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Heritage Christian Academy's 2010 Homecoming Queen Lana Whittington and Homecoming King Aaron Mateer were crowned during last Friday's game against Harvest Christian Wautuga at Rockwall. The Eagles won their Homecoming matchup 48-0. Photo by Roy Heath/Rockwall County News

Royse City begins enforcement of public smoking dictate Nov. 1

by Patricia Nolan Butts

On Nov. 1 Royse City begins enforcement of the newly enacted nonsmoking ordinance, city manager Bill Shipp told mayor and council members at the Oct. 12 meeting.

The city has been educating the public and local businesses about the ordinance, approved by the council Sept. 14, which prohibits smoking within 15 feet of the public entrance to any building.

"The ordinance was effective with its second publishing in the newspaper Wednesday, Oct. 13," Shipp said. Business owners will be responsible for placing placards at their businesses notifying patrons of the ordinance.

City attorney Jason Day met with no opposition from the council regarding his proposal to pursue designation of Rockwall County Court at Law as the appeals court for Royse City Municipal Court. He said confusion about standards for the appeal process sometimes arises when matters move from Royse City's municipal court to appeals courts in Hunt, Collin or Rockwall counties. Royse City limits fall within each of these counties.

With the council's go-ahead, he will now pursue the change with Rockwall County District Attorney Kenda Culpepper and Judge David Rakow, he said. An amendment to state government code is required to effect the change, requiring a senator or representative to the Texas Legislature to sponsor a bill for it.

At least 50 other Texas cities that lie in more than one county have followed this process to designate a single court in one county as the appeals court, he said.

In other business, the council passed an amendment to the city's agreement with developers of the Verandah subdivision, adding 69 acres to the municipal utilities district and allowing the city to collect water and sewer impact fees on a percentage of new homes built. These fees help offset the cost of increased demand for services created by new construction.

The previous agreement with the city permitted an addition of no more than 20 acres to the subdivision.

Council members also approved a request to assist developers of the Kerala Subdivision, a not-for-profit retirement community planned on FM 1777, between Royse City and Josephine.

Council action permits developers to recover costs through impact fee cred-

its and pro rata fees

for improvements already completed that "help the larger system", according to Shipp. At a cost of \$139,000, extensive engineering has been completed and easements obtained for development of sewer and water lines which will help serve the whole area, Shipp said. (Pro rata fees are those paid by future developers who tie into lines laid by Kerala.)

The city has been working with Kerala on the planned development (PD) since 2005. Two hundred homes for retirees, averaging \$225,000 each, are planned for the area.

Repairs to the Royse City fire engine damaged in an Oct. 1 accident will take four months and cost at least \$85,400, said fire chief Richard Bell in his report to the council. The Department of Public Safety report "expected any day", he said, will assign fault and allow insured repairs to proceed. The fire department claims that two vehicles struck the engine as it responded to an emergency call.

Although the engine's removal leaves only one other in service, interlocal agreements with surrounding counties provide emergency backup if needed, he said.

Other council action included award of banking services to Texas Leadership Bank and the appointment of Barney Jones to the Museum Board, replacing outgoing member Katherine Feldpausch.

Council also welcomed new chief financial officer Joe Stegall, now in his second month with the city. Stegall is a 1976 graduate of Texas A&M University, a CPA who has compiled 20 years' municipal experience with Bryan, Tomball and Seagoville, as well as with San Angelo and Lubbock independent school districts.

Mayor Jerrell Baley declared Oct. 17-23 Friends of Libraries Week in Royse City, urging citizens to join efforts with the Friends to improve the city library's print and media resources. The council also approved an interlocal agreement with Rockwall County for use of the Rockwall County Library.

Baley recognized Cassidy Hart, a young Royse City student, with an award for volunteer service. Cassidy contributed many hours during the summer to the Senior Center.

Noting the effect of the municipal court on local law enforcement, the mayor also declared Nov. 1-5 Municipal Court Week.



Rockwall Christian Academy Homecoming King and Queen, crowned at last Friday's game against McKinney Christian, are Brittany Griffin and Joey Russet. RCA lost to McKinney 35-14. Photo by Patricia I. Corl/Rockwall County News

McLendon-Chisholm Council OK plat, work on mission statement

At the Oct. 12 meeting of McLendon-Chisholm City Council, council members approved a final plat on the convenience store expected to be built at the intersection of State Highway 205 and FM 550.

With planning a zoning commission representatives absent, city manager Dave Butler gave a report on the commission's activities. The commission is discussing increasing the minimum home square-footage required by city code.

The commission has made no final recommendations and the council expects to hear further discussion on the matter in the future.

Council members also took another look at drafting a mission statement for the city. Currently council members are favoring a template that would state

that the mission for the city is to "promote a safe and healthy environment for its citizens by providing services, facilities and opportunities in a fiscally responsible manner."

"That's how simple it is as a statement," Councilman Patrick Short said. "I think when we were brainstorming we were going into policy and everything else versus just a simple statement."

Council member are working on the draft by e-mail. The council has set no deadline for completing the project.

Also, in McLendon-Chisholm city news, repairs to Klutz Road are expected to be ongoing this week and complete next week. Roadwork is planned so that the road will not be closed during the repair process.

Two charged in attempted Rockwall pharmacy holdup

Two masked gunmen who allegedly planned to rob the Rockwall Super Drugstore have been charged with aggravated robbery in the Oct. 13 attempt. Steven Fuentes, 27, of Rockwall and Colby Miller, 27, of Fate, are in the custody of the Rockwall Police Department.

Rockwall Police Department spokesman Sgt. Jeff Welch said the two entered the Rockwall Super Drugstore, located at 407 S. Goliad, wearing masks and carrying handguns. The pharmacist on duty and another employee in the store were able to lock themselves in a back room after noticing the pair approaching them.

The suspects apparently became spooked and fled the store, jumping into a green Ford SUV and, according to witnesses, headed eastbound on Story Road.

Rockwall Sheriff's Deputy Kevin Brown spotted the car on eastbound Hwy. 66 near Fate after receiving a description of the vehicle over the radio.

He followed the suspects as they turned into the Fate Grocery Store, where they were apprehended and arrested by Deputy Brown and Sheriff's

Deputy Mike Donahoe. Miller and Fuentes were booked into the Rockwall County Jail before being turned over to the Rockwall Police Department.

Virus hits Rockwall HS

More than 400 students were reported absent from Rockwall High School on Monday, victims of a stomach virus that hit over the weekend. By mid-week, attendance numbers were returning to normal at the school.

Rockwall ISD Executive Director of Communications Sheri Fowler said the district was aware of isolated cases of the virus as early as last Wednesday, Oct. 13, so the illness didn't have its start at the high school. She said the school was probably hit hardest due to the number of weekend activities, including football games and other joint activities between school groups.

"The kids were at the football game and on buses together, and the football team had an event with the cheerleaders on Saturday. When those kids are concentrated together like that, viruses can spread very quickly," Fowler said.

Fowler said crews spent extra time deep cleaning the school in an attempt to stop the virus from spreading further. She said except for a few known isolated cases, no other schools in RISD have reported alarming drops in attendance from the virus.

"We will be watching all week to make sure attendance numbers are back to normal at Rockwall High School and no other school is affected," Fowler said.

Symptoms of the virus include nausea, vomiting, body aches, low-grade fevers and diarrhea.



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Presbyterian Hospital Rockwall offers free diabetes wellness class

The Texas Health Presbyterian Hospital Rockwall will offer a new diabetes wellness education class in November to coincide with American Diabetes Month.

The class, offered at no cost, will run from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Nov. 9 and is open to anyone interested in participating. Registration will be required.

A certified diabetes educator and a registered dietician will serve as facilitators, providing a question-and-answer session and basic diabetes wellness information, including meal planning.

An additional class is set for 10 a.m. to noon Dec. 11.

Both classes will take place in Suite 204 of the Medical Office Building Road next door to the hospital at 3142 Horizon.

"The costs involved in meeting with a diabetic educator can be quite substantial and are sometimes not covered by insurance companies," said Dr. Robert Stark Jr., a family practitioner in Rockwall. "Furthermore, many people in our community with diabetes don't have insurance, and this class will help meet their needs quite nicely."

Stark said there are many areas involved in the successful treatment of diabetes, and classes such as these are a good place to start.

"Educational classes about diabetes and stressing the importance of making wise and healthy decisions on a daily basis are key to good control of diabetes," he said.

To register for one of the classes or for more details, call 469-698-1290.

Autographed baseball bats available at Holidays auction

Baseball bats signed by five of the top six homerun hitters in Major League history will be among auction items offered at the Nov. 5-6 Home for the Holidays Helping Hands fundraising event at the Hilton Bella Harbor.

The bats, signed and framed, were donated to the auction by Lorne Liechty, a member of the Helping Hands Board of Directors.

Bats signed by Barry Bonds, Hank Aaron, Willie Mays, Ken Griffey Jr. and Alex Rodriguez are included. The bats and the accompanying case have a retail value in excess of \$2,500, according to a news release from Helping Hands. Certificates of authenticity for the bats will be available.

Bids can be submitted beginning Nov. 5 in a silent auction, and bidding for the bats and other selected items will continue at a live auction at the Home for the Holidays Gala on Nov. 6 at the Hilton Bella Harbor.

Tickets remain available for the Gala dinner/dance, which will include music by Random Axis. Santa also will make the Hilton Bella Harbor one of his first stops so children can share their holiday wishes and have photos made with him.

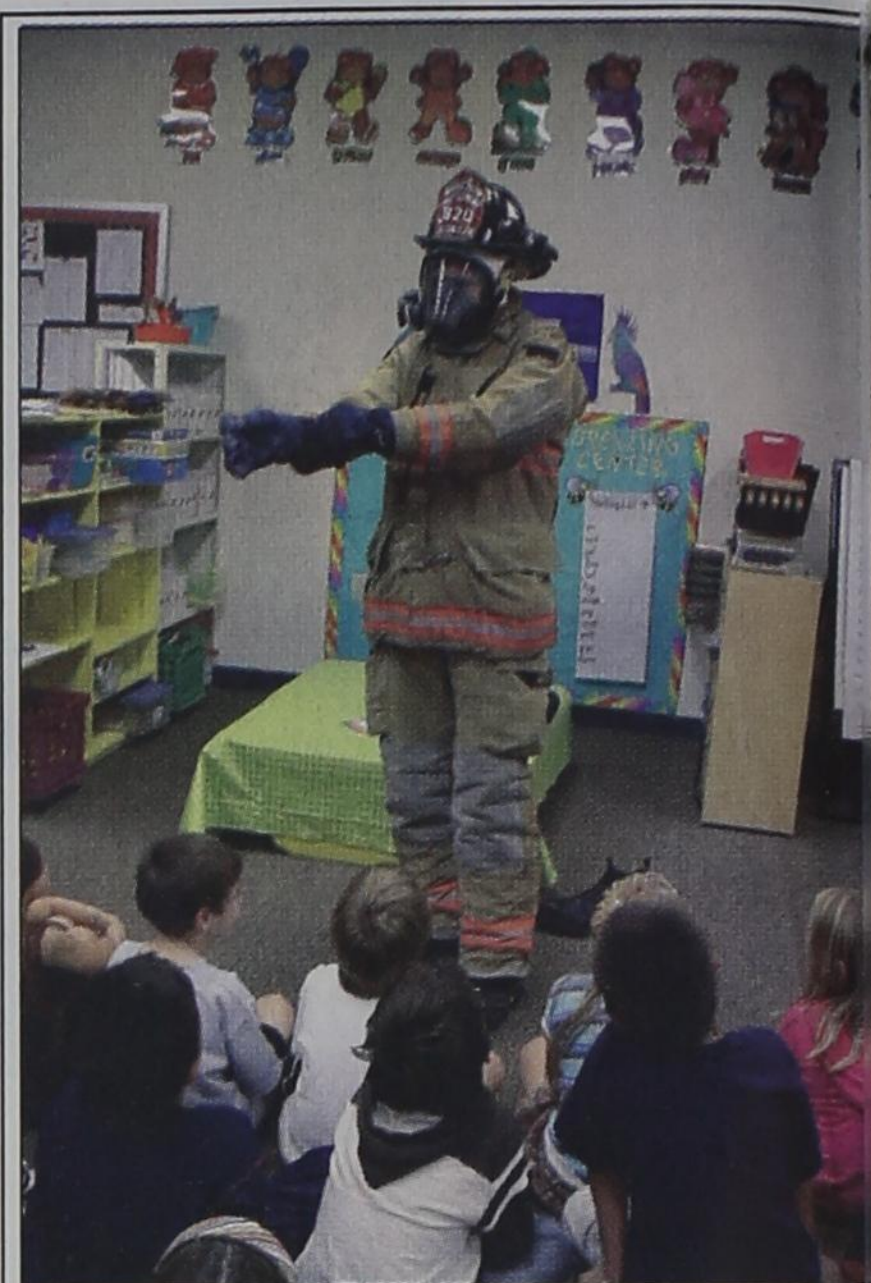
Participants are asked to bring new, unwrapped toys for the drive.

