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transported to area hospitals for treatment of non-life threatening injuries. The bus driver was also transported for treatment of more serious injuries. Staff Photo by Delaine Diffeel/Rockwall County News

School bus carrying Hawks swim team runs off road into pond

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Rockwall County News Briefs

- Food Pantry needs items**
Helping Hands Food Pantry currently has a shortage of food items: oil, flour, peanut butter, jelly, sugar and canned goods. Items may be dropped at Helping Hands' Building A on Adams Street or the Rockwall County Library food drive box on Main Street.
- Christ for India fundraiser set today**
Christ for India will have a fundraising banquet beginning at 7 p.m. today at the Hilton Bella Harbor. The event will include a presentation of the educational and humanitarian missions of Christ for India. There will be no charge to attend, but participants will be given the opportunity to contribute. Seating will be reserved. To make a reservation (adults only) call 972-771-7221 or email cfimin@christforindia.org.
- Coffee Conservatives to meet Saturday**
Roger Williams, former Texas secretary of state, will be the guest speaker at the 10:30 a.m. Saturday meeting of the Rockwall County Coffee Conservatives, a grassroots group of citizens committed to the belief of conservative values and the betterment of the community, at Texas Roast, 2435 Ridge Road, Rockwall. The group will discuss the future of business in Texas. The RCCC meets at the same time and location each week to discuss local, state and national issues. All ages are invited. For details call 214-972-7221.
- Church to install new pastor**
The congregation of the First Presbyterian Church of Rockwall is preparing for the ordination and installation of its new pastor, Cheryl Taylor, at 2 p.m. on Sunday. A reception will follow at 3 p.m.



The hood of a Rockwall ISD school bus sits on the side of the road after being pulled from a pond on SH 549 Monday, Sept. 21. An investigation is still ongoing into what caused the bus, carrying members of the Rockwall-Heath High School swim team, to veer off the road and into the pond. Staff Photo by Kathy Williams/Rockwall County News

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Rockwall High School Stingerette Courtney Sh... on the Yellowjackets with a little help from a little Stingerettes invited girls who had participated in the camp program to join them on the field at the first home game of the season to cheer the Jackets to victory. RHS edged the Yellowjackets 31-28.

Photo Courtesy of Roy Heath/Rockwall County News

Airport Road to be widened to four lanes

Construction will begin Monday, Sept. 28 to widen Airport Road from Industrial Blvd. to John King Blvd. to four lanes. The road will be reduced to one lane of traffic during construction from 6 p.m. to 6 a.m., with flagmen in place to direct traffic. Traffic will be reduced to two-way each evening after 6 p.m. Completion of this project is anticipated to be February 2010. Contact Tim Duke, City of Rockwall Construction Director, at 469-338-7746, with any questions about the project.

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Presbyterian Hospital of Rockwall Women's Imaging Center Offers \$75 Mammograms from October 1st thru October 31st

Early detection is priceless. That is why for a limited time only the Women's Imaging Center at Presbyterian Hospital of Rockwall (PHR) is offering mammograms at an incredible price. The value of a normal screening mammogram can cost as much as \$250.00. In honor of Breast Cancer Awareness month, PHR will be offering this screening at a discounted rate of \$75, October 1st through October 31st, 2009. This includes the cost of the client's screening mammogram and the radiologist's fee. Interested clients should call (469)698-1100 Option 2 to schedule an appointment. Saturday appointments are also available on October 17, however limited space is available.

"I am so proud to work in a place where caring for our patients is more important than the price of a mammogram," said Barbara

Nichols, Mammography Technician at PHR. "We are committed to the women of our community and to the fight against breast disease."

Mammograms are X-rays of the breast that are used to see lumps and other changes in breast tissue. The mammography unit at PHR produces optimal images with faster exposure times using the least amount of radiation. The result is less discomfort and a lower probability of re-testing due to motion blur. "Soft touch" mammography pads are used to make the procedure more comfortable for clients.

Breast cancer is the most common form of cancer among women, but the survival rates are increasing due to early detection and the new technology used at PHR. The staff encourages clients to take advantage

of this opportunity by making an appointment and starting your crusade against breast disease.

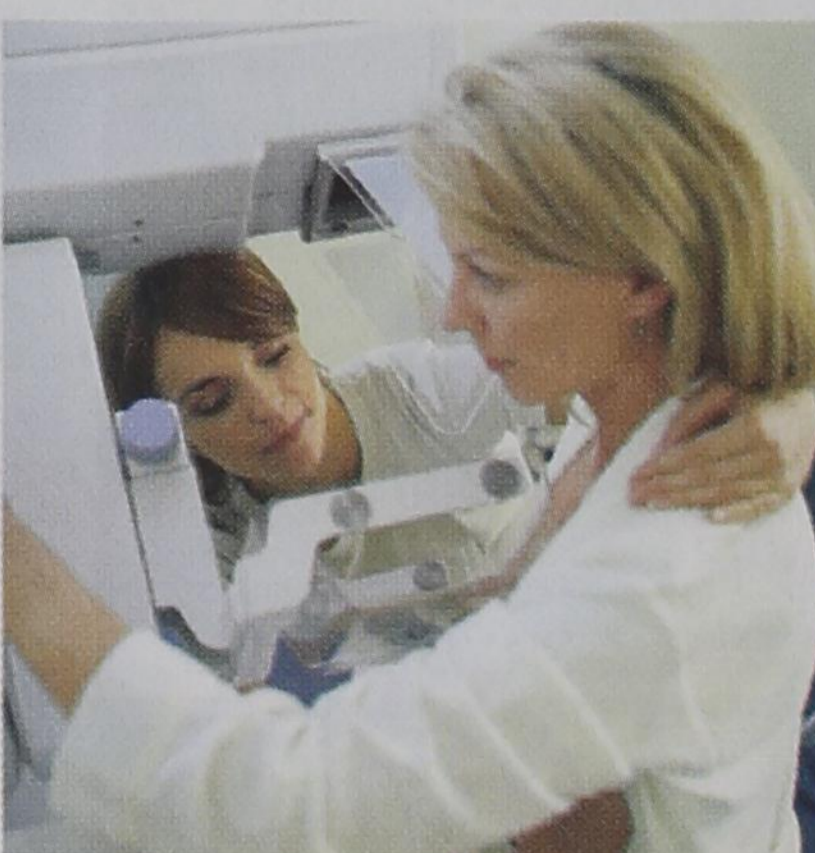
At the Women's Imaging Center we understand the women's unique health care concerns and those concerns should be addressed with great care and attention. We believe that women deserve a special place designed specifically for them, where they can obtain highly specialized diagnostic services in a caring environment.

The Women's Imaging Center at Presbyterian Hospital of Rockwall is located in the medical office building adjacent to the Presbyterian Hospital of Rockwall. For more information about PHR and the Women's Imaging Center, please visit our website at www.phrtexas.com.

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Church is located at 602 White Hills, just off of Ridge Road near Wal-Mart's side entrance.

Newcomers plan Sunday picnic

Rockwall Newcomers Club invites its members and their guests to attend a potluck picnic from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Sunday at Harry Myers Park. Members are asked to bring a covered dish. Refreshments will be furnished by the club. For more information, call Gleneva DeYoe at 972-722-5606.

Cotton Pickin' Party slated

The Cotton Pickin