resources; activities and community service; and How Early Do I Prepare for College - Kindergarten.

Childcare is available for children ages 2 and older by reservation only. To reserve a spot, contact the PTA president at 214-207-4455.

Groundbreaking set for new fire stations

Groundbreaking ceremonies for two new Rockwall fire stations will take place at 5 p.m. on Nov. 10 at 2915 S. Goliad St.

The public is invited to attend the groundbreaking events for the Rockwall Fire Department's No. 3 and No. 4 fire stations.

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