For more information or to purchase tickets for the Gala, visit rockwall-homefortheholidays.com. For information about Helping Hands, visit the web site or call 972-771-HELP.

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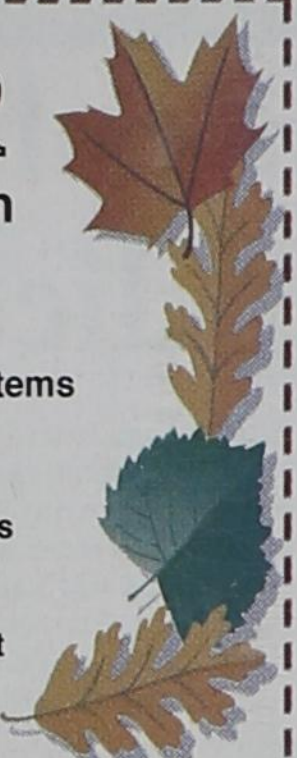
Rockwall firefighter Ryan Clark is shown giving first grade students a fire safety presentation. Clark talked about the importance of having a family fire plan, explaining how to use 9-1-1 correctly and what to do in case of an emergency. He was assisted by his son, first grade student Landon Clark. Courtesy photo/Rockwall County News

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Helping Hands volunteers Kathleen Nevels, left, and Sally Pines are shown preparing for agency's annual holiday toy drive. This year the toy drive kicks off at the Nov. 5-6 Helping Hands fundraiser, Home for the Holidays. Last year, the community's generosity enabled Helping Hands to provide at least three new toys to more than 1,000 children. Toys and gift cards for teens will be distributed to Rockwall families in need this year on Dec. 18. To make a donation or volunteer for toy drive distribution contact Sherry Hamm, the agency's director of assistance and referral, at 972-771-HELP, ext. 225.

Photo courtesy of Helping Hands/Rockwall County News

Rockwall annexes four properties

The annexation of 824.9 acres was approved by the Rockwall Council, according to a city news release.

The property is spread out in four areas of the city that includes:

Area 1: Located west of State Highway 205, south of FM 549 and east of Hanby Lane, it contains 538.90 acres with 15 property owners properties.

Area 2: There is one tract of land with 111.80 acres located north of 1139 and east of FM 549.

Area 3: This is also a single-tract with 81.96 acres located along the side of Rochell Road south of SH 276.

Area 4: There are six properties with a total of 92.25 acres located along the southeast side of FM 550.

By annexing this land, the Rockwall City Limits is extended and services are provided to the property owners.

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Weekend art show planned at church

Holy Trinity by the Lake Episcopal Church in Heath will celebrate the artistic talents of its congregation Saturday and Sunday at its fifth biannual Art Show.

Parish Hall, 1524 Smirl Drive, and will be open from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday and from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday. Refreshments will be served. Tours of the historical 111-year-old sanctuary will be available upon request.

This year's show will feature works from the late Laura Whitmore, a well-known artist from the area. Her works will be offered for preview in advance of a planned auction of her work set early next year.

Additionally, 19 other artists' works in various media – oils, acrylics, watercolors, collages, photography, quilting, needlework and jewelry – will be featured. The artistic pool contains several professional artists from around the community. Additional contributors include Lee Albright, Sydney Berglund, Stephen Brackett, Ann Easterwood, Frances Farmer, Marilyn Ford, Betsy Greene, Robin Hunter, Patt Jordan, Eadie Martin, Lynne Milner, Herb Moltzan, Lise Patterson, Roberta Pavlov, Annie Phillips, June Price, Ken Price, Steve Turek and Lori Waite.

The exhibit will be in the church's



Pictured above are Rockwall High's National Merit Scholars. Shown at front are Associate Principal Lia Divita, Allyson Heuer, Carren Brown, Kalil Armstrong, Ben Bittle and Mark LeMaster, principal; middle row, Nicholas Trujillo, Guidance Department Chair Teddi Cherry, Callie Brewer, Meredith Lett, Annabel Reeves, Paige Davis and Mary White; and, at back, Gerald Casteel, David Hobbs, Drew Braun and Patrick Rock. Other awards and achievements include Bittle, Brewer, Davis, Heuer, Lett, Reeves and Rock, National Merit Commended Students; Braun, Hobbs and Trujillo, National Hispanic Scholars; Armstrong, Brown and Casteel, National Achievement Program Outstanding Participants Referred to Colleges; and Divita and White, National Merit semifinalists.

Courtesy photo/Rockwall County News

'Rockin' on the Docks Saturday

Rockwall Area Chamber of Commerce will host its third annual 'Rockin' on the Docks' concert event Saturday at The Harbor on Lake Ray.

The event will include five locally recognized bands, including the Chris Rivers Band, billed as the "official band of Gilley's," from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.; Mistrall, from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.; Stars Grow Dim (country rock), from 3:30 p.m. to 5

p.m.; Sleeperstar (rock), from 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m.; and Little Texas (country rock), with three No. 1 hits and 15 in the Top 10, from 7:30 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Approximately 75 arts and crafts vendors, along with several food and beverage vendors, also will be on hand. A Kids Zone is planned, and a craft beer sampling area will be set

up as well. Tickets will be sold in advance at Metroplex Kroger stores at a cost of \$4 or at the gate for \$5 before 5:30 p.m. the day of the event. Cost will be \$10 after 5:30 p.m.

Approximately 5,000 people are expected to attend the event.

Senior Spotlight



Kelsey Frazee

Rockwall-Heath High School senior Kelsey Frazee started taking tap and jazz dance lessons in first grade. She quickly fell in love with dance and continued through high school, at which time she and her friends moved to Rockwall.

Kelsey was a member of the Rockwall Middle School drill team in high school and was chosen for the Highsteppers her freshman year at RHS. Unfortunately, a back injury that year forced her to postpone joining until this year, her senior year, when she was once again selected to join the Highsteppers.

After graduation, Kelsey plans to pursue a career in fashion. Her parents are Stephen and Paula Frazee.



Emiley Jurgensmeyer

Emiley is a senior at Rockwall-Heath High School and 1st Lieutenant for the Highsteppers Drill Team, has been dancing for most of her life, and started formal dance classes at the age of two-and-a-half.

Besides her activities with the drill team and studying to keep her grades up, Emiley has worked at Joe Willie's restaurant for two years.

Emiley's family has moved numerous times in her life, and they agree one constant was her involvement in dance class. She easily fit into all new, different situations because of her outgoing personality and her dance skills.

Emiley plans to attend college after graduation, but has not yet made her choice of school.

Emiley's parents are Jennifer and Emiley Jurgensmeyer.



Students and staff members of Celia Hays Elementary recently recognized a special campus volunteer – crossing guard Jackie Wright. Oct. 8 was Wright's birthday, so students made birthday cards for him and sang "Happy Birthday," while staff members put together a basket of treats for the honoree. Parents got involved by honking, waving and calling out birthday greetings as they dropped off or picked up students. According to school officials, Wright is "very special to Hays because he goes the extra mile for students by learning their names and has even sent cards to students who were sick." Wright is pictured above with a handful of Hays students.

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Help Wanted: Legal Assistant

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Work to 'weather in' Habitat house planned

The roof is decked and half of the underlayment is installed, so coordinators of work on the Habitat for Humanity build at 803 Peter's Colony are hoping to get the building "weathered in" as soon as possible.

Plans call for completion of the underlayment to take place Saturday, paving the way for shingling to begin. Soffit work also is on the list, as well as the possible installation of windows.

Start time will be 8:30 a.m.

Volunteers should check the blog at rockwallhabitat.blogspot.com to get weather updates and make sure the Saturday shift is a "go."

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ology of spiritual administrations and significant events...Revelations
 nuing with this series on the spiritual chronology of administrations
 nificant events I will attempt to tackle the period of time recorded in
 ions.
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 e sword, and with hunger, and with death, and with the beasts of the
 The fifth seal is opened next and involves the souls of them that were
 or the word of God, and for the testimony which they held." The refer-
 e being slain fits with the power of others to kill with the sword in the
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 ned in chapter 5:1. Following the different seals in order reveals a
 up of power to kill many people. The language suggests that this in-
 the great tribulation culminating at the time of the fourth seal during
 a powerful entity named "death and the grave" carried by a "pale
 entity will execute a death sentence upon a "fourth part of the earth."
 nderers may utilize a cruel and unjust judicial system, such power
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 and receive the Holy Ghost re-
 ing in the new birth and salvation
 the great tribulation. We will
 ue this study next week.

Letters ...

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The Greenville Area Patriots continue to meet every Monday at 6 p.m. at the Greenville Public Library. "Securing the Blessings of Liberty: An Examination of the US Constitution" is our current program. Our meetings are free and open to all. Contact netxlc@gmail.com or 903-862-2214 for more info.

Debbie McKee, Campbell
Impotence of voting

Today (Oct. 18), early voting begins for the Nov. 2 General Election. Early voting will continue until next Friday, Oct. 29. I encourage you to take this time to make your voices and thoughts heard. In the election, voters will elect local, state and national officials.

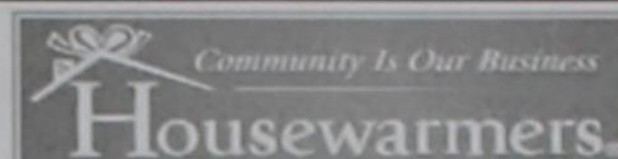
This November, the General Election ballot does not include any state constitutional amendment propositions. Some of you may have heard a rumor or received e-mails claiming that a statewide property tax is being proposed on this year's ballot.

This rumor is false. Propositions to amend the Texas Constitution may only be proposed by the Texas Legislature.

Because the Legislature does not reconvene until January 2011, you will not see any constitutional amendment propositions until the next election cycle.

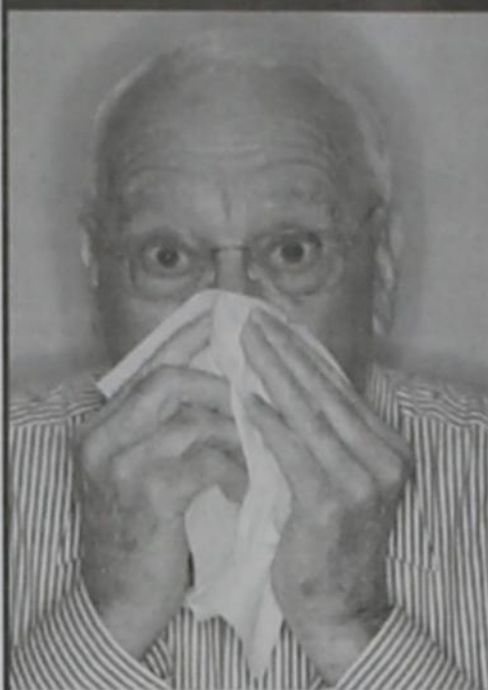
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On September 17, 2010, Atmos Pipeline – Texas, a division of Atmos Energy Corporation ("APT" or the "Company"), filed a Statement of Intent to change its natural gas transportation rates for firm and interruptible customers and implement a new schedule of rates and riders applicable to all transportation customers receiving service under existing Rate Schedules CGS and Rate Schedule PT. The proposed effective date of the requested rate changes is October 22, 2010. If approved, the proposed changes will affect approximately 4 firm transportation customers and 63 interruptible transportation customers. APT's Other Revenue customer class is not affected by this filing.

If approved, the proposed rates will increase the Company's annual revenues by \$38.9 million. The proposed change in rates constitutes a "major change" as that term is defined by Section 104.101 of the Texas Utilities Code. In addition, the Company seeks to recover all rate case expenses as allowed by law. The exact amount of rate case expenses will not be known until the case is completed.

Based on the proposed rate design, the meter charge will be eliminated, and the capacity charge and usage rate applicable for each of the customer classes affected by this filing will increase by the amount shown in the table below:

Customer Class	Current Meter Charge	Proposed Meter Charge	Difference
CGS – Mid-Tex	\$4,356.69	\$0.00	(\$4,356.69)
CGS-CoServ	\$4,356.69	\$0.00	(\$4,356.69)
CGS – Other	\$2,425.17	\$0.00	(\$2,425.17)
PT	\$6,124.34	\$0.00	(\$6,124.34)

Customer Class	Current Capacity Charge	Proposed Capacity Charge**	Difference
CGS – Mid-Tex	\$0.9988	\$4.8444	\$3.8456
CGS-CoServ	\$0.8507	\$3.9815	\$3.1308
CGS – Other	\$0.9988	\$3.9815	\$2.9827
PT	\$0.0000	\$2.6276	\$2.6276

**The customer charge reflected on the bill for each customer class is calculated as follows: customer charge = MDQ (Maximum Daily Quantity) * capacity charge (customer charge will vary by customer based on the customer's MDQ).

Customer Class	Current Usage Charge	Proposed Usage Charge	Difference
CGS-Mid-Tex	\$0.2103	\$0.0276	(\$0.1827)
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CGS-Other	\$0.2103	\$0.0276	(\$0.1827)
PT-1st Tier	\$0.1739	\$0.0163	(\$0.1576)
PT-2nd Tier	\$0.1579	\$0.0163	(\$0.1416)

In addition to rate revisions, APT seeks to adopt a Rate Schedule CGS – Mid-Tex to be applicable solely to Atmos Energy Corp., Mid-Tex Division. This Rate Schedule will, consistent with the Commission's Final Order Nunc Pro Tunc in GUD No. 9869, include recovery of ad valorem taxes related to Mid-Tex's working gas in storage, as well as the return and related taxes on Mid-Tex's working gas in storage, the Accumulated Deferred Income Tax for UNICAP Section 263A and the WACOG to FIFO change related to the Mid-Tex working gas in storage. A second Rate Schedule CGS - Other is proposed for all other city gate customers that is identical to the proposed Rate Schedule CGS – Mid-Tex with the exception of the requested changes related to Mid-Tex's working gas in storage. Other proposed tariff changes include a new Rider REV, a new Rider WGIS, and minor wording changes in the other existing Riders applicable to service provided by APT. Specifically, APT seeks to adopt a new, revenue tracking mechanism (Rider REV) that will adjust Rate CGS and Rate PT annually for changes in the level of revenue received from APT's "Other Revenue" customer class in the prior year. APT also proposes to adopt a new Rider WGIS to establish a twelve (12) month surcharge to be applicable to Atmos Energy Corp., Mid-Tex Division to recover the regulatory asset balance in Account 182.3 – Other Regulatory Assets that has accumulated since the entry of the Commission's Final Order Nunc Pro Tunc in GUD No. 9869. APT proposes to adopt minor wording changes to all of its existing Riders, including a change in the title of Rider FF to Rider MF. Additional minor changes to APT's other Riders are proposed that will, for example, delete unnecessary definitions.

Persons with specific questions or desiring additional information about this filing may contact Atmos Energy Corporation at 1-214-206-2809. Complete copies of the filed Statement of Intent, including all proposed rates and schedule changes, are available for inspection at Atmos' offices located at 5420 LBJ Freeway, Suite 1600, Dallas, Texas 75240. In addition, any affected person may file in writing comments, a request for intervention or a protest concerning the proposed change in rates with the Docket Services Section of the Office of General Counsel, Railroad Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 12967, Austin, Texas 78711-2967, at any time within 30 days following the date on which the change would or has become effective. Please reference GUD Docket No. 10000.

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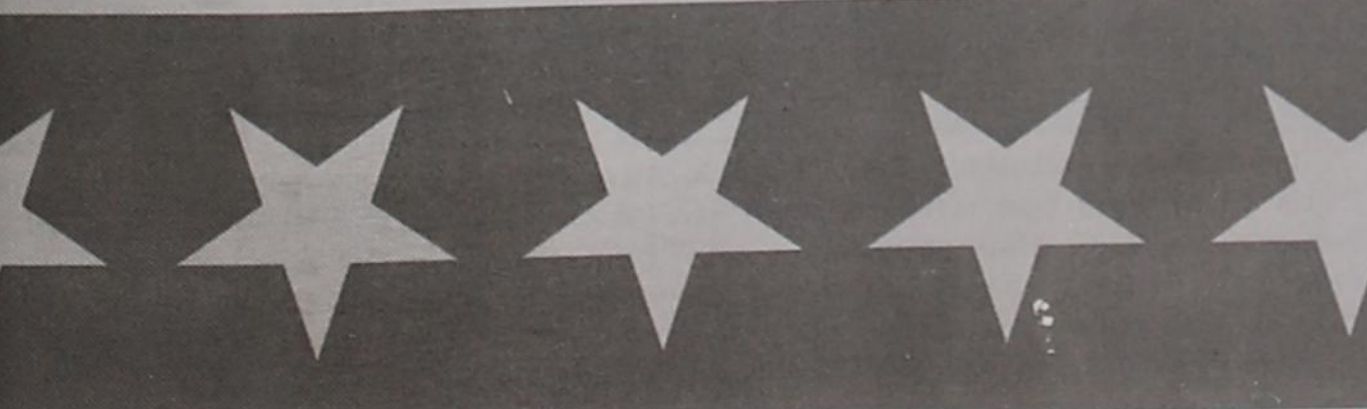
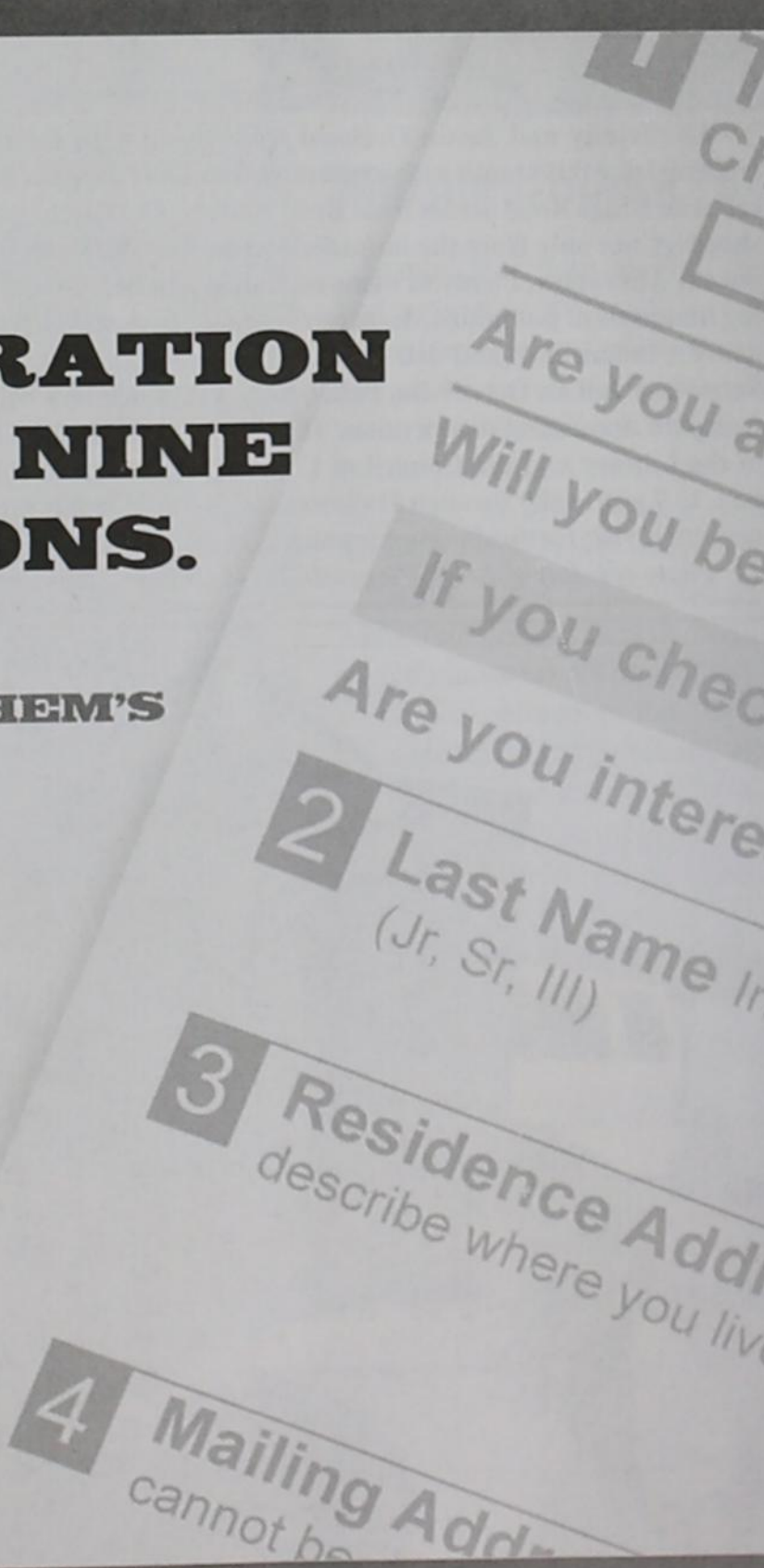
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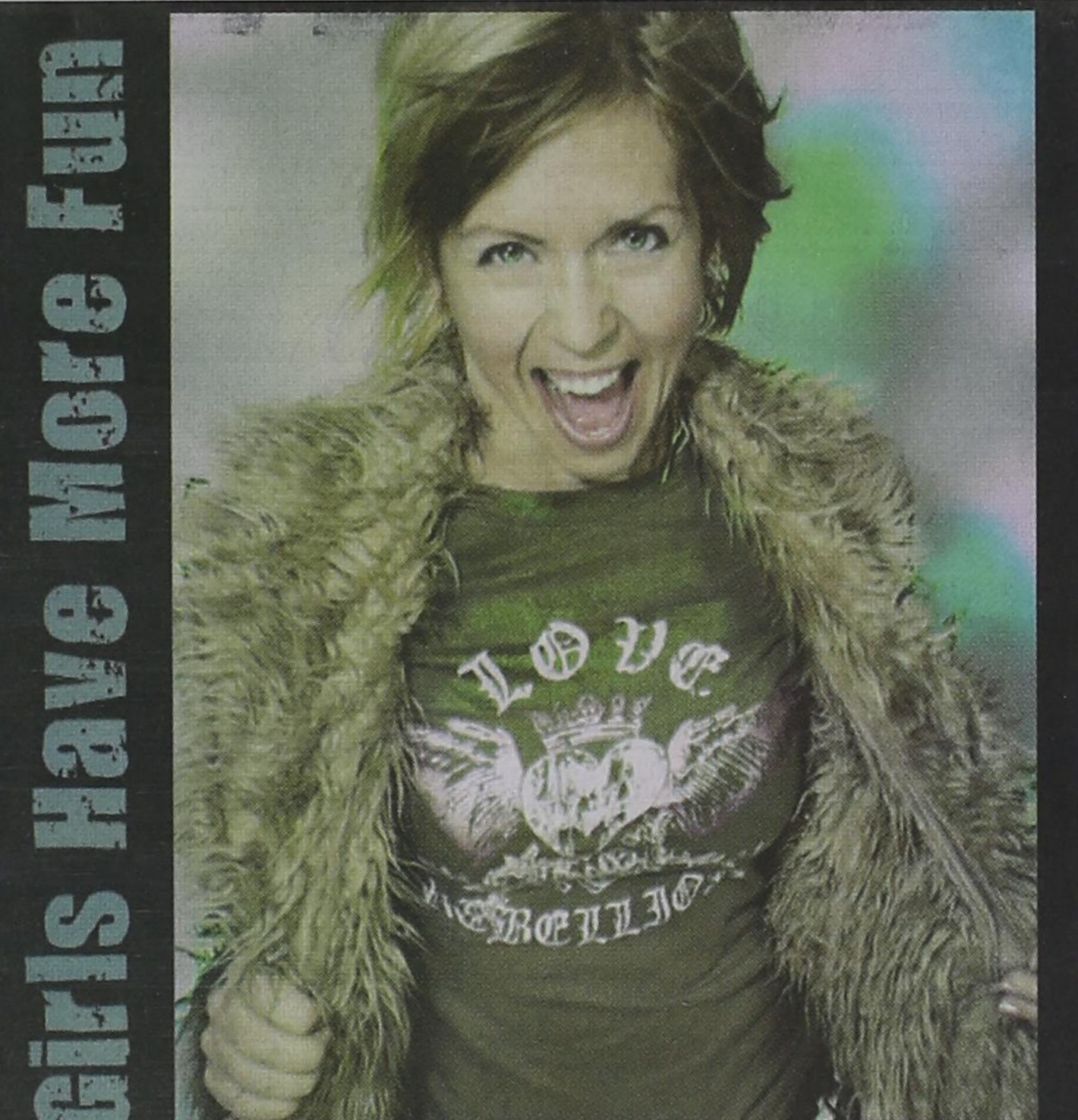




Rockwall High and Rockwall-Heath High School culinary students prepared and served lattes to parents at the RHS Open House recently. Pictured are Fernando Meraz, Nereo Gracia, Bernice Reyes, Jennifer Jones, Bree Villagomez, Bianca Villagomez, Mackenzie Stone and Sabrina Ramirez.
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Dienna Sanders and her husband, David Sanders (at back), got a close up look at the latest in-flight medical technology offered by Care Flite at last Saturday's Safety Day at Lakeside Village in Rockwall. The community has sponsored Safety Day for several years to inform residents not only of personal safety, but the safety of the environment in which they live. Presenters at the event were the Rockwall Fire and Police Departments, Rockwall County Sheriff's Posse, Rockwall EMS, Texas Parks & Wildlife, U.S Coast Guard Auxiliary, Ridge Point Athletic Group, Rockwall Animal Control, American Red Cross and Rockwall Helping Hands. In addition to a yummy cookout, visitors could play a variety of games offered by the neighborhood Red Hatters Ladies group and enjoy music provided by a DJ. The Care Flite crew is (left to right) Student Nurse Scott Byrd from Arkansas; Flight Nurse Kellie Knoerr; Flight Paramedic Jeff Donson and Pilot Brad Robertson.
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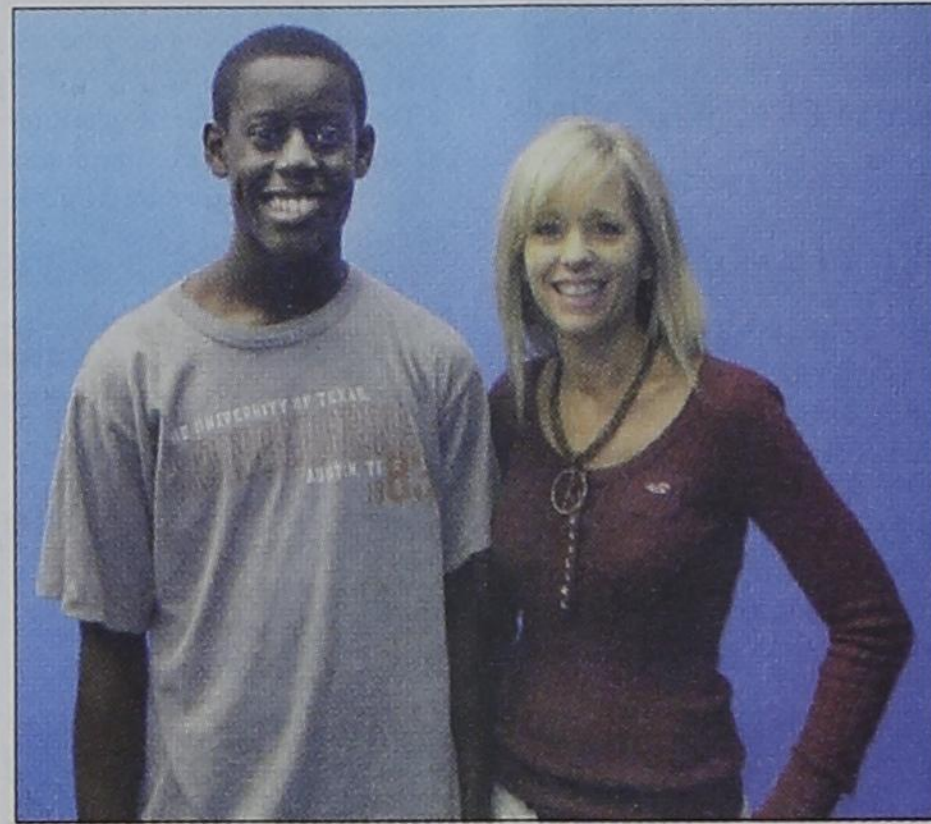
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Cain Middle School eighth grade student Kaitlyn Brower, pictured above, was recognized by her school recently for successfully exhibiting the characteristic of "responsibility." Each nine-week grading period the school asks teachers to nominate students who exemplify the four pillars of character – responsibility, respect, caring and trustworthiness. Nominating Brower was teacher Christin Colden, also pictured.
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Cain Middle School seventh grade student Tyler McCalister, pictured above, was recognized by his school recently for successfully exhibiting the characteristic of "responsibility." Each nine-week grading period the school asks teachers to nominate students who exemplify the four pillars of character – responsibility, respect, caring and trustworthiness. Nominating McCalister was teacher Cyndi Parent, also pictured.
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Ali, Trinity and Justin Orchard are gearing up for trick-or-treating later this month with a recent visit to The Pumpkin Patch located on Ridge Road across from Brookshire's. The Patch is drawing shoppers not only from the immediate area, but also from throughout the Metroplex. Plenty of items remain available, though, including hundreds of pumpkins, decorative squash, corn stalks, hay bales, gourds, Indian corn and deli items. Children's events take place on Saturdays and on Oct. 30 the Police Officers Association will host a pumpkin decorating competition. The Patch, sponsored by Friends of the Library and the Council of Catholic Women, is open from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. daily through Halloween. For more details on related activities, visit rockwallpumpkinpatch.com.
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Royse City High School band member Natalie Barsoun (in booth) taunts fellow band member and RCHS Girls Softball Team member Heather Lemond as Lemond winds up her pitching arm at the band's dunking booth at last Saturday's Royse City Fun Fest for Main Street event. The booth is a fundraiser for the Bulldog Band and a favorite of carnival goers for several years. And, Lemond's aim was right on – Barsoun took a dive!
Photo by Kathy Williams/Rockwall County News

Kite Fest, fun run Saturday in Rowlett

The Rowlett Exchange Club will host a charity fundraiser – Kite Fest and a fun run on Saturday, Oct. 23, 2010 and a Halloween 5K Fun Run – from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Elgin Robertson Park, I-30 and Dalrock.

The event will include a kite-making contest and arts and crafts booths.

For information on the contest, the fun run or related events, visit rowlettexchangeclub.org or contact Steve McDaneil at stevedaneil@stevedaneil.com or Danni Vento at heidivento@tx.rr.com.

Rockwall-Heath cheerleaders to co-sponsor blanket drive

The Rockwall-Heath cheerleaders, in conjunction with the Highland Park High School, are co-sponsoring a Share the Warmth blanket drive for the Genesis Women's Shelter.

The cheerleaders will collect and "gently used" blankets and donations leading up to the RHHS/HPHS varsity football game on Oct. 29 at Highlander Stadium. The cheerleaders will work with other RHHS organization to seek additional support for the project. Both schools' students group hope to break last year's record when 2,000 blankets were collected as part of the community service event.

A large box will be placed in the campuses of Amy Parks, Fleen, James, Springer, Shannon, Utley and RHHS for students and parents to donate blankets or donations. Cheerleaders also will be at different schools on selected mornings to hold up signs as a reminder of the Share the Warmth blanket drive.

The final pick-up of blankets and donations will be on Oct. 28.

Fulton School plans Oct. 30 Fall Festival

The Fulton School will host a Fall Festival from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Oct. 30 on its campus located at 2323 Laurence Drive, Heath.

The event will feature family fun at a cost of \$10 per child, which will entitle the child to unlimited entertainment on a bounce house, hay ride and carnival games, duck pond, bean bag toss, fishing pool, hole-in-one golf, bank-a-shot and football throw.

Life music will be provided throughout the day by an a cappella contemporary Rockwell and More Than a Remy. Rocco Concessions, Fast Freddie's Barbeque and other vendors will provide an assortment of funnel cakes, snow cones, nachos, corn dogs, hot dogs and other festival foods.

The festival also will feature a number of retail vendors: Couture Jewelry & Accessories, The Pink Coconut Ladies Boutique, Pampered Chef, Scentsy Candles, Up 'n Heels Shoes and Lucky Laundry. Baby items, jewelry, puppets, home décor, sand art, furniture, produce, plants and other items will be offered.

Limited booth space remains available. For more details, contact Jerolyn Finnell at 214-236-3444.



The Rockwall-Heath High School cheerleaders presented the Rockwall High cheerleaders with yellow roses prior to the schools' gridiron clash last Friday night at Wilkerson-Sanders Stadium. In the third year of the cross-town match-up and for the first time ever, the Rockwall HS Yellowjackets beat the Heath Hawks 52-51 in a back-and-forth battle for the Ralph Hall Trophy. Prior to the game, a community tailgate party was held at the stadium with food, activities and friendly banter by supporters of both schools. Pictured above are members of both groups.

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Becky Wynn sees patients in our Rockwall Medical Office.



Margie Chung, RNC, FNP

Margie was born in Fort Dodge, Iowa, and moved to Rockwall in 1987. She received her Diploma of Nursing from Mercy Hospital School of Nursing, Des Moines, Iowa, in 1978, and her Bachelor of Science in Nursing from Coe College, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, in 1980. Margie attended Texas Woman's University, where she completed a Family Nurse Practitioner program and Master of Science Degree. Margie has completed numerous preceptorships in a variety of clinical settings in the Dallas area with an emphasis on comprehensive family health care. She is a member of the American Academy of Nurse Practitioners and Texas Association of Nurse Practitioners. Margie and her husband reside in Heath with one of their three daughters. Their other two daughters are currently attending college.

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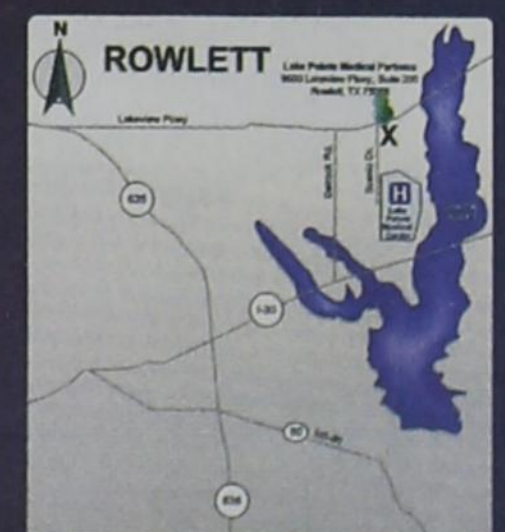


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Royse City News

RCISD trustees hear campus, AP reports

by Patricia Nolan Butts

Trustees for the Royse City Independent School District met Oct. 11 to meet to accept an offer of \$390,000 for the vacant administration building at I-30 and FM 548.

District administration moved from the property to the former Browning Primary building in 2009 after renovation and renaming as the Ernest Education Service Center.

The board will wait to designate a use for the funds until the sale is complete.

New district technology tools were in the spotlight as elementary and intermediate principals gave update reports to the board. All four elementary campuses have purchased Mimio boards, document cameras and projectors, some of which were demonstrated at the meeting.

Jimmy Hughes, principal of Scott Elementary, reported the positive responses of teachers and students to the interactive capabilities of the electronic boards.

"Teachers tell us, 'We don't know how we taught without them,'" Hughes said. "The students are engaged. They're learning more. And discipline problems—they're just not even seeing them in the classroom because the students are so looking forward to participating in the lesson on the Mimio board," he said.

Cynthia Pense, Davis Elementary principal, highlighted Thursday evening adult education classes hosted by her campus. Childcare for young children of parents attending and tutoring for those of school age is provided, she said. Adult programs include ESL and GED classes, as well as computer and literacy.

"It's a great way for parents to come in and get those skills that will help them help their children even more. It's the gift of education to those parents, and they can pass it on to their children," Pense said.

Danette Dodson, Fort Elementary principal, affirmed the contribution to their campus of the pre-K students with disabilities and the life skills students.

"Our general education students have just fallen in love with them. And the teachers—I'm absolutely amazed at how they think outside the box in order to reach these kids," she said.

Paula Walker, principal of May Vernon Elementary reported on the Rachel's Challenge presentation she attended with Danette Dodson in Arlington.

"We saw nothing but good things that have come from the program," she said, and urged the district to implement it in Royse City schools.

The program, hosted by her father and brother of the inspirational first victim in the Columbine High School shooting, is a nationwide outreach program for the prevention of violence on campuses.

Superintendent Randy Hancock later assured the administrators that the district would find a way to bring the program into RCISD.

Lloyd Blaine of Ruth Cherry Intermediate, highlighted his campus' academic intervention program and learning lab, as well as student groups such as student council and chess club. He noted that they are awaiting word on a multimedia club grant.

Shanna Brown, principal of Herndon Intermediate, with assistant principal Don Jacobs, expanded on their campus' HEROES theme: Honest, Encouraging, Respectful, Optimistic, Excellent, Successful.

"That's what we're trying to encourage in our students every day, in every way," Brown told the board.

"Year one of this positive behavior support initiative is for common areas such as hallways and gym. We are in year two—classroom management—and we look for ways to incorporate it into everything we do," she said.

She drew attention to Herndon's art club, band, Treble Makers choir, robotics group and Destination ImagiNation. She praised high school year-

book staffers who mentor junior yearbook staff on Herndon's campus.

The board also heard a report on district Advanced Placement (AP) courses. Pre-AP also heard a report on district Advanced Placement (AP) courses, principal, and Chandra Caffee, high school English teacher and AP coordinator.

The district has seen the number of AP courses increase every year, said, and enrollment has grown from 149 students in 2006-2007 to 200 students currently. Pre-AP courses now number 20, including 9 at the middle school.

AP and Pre-AP exam participation is strong, Dodd noted, and each year. Caffee gave special recognition to AP calculus teacher Coy, who had 100 percent student pass rate on the exam, with a 3.5 grade. (A 3 is a passing grade.)

The board assented to Caffee's plan to begin podcasting AP classes that absentees would not miss critical course information.

In other business, the board ratified superintendent Hancock's acceptance of resignation from Patsy Prescott, a high school teacher, effectively and approved a contract for Kim Abbott, a special education teacher assigned to the middle school.

The board also adopted a resolution urging the Texas Legislature to "Make Education a Priority" in planning and funding for the state.

The school board firmed up procedure for responding to complaints. Members specified that those with concerns will be heard, clarifying questions, and first directed back to the chain of command at the campus level before any action is taken by the board.

Local volunteers with the recently successful Tax Ratification Initiative will be invited to a homecoming hospitality at Bulldog stadium on Oct. 23 with pastors and youth ministers of six local churches who allow the facilities to be used for community information meetings on the Tuesday.

A board report indicates the district currently has 4,571 students.

The district will primarily use School Messenger to call every home in the district with bad weather closing information.

A construction update noted that projects are "pretty much wrapped up and problem free," said Hancock. "We have some new, much-needed space and we are using every square inch of it."

Salvage opportunity offered in Royse City

The City of Royse City plans to demolish a building located at 315 E. Main St. during the first week in November, but is offering area residents the opportunity to salvage items from the location.

The city plans to remove the ceiling tiles from the building and retain them for future use in another historic building; however, the public will be given the opportunity "to salvage any items in the building they might be interested in," according to a city news release.

Each individual interested in salvaging items from the property will be required to sign a waiver before being allowed in the building. Also, a specific inspection date will be assigned to each individual who signs

a waiver.

Inspections must be scheduled by 5 p.m. Oct. 28. Items must be removed by 5 p.m. Oct. 29.

For a copy of the waiver, contact Kari Hollifield, Planning Director, at 972-636-2184 or send an email to khollifield@roysecity.com to request an electronic copy.

The building has been inspected according to the release, and "the structural integrity outweighs the historic fabric of the building."

Additionally, an RV on the site which also must be removed, may be bid on, but each bid and payment information must be delivered to City Hall by 2 p.m. Oct. 25. The RV must be removed from the site by 5 p.m. Oct. 29.

Royse City Police Report

- Oct. 8-14
- Friday, 8 October: Public intoxication arrest, 200 block E. I-30 NSR; Possession of a controlled substance arrest, 119 block FM 2642
- Saturday, 9 October: Suspicious person NSR near the 77 mile marker; Alarm, 100 block Colonial Drive; Alarm, 400 block Elm Street; Suspicious activity, near Birch Street and CR 588; Suspicious vehicle, 600 block E. I-30 NSR; Suspicious activity, 1400 block N. Josephine Street; Hunting warrants arrest, I-30 at the 79 mile marker
- Sunday, 10 October: Noise disturbance, 1400 block N. Josephine Street; Alarm, 140 block Laurel Lane; Domestic disturbance, 200 block Midnight Drive; Suspicious vehicle, 1200 block Lost Valley Drive; Driving while intoxicated arrest, I-30 at the 83 mile marker
- Monday, 11 October: Alarm, 1 block W. I-30; Accident, 400 block West Road; Alarm, 1200 block Evergreen Street; assault, 200 block May Street
- Tuesday, 12 October: Unauthorized use of a motor vehicle, I-30 at the 77 mile marker; Delivery of dangerous drugs, 1 block S. FM 2642
- Wednesday, 13 October: Alarm, 600 block Tripp Trail; Suspicious activity, 300 block E. I-30; Suspicious activity, 1 block W. Church Street; Driving while intoxicated suspended, 800 block E. I-30
- Thursday, 14 October: Alarm, 1 block Cemetery Road; Reckless driver, 1100 block 75 mile marker; Dallas County warrant arrest, I-30 at the 76 mile marker; Possession of marijuana/Failed to I.D./Austin warrant arrest, Corner of Main Street and Elm Street; Medical assistance, 700 block Old Grove Lane



The Mighty Bulldog Middle School Band is shown performing at the Royse City Middle School's Oct. 12 pep rally. Photo courtesy of Amy Brandow/Rockwall County News

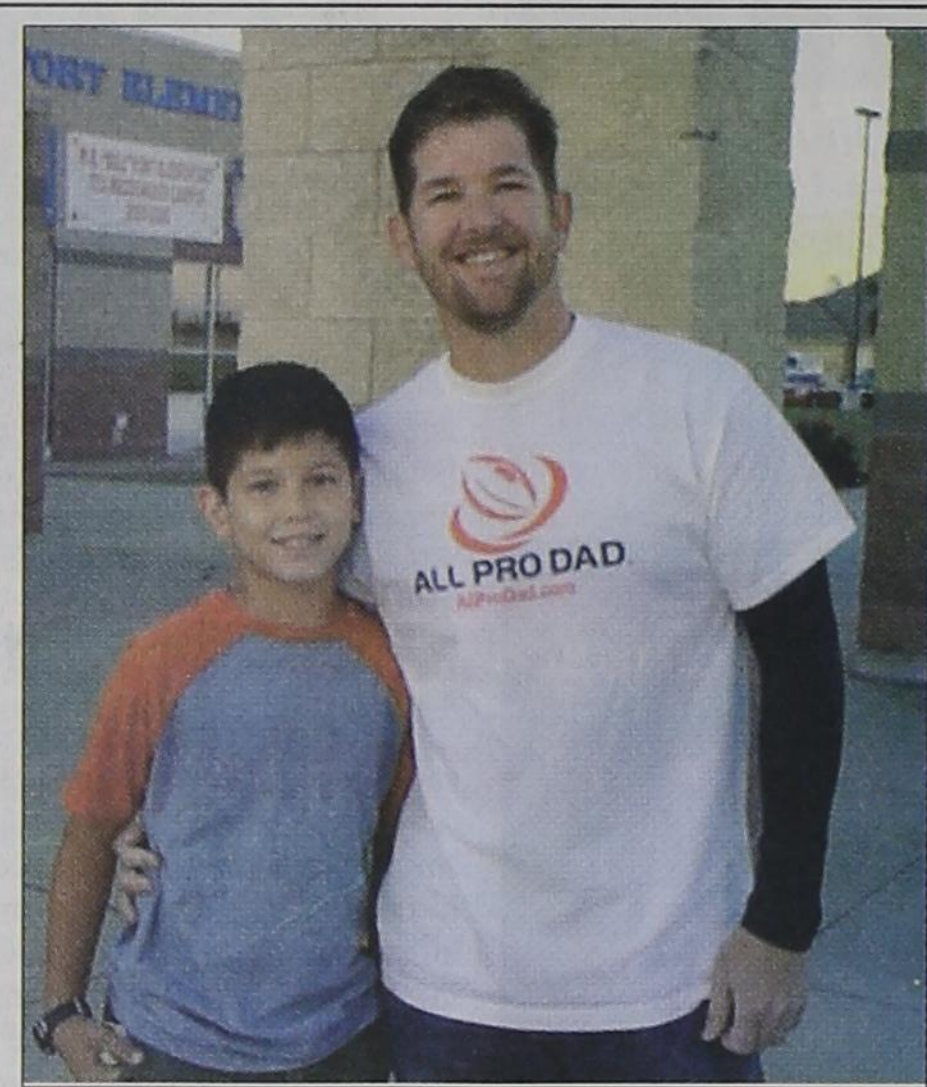
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Brett Baridon is pictured with his son, Cade, on Friday as the All Pro Dad Team greeted children at W.R. Fort Elementary as they began the school day. All Pro Dads Day involves a one-hour-per-month commitment that includes breakfast before school, spending time together and their children discussing family topics, spending time together, creating memories and strengthening their relationships. The team has started an All Pro Dads Chapter in Royse City, with chapters also in full swing at Davis, Scott and Miss May Vernon Elementary. For more details on All Pro Dads, visit allprodad.com or contact Eric Elder at eric@appraisalsolutions.info. Courtesy photo/Rockwall County News



Cosette Chiv, Nathalia Polania and Savannah Russell are shown performing music with homemade instruments created while earning their Making Music Try It badges on Oct. 14. The girls are part of Royse City's Brownie Girl Scout Troop 8977, and badge work was led by D.D. McWhorter and an Amaya. Courtesy photo/Rockwall County News

Rockwall County Sports



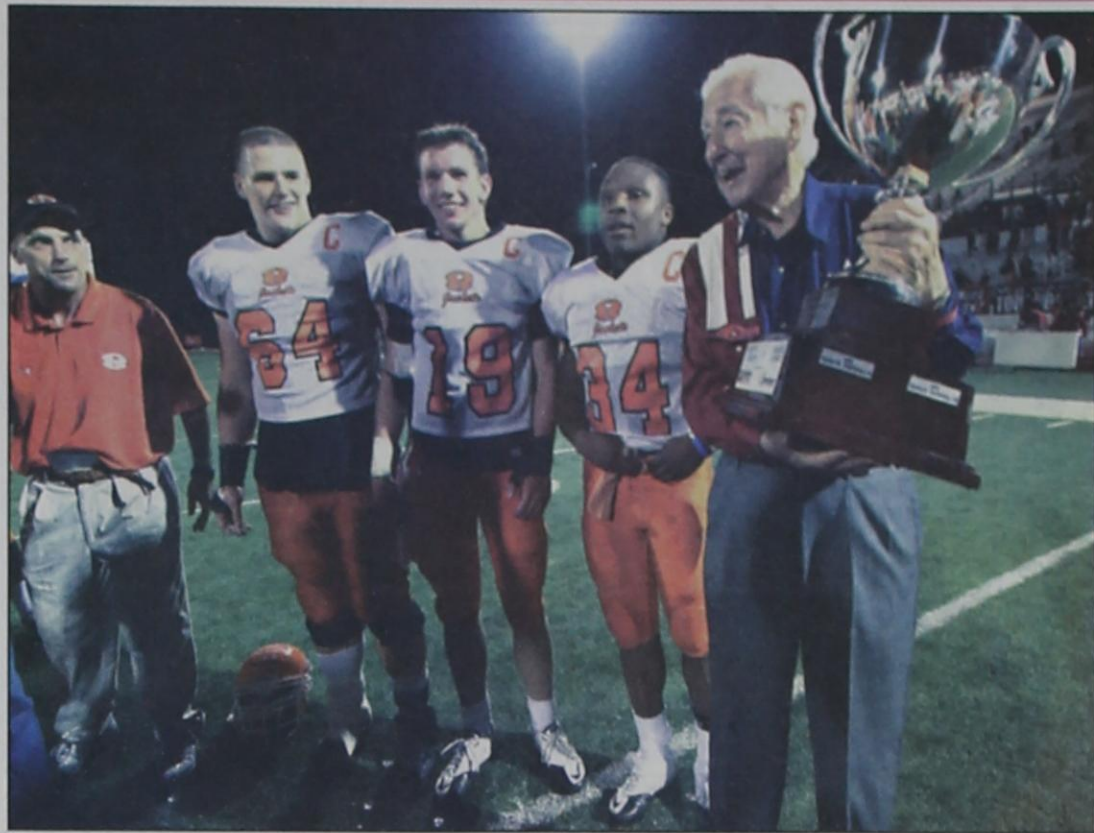
Yellowjackets' Dorian Lawry (2) races through Yellowjackets' defenders including Reggie Robinson (45) during last Friday's game at Wilkerson Sanders Stadium.
Photo by Carl McClung/Rockwall County News



Heritage Christian Academy defense smothers opponents in the 48-0 victory last Friday; (See game details on Page 10).
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Bulldogs' Damien Foster (44) wraps up the Bearcats' quarterback during last Friday's game at Sherman.
Photo by Erin Strahl/Rockwall County News



Yellowjackets' Payden McBee (64), Reed Loftis (19) and Josh Broach (34) receive the I-30 Classic trophy from Texas Congressman Ralph Hall (right) following Rockwall's hard-fought 52-51 win over Rockwall-Heath last Friday at Wilkerson Sanders Stadium. Sharing in the celebration at is Rockwall High School Head Coach Scott Smith (left).
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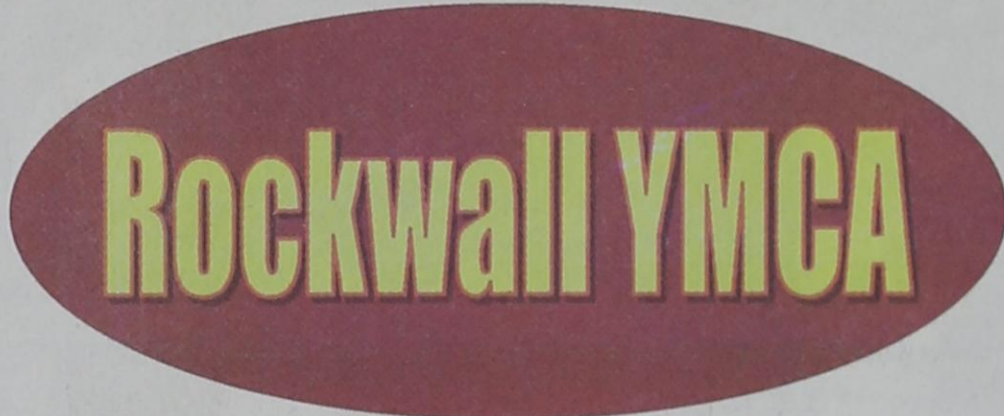
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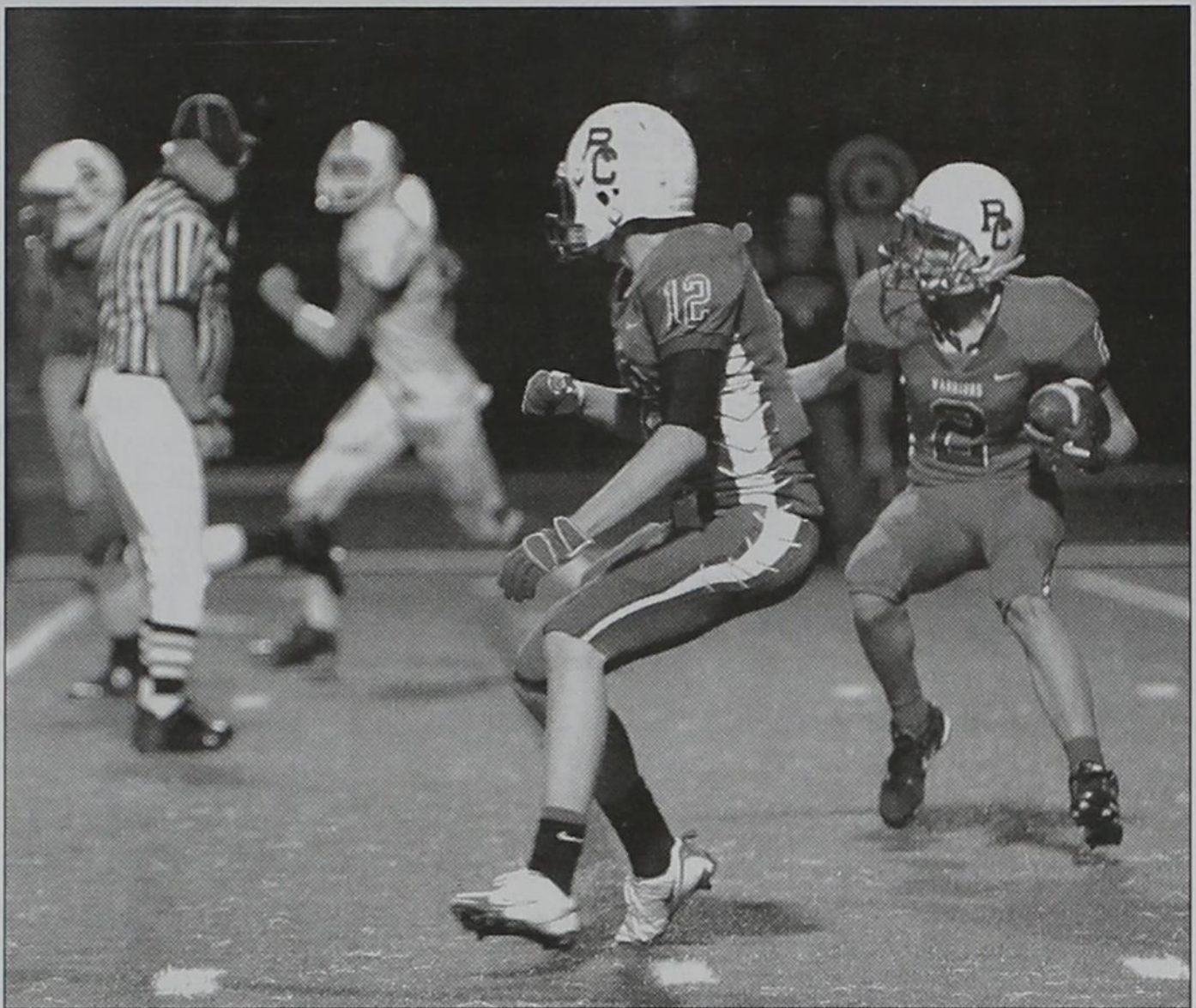
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Jon Burns (4) takes off for a Bulldogs' touchdown during last Friday's game at Sherman.
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Warriors' Seth Berkshire (2) runs the ball back following an interception in second quarter last Friday against Dallas Lakehill. Assisting in the play is Aaron Eastin (12).
Photo by Pat Corl/Rockwall County News



Participating in a special honors recognition ceremony during Rockwall High School's Homecoming game October 8 are (left to right) Coach Scott Smith, Coach Lee Stout, Don Regan, Scott Elsik. Regan and Elsik were honored for their volunteer service as coaches spanning four decades and three football stadiums. Elsik served for 20 years, and Regan for 35 years.
Photo by Roy Heath/Rockwall County News



Rockwall Rocketeers Special Olympic athletes from Rockwall County competing at the State Fall Classic Swim Meet are (back row, left to right) Cole Randolph, Scott Wendt, Dan Hettinger, Assistant Coach John Michael Baker (all graduates of Rockwall High School), (middle row) Jordan Paul (Freshman, Royse City), Andrew Sauerwine (8th grade at Williams Middle School), Nicholar Johnson (7th grade at Cain Middle School), (front row) Coach Christy Wendt (Instructional Assistant at Grace Hartman Elementary).
Photo by Del Wendt/Rockwall County News

Reed runs, passes Rockwall to thrilling comeback victory

By Lary Bump

Alan Reed might have had the performance of the year, but Rockwall head coach Scott Smith might have had an understatement of the year.

"That was a great high school football game," Smith said after the Yellowjackets' 52-51 victory over Rockwall Friday, Oct. 15, that left a packed house at Wilkerson-Sanders thrillless.

In the end, RHHS' defenders might have been out of breath from trying to stop the combination of quarterback Reed and wide receiver Blake Turner. They connected with 11 passes for 365 yards and three touchdowns for more than 70 yards.

Reed accounted for all of the Jackets' offensive yardage — actually, more than the team's total. The senior punted for 418 yards and carried the ball 37 times for 153 more. His production was 571 yards; RHHS totaled 549 but 22 "team" yards were deducted for a last-minute snap that sailed past Reed and created some anxious moments as the Jackets were trying to run out the clock.

No other player had a rushing attempt for Rockwall (3-4 overall, 2-2 in District 10-4A). "Alan Reed had good execution," Smith said. "We had some other formations set, but that was our game plan pretty much. It was a little bit of game planning, but it was what we felt we could do with matchups."

The early running game featuring Reed set up the passing game later. The Jackets needed both after falling behind 21-0 in the first quarter. Then when Reed took a snap and headed for the line of scrimmage, Rockwall-H defense swarmed toward the ball to stop his running. However, he stepped back and threw the ball downfield to Turner, who had raced past the defense and merely had to keep running for a 72-yard touchdown.

The Hawks never seemed to adjust to that play. It worked for touchdowns of 76 and 42 yards while Rockwall climbed uphill for the game before finally tying the game in the fourth quarter at 75-75 on the third of four touchdowns runs. The step-up, drop-back play worked one more time for a long pass to Turner that put them on RHHS' 1 yard to set up a 1-yard TD by Reed.

His performance gained attention across the Metroplex. The Dallas Morning News named him its Offensive Player of the Week. The competition for that award wasn't very close, except perhaps for Rockwall-Heath running backs Javon Hernandez and Dorian Lawry, who combined for 494 yards and six touchdowns rushing.

"I'm proud of both teams. Everybody fought real hard. It was good for the competition," Smith said. "RHHS' offense was so potent that the Jackets began trying outside kicks to keep the ball away. Two of them worked, and were the final piece in Rockwall's comeback."

Smith said, "We had some good defensive plays. Jarrett Spencer forced a fumble, Walter Garrett blocked an extra point and we stopped their 2-point conversion there at the end."

After the last of the seven touchdowns accounted for by Reed gave the Jackets a 52-45 lead, Rockwall marched downfield for Hernandez's fourth touchdown of the game. With 1 minute, 50 seconds to play, the Jackets elected to try to take the lead with a 2-point conversion. Quarterback Ross Hudson rolled out to his right and Rockwall covered possible pass receivers and knocked his pass as he approached the sideline.

Plenty of time remained for RHHS to take the lead by recovering an onside kick. Instead, Rockwall covered the ball, then Reed ran for a first down and the Jackets held the ball for the remainder of the game while the Hawks held their breath.

(See game stats in Sports at www.rockwalltexasonline.com)

HCA's blowout win leads to district showdown

Clicking on every conceivable cylinder, on Friday, Oct. 15, Heritage Christian Academy rolled to his sixth win this season, all by six-man football's 45-point mercy rule.

The Eagles (6-1 overall, 2-0 in TAPPS 6-Man District 2-I) had to go farther into their 48-0 win over Watauga Harvest Christian, ending the game at Hobart Wisdom Field on Austin Pettit's 6-yard pass to Aaron Mateer in the fourth quarter.

Before that, the offense produced four touchdowns passing and two rushing. Mateer made all five of his 2-point conversion kicks. The defense held Watauga to 30 yards of offense. The visitors' only first down came on a punt. HCA's special teams provided the game's first score when Evan Pettit blocked a punt out of the end zone for safety.

Heritage Christian head coach Robert Huckabee said he believes his team's strengths are becoming more balanced between offense and defense, and between running and passing.

"Our defense has really stepped up and settled in the last few games. They are playing well as a unit. We have various players, and they have adjusted very well."

The most prolific Eagle on offense was junior running back Caleb Cathey, who carried 22 times for 193 yards and two touchdowns. Travis Arterburn and Krys Harber, HCA's leading rusher for the season, ran for a TD apiece. Huckabee said Cathey's big game wasn't by design.

"It just worked out that way based on who was on certain plays. Both are doing an excellent job; they present different looks for the defense."

In addition to Pettit's game-ending touchdown pass, he connected with Asa Burke for a score.

Those two and HCA's other seniors will be honored at Friday's Senior Night when the Eagles take on Mineral Wells Covenant School (6-2, 2-0) at Rockwall High School. The game could determine which team wins the district title.

(See game stats in Sports at www.rockwalltexasonline.com)

Sherman's rally stymies Bulldogs' upset bid

Upset-minded Royse City took a 28-21 lead into the fourth quarter at Sherman Friday, Oct. 15, but the Bulldogs roared back with four touchdowns for a 48-28 victory.

The Bulldogs (1-6 overall, 1-2 in District 13-4A) four times took a 7-point lead in the first half.

Taylor Touchdown ran for a touchdown and passed for two more. Jonathan Burns, who ran for 153 yards and scored a touchdown on a 2-yard run.

"Jon's running really well," said RC head coach Greg Strahl, "with passion. It's more of a confidence thing than outrun some people, and he can raise his own holes to run through."

RC totaled 502 yards of offense, but its defense allowed Sherman (7-1, 4-0) to gain 580. Zac Whitfield ran for 100 of those yards, and scored three of its fourth-quarter touchdowns.

"Up to the last 8 minutes it was a good game for us. Then it got ugly," Strahl said. "They were more athletic than we were, but for 3 1/2 quarters that athleticism was limited."

The coach said Sherman didn't do anything differently to shut out Royse City in the second half.

"We did some things that were out of character. We just didn't string things together and didn't sustain drive defense, we didn't cover what we needed to cover, whether it was passing or sweeps outside."

After such a strong performance against 13-4A's first-place team, the Bulldogs remain in position to challenge one of the district's four playoff berths.

That possibility will begin Friday when Royse City plays Greenville (0-7, 0-3).

Strahl said, "The way we played is what you want, except for those last 8 minutes. We want to get close to where we're peaking and doing things consistently through four quarters. We got a glimpse of that in the win at Denton, and for the most part that came out against Sherman. The same intensity, the same desire."

(See game stats in Sports at www.rockwalltexasonline.com)

Playoffs on the line for Fulton Friday

The Fulton School has lost its last two football games under six-man football's 45-point mercy rule, but wins won't mean much if the Falcons can win Friday night.

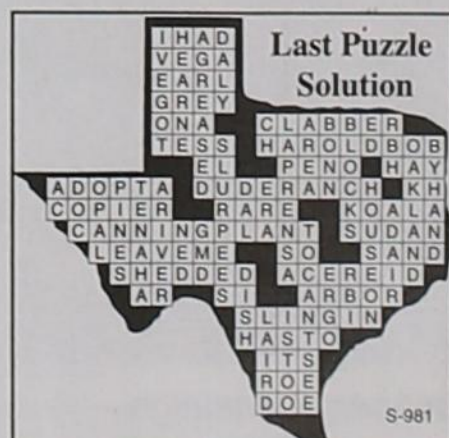
On Friday, Oct. 15, Fulton lost 78-30 at Mineral Wells Community Christian in a game that ended about 7 minutes before the fourth quarter was scheduled to end.

Falcons head coach Josh Johnson said, "We didn't execute in the special-teams game. That set the tempo and a lot to do with the way we fell apart. We made three miscues that resulted in three touchdowns. That was 24 points, because they made their (2-) kicks."

Mineral Wells' offense also did in the Falcons (3-5 overall, 0-1 in TAPPS District 2-II) in the non-district game. Quarterback Kade Colton counted for almost 400 yards, with 253 of those on the ground, and 17 touchdowns (four rushing, three passing).

For Fulton, Dylan Leverett caught six passes for 130 yards and touchdowns. His brother, Hayden Leverett, caught an 8-yard scoring pass and Milan Rabah returned a kickoff 45 yards for a touchdown. Brett Starnes passed for three TDs.

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Rockwall County Sports

HS swimmers sweep Carrollton teams

Rockwall's boys and girls swimming teams both dominated two other events to win a three-way meet Thursday, Oct. 14, at the RISD Aquatic Center. The boys scored 91 points to 45 for Carrollton Newman Smith and 21 for Ranchview. The girls scored 88 to 52 for Newman Smith and 37 for Ranchview. Fontenot led the Yellowjackets with two individual first places, and won two winning relay teams. He won the 100-yard backstroke in 57.90 seconds and 100 butterfly in 59.60. Fontenot led off the 200 medley relay on its way to a winning time of 2 minutes, 1.55 seconds, and swam the leg for the victorious 400 free relay team. Tokuz also was an event winner, with a time of 2:00.17 in the 200 yard, just ahead of teammate Sean Eldridge in second place in 2:01.58. Eldridge, Sean Eldridge and Collin Vu joined Fontenot on the win-relay teams. Jackets used depth in the 50 free, with Jay Pultorak third in 27.20, Phillips fourth in 28.71 and Nicolas Stencil fifth in 29.34. Horton finished a distant second (1:20.55) behind teammate

Fontenot in second place in the 100 back. For Rockwall's girls, Rebekah Yount and Summer Scown each won an individual event. Yount won the 50 free in 28.27 seconds, and also was part of two first-place relay teams. Scown was first in the 100 butterfly in 1:16.11. Yount, Isabeau Vermeir, Mallory Harvey and Katelyn Crook swam the 200 medley relay in 2:09.23. Harvey, Rebecca Voth and Crook joined Yount in the 400 free relay. Other top finishers for the RHS girls were Crook, third in the 50 free (29.38); Courtney Bolin second (2:19.86), Danielle Dietrich third (2:27.06) and Megan Connor fifth (2:32.96) in the 200 free; Harvey second (1:08.83), Yount third (1:10.53) and Crook fourth (1:12.61) in the 100 backstroke.

Cain leads Jackets to 3rd tournament title

Austin Cain shot 78 Monday to lead the Rockwall boys' golf team to its third tournament victory this season in the South Garland Invitational at Eastern Hills Country Club. Cain's eight-over-par score helped the Yellowjackets to a total of 327. That tied Garland Naaman Forest for first place, but RHS won a tiebreaker to take that trophy. Rockwall's other scorers were Teal Willis 80, Tyler

Eavenson 84, Justin Roy 85 and Quincy Thomas 92. The Jackets also had won a 27-hole tournament Sept. 28 at the Firewheel Bridges course and the Robson Ranch Invitational in Denton Oct. 8. Nick Ziebell led RHS by shooting 112 to win the first-place medal at Firewheel, and Trey Manis had the best individual score at Robson Ranch. Other scorers at Firewheel were Manis 113, Willis 125, Chad Taylor 126 and David Duncan 129. In the Denton tournament, Manis' 73 was supported by teammates Taylor 76, Ziebell 80, Christian Rang 81 and Justin Roy 83. Chris Cho had Rockwall's best score with 87 at the 18-hole Old Brickyard tournament. The varsity next will compete Nov. 8 in the Highland Park Fall Cup Invitational at Lakewood Country Club. The junior varsity's next test will be the Rockwall-Heath Invitational Wednesday at Buffalo Creek. After that the JV golfers will play in the Rowlett Invitational Nov. 2 at Waterview Nov. 2, the Creekview Invitational Nov. 9 and another Rockwall-Heath tournament at Buffalo Creek Nov. 17.

RHHS golfers 1st in Sachse tournament

The highlight for the Rockwall-Heath varsity's fall gold season has been finishing first at the Sachse Invitational Sept. 28 at Woodbridge Golf Club. Brent Reagan's 74 was good for the first-place medal, leading the Hawks to a 336 total that paced a field of 14 teams. Also for RHHS, Josh Murphy took the fifth-place medal with 81 and Michael Gerritsen a medal for eighth place at 85. Rockwall-Heath's other scorers were Austin Cuny and Colby Coleson with 96. The Hawks' closest competitors were Allen at 344 and South Garland with 345. Said head coach Roger Zachary, "Great start for the fall season. Continued hard work and effort will bring even greater success." In the Rowlett Invitational the next day, RHHS' JV Red team finished third among 18 teams. Nick Snyder led the Hawks by shooting 85 at the Firewheel Old Course in Garland to win the fifth-place medal. Also contributing to Rockwall-Heath's 359 total were Darth Dockins and Logan Thatcher with 91, Hillary Rukobo at 92 and Nathan Thames with 103. In addition, the JV White team shot 371 for 11th place in a field of 24 teams at Oak Hollow Golf Course in McKinney, and the freshman Hawks were fourth among 12 teams with 351 at Lake Park Golf Course in Lewisville.

Sports Notes

Fundraiser to benefit hockey club

The Rockwall Ice Hockey Club will conduct its annual fundraiser beginning at 1 p.m. Oct. 24 at the Stone River Golf Club in Royse City. Cost to participate is \$75 per player; shotgun start planned. All participants are welcome. Call Lisa at 214-797-9216 for more information.

Youth b'ball, cheer registration under way

Early registration for the YMCA youth basketball and cheer programs is under way and will continue through Oct. 31. Small-fry basketball is open to ages 3 and 4, while the youth programs are separated into age divisions (co-ed), 7/8, 9/10 and 11/12. Cheerleading is open to youths ages 4-12; those who cheered for the YMCA youth football season can cheer for basketball at no cost. Coaches' meeting will be Nov. 13, after which time practice times and schedules will be available. Practices begin Nov. 15; the eight-week season begins Dec. 4. Registration must be done by a parent or guardian in person at the YMCA. For more details contact

the Rockwall YMCA at 972-772-YMCA or visit rockwallymca.org.

CASA plans 5K run Nov. 6

Lone Star CASA, which serves children in Rockwall and Kaufman counties, will host the Speak Up for Kids CASA 5K/Fun Run on Nov. 6 at the Wilkerson-Sanders Memorial Stadium, 1201 Townsend Drive. The Kids Fun Run will begin at 8 a.m., followed by the 5K Run/Walk at 8:30 a.m. To register online, visit lonestarcasa.org or call 972-772-5858.

Senior Pride Golf Tourney slated

The Rockwall-Heath High School Senior Class of 2011 will host a golf tournament beginning at 12:30 p.m. Nov. 6 at the Buffalo Creek Golf Club. The event, which will benefit the senior class, will be a four-person Florida scramble. Contests will include hole-in-one, closest-to-pin, longest drive and putting competition. Lunch will be served from 11 a.m. to noon. For more details on participating, sponsoring or donating to the event contact Jerry Morton at morton05@msncom.

Opinions

War Does Not Produce Prosperity

Sheldon Richman
Many bad ideas go under the rubric "Keynesian economics," but perhaps the worst is that government spending - no matter what kind - can stimulate an economy and increase the general welfare. To see how ridiculous this idea is, have a look at what the leading Keynesian, Paul Krugman, and leading conservative economist, Martin Feldstein, agree on: a big war is apparently the only way to get the U.S. economy out of its doldrums. The National Journal reports that at a recent economic forum, Krugman and Feldstein agreed Washington is too paralyzed to sufficiently stimulate the economy. Only a high-impact "exogenous" shock like a major war - something similar to what Krugman called the "coordinated fiscal expansion known as World War II" - would be enough to break the cycle," the report said. "I don't think we're about to launch a war against anybody," Feldstein responded. "But Paul is right. That was the fiscal move that got us out of the Great Depression. There is Keynesian economics taken to its logical end: government spending is so essential to restarting a stalled economy that a major war with all its death and destruction - may be the only way to achieve the stimulation needed. It may go too far to say that Krugman and Feldstein would relish a war, but only by a little. They clearly believe that in the present circumstances, war is our only hope. There is a superficial logic here. If you believe government spending

stimulates an economy, then why not war? In a big war government taxes and borrows huge amounts of money in order to buy large quantities of things - airplanes, tanks, Humvees, bombs, guns, bullets, supplies, clothing, food. It also pays lots of people - bureaucrats, soldiers, sailors, pilots, engineers, manufacturing workers - to do things. In turn the recipients spend that money on the necessities of life. Hence, the jumpstart to the economy. But of course war means death, injury, and destruction. How can making things that will be used to destroy other things, including lives, produce economic well-being? Are we really ready to accept the Orwellian notion that war is prosperity? If we have reached the point of seeing war as a source of good things, it is time to check our premises. Right away we see that if the government pays people money to make war materiel, private entrepreneurs can't pay them to make things consumers will want to buy. This is the "broken window" fallacy: being so distracted by the visible "benefits" of a government policy that one overlooks the unseen costs. Government doesn't create resources; it only moves them around. When government taxes or borrows, it transfers scarce resources and labor from the productive sector to politicians and bureaucrats. The Keynesian will say that since the resources are idle, there is no cost and only benefits from the transfer. That is a shallow response. Resources may well be idle, but there's a reason for that. A recession follows a government-produced inflationary boom that misallocates

resources by artificially lowering the interest rate. The misled entrepreneurs thus put resources in the wrong places and commit them to the wrong purposes relative to consumer preferences. When the boom ends and the recession sets in, the errors reveal themselves and have to be corrected. That takes time, but government delays the recovery by interfering and by poisoning the investment climate with uncertainty. Who will commit to a long-term project while unsure what tax or regulatory policy might be next month or next year? As for World War II's ending the Great Depression: nonsense. The Depression was bad because living standards fell when, because of the previous inflationary boom, production didn't match consumer preferences. Business projects were liquidated, creating high unemployment, and government interference and uncertainty impeded recovery. The war did not restore living standards - consumer goods were rationed - and unemployment ended only because of conscription. Improved statistical aggregates for national income or investment only concealed what was really going on. What ended the Depression was not government spending but the retrenchment of government after the war. So thank goodness we don't need a war to prosper. Shame on those who say we do. Sheldon Richman is senior fellow at The Future of Freedom Foundation, author of *Tethered Citizens: Time to Repeal the Welfare State*, and editor of *The Freeman* magazine. Visit his blog "Free Association" at www.sheldonrichman.com.

The U.S. Supreme Court provides Texans a peaceful method for independence

Wesley W. Burnett
I frequently hear folks wishfully asking the question about the idea of Texas independence. Most recently, the talk is more than mere conversation, brought about by the increasingly tyrannical attitude and practice of government in the United States, especially the one headquartered in Washington, D.C. When the U.S. legislative, executive and judicial branches complete their destruction of the currency and rights of individuals, Texans will be more inclined than ever to take advantage of the self-government principle defined in the American Declaration of Independence. As Thomas Jefferson so powerfully explained, when government attempts to secure the inalienable rights of individuals, it must be replaced with one that will more carefully guard and protect those rights. Every day we learn about another example of what Jefferson foresaw. So, Texans are thinking "out of the box," but fear that an attempt to claim our republic form of government would result in retribution, perhaps even violent reaction from the current government. Few Texans know that there is a peaceful and lawful process for Texas to regain independence and shake off the shackles of enslavement to a socialist (or in some ways communist) system under which we now suffer. There is a peaceful and lawful process, and it is the law of the land. The 1868 "Texas vs. White" U.S. Supreme Court decision, Justice Salmon Chase declared: "When, therefore, Texas became one of the United States, she entered into an indissoluble relation. All the obligations of perpetual union, and all the guaranties of republican form of government in the United States, attached once to the State. The act which consummated her admission into the Union was something more than a compact; it was the incorporation

of a new member into the political body. And it was final. The union between Texas and the other States was as complete, as perpetual, and as indissoluble as the union between the original States. There was no place for reconsideration, or revocation, except through revolution, or through consent of the States" (p. 725-726). An indissoluble union... perpetual? The following are excerpts from an article published in 1997 in a state-wide magazine promoting the rebirth of the Republic of Texas: Chase's majority opinion is full of contradictions. He writes that the union is indissoluble... that means it can never be broken, and no parts may become separated... ever. Yet, the U.S. supremes allow for two exceptions: revolution and consent of the States. Either the union is indissoluble, or it isn't. If there is to be a method of dissolving, as this court apparently believes, then the union is not indissoluble as it claims. Obviously, nothing created by mankind is ever indissoluble. Change and alteration is constant. And so we ask: Are we bound forever to the decisions of our ancestors? If this be the logic of opponents to establishing an independent Texas, how do they justify the actions of our ancestors, who threw off their bondage to England? According to the great American Declaration of Independence, every individual has the inherent right to determine his or her destiny. Jefferson himself, the author of that profound document, declared that a rebellion would be necessary on a regular basis in order to secure our individual rights. We are not advocating a rebellion... we are advocating a peaceful and lawful process of change. We advocate the right of each individual to decide his or her own future. In preparing for this change, we are drafting a new Texas constitution, which will be implemented only after the acceptance by Texans on a voluntary basis.

Unlike Mr Chase and the other U.S. supremes who so arrogantly denied the right of Texans to decide their own future, we believe that to be truly free, each of us must have the unrestricted right of free association, to form compacts and agreements among ourselves as to how we shall live. Those among us who wish to continue in an enslaved condition to the U.S. must be allowed to do so, but they must not be allowed to force that slavery on those of us opposed to their democratic form of government. In the Texas we envision, all individuals will be free to decide where and how to live... and each will be free to do so, unrestricted, until he or she violates the rights of another person. Only after due process of law and conviction by a court of common justice, shall the liberty of any person be denied... even those who wish to remain U.S. slaves. There was a time when many of us voluntarily accepted our enslaved condition as mandatory U.S. citizens... not knowing what we know now... but in our enlightenment, we have discovered that slavery is not our cup of tea... and we now assert our freedom and liberty. We refuse to be held in bondage by decisions made by people before our time. No matter how wise they may have been, their decision to deny us the right to determine our own future is only binding if we bow and scrape like the slaves we have been. We recognize the obstacles set before us... including those who will insist on enforcing the 1868 U.S. Supreme Court decision... so be it. We may find ourselves petitioning the 49 states that compose the "perpetual" union... but we will not petition as slaves... we will petition as free men and women, determined to reclaim the rights that our ancestors fought, bled and died to preserve for us. Editor's Note: See the complete article on "Texas vs. White" on our web site: www.rockwalltexasonline.com, click on Archives.

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Dear Friends,

The November 2nd election is one of the most important ever, not only for our state, but for our nation.

The federal budget deficit has exceeded \$1 trillion for the second straight year. This rate of spending and increasing deficits is unsustainable. In a few short years, we will only have enough money to fund the military and finance our debt – most of which belongs to China. Taking Congress back from the liberals is our only hope in the short term.

Here in Texas, there are many good conservatives running for office. This too will have far reaching implications because our state is slated to pick up three or four new Congressional seats. The next legislative session in Austin will decide where new district lines will be drawn.

Unlike most politicians in Washington, I have run a company, I know what it is like to be poor and I have been on foreign soil fighting for freedom while longing to be home. Next to our enemies abroad, the greatest threat to our nation is the national debt. I am determined to cut taxes and wasteful Washington spending so we can drive down unemployment and preserve small businesses which make up 70% of the jobs in America.

Our country needs you. It is important for you to vote from the bottom of the ballot to the top, and help elect conservative leaders on Tuesday November 2.

Sincerely,

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Member of Congress

P. S. Our country owes a debt of gratitude to the Tea Party patriots who serve as a megaphone to the frustrations of all Americans. I have attended many of their rallies both at home and in Washington and am encouraged by their passion for liberty and freedom.



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- ★ Voted against both government bailouts
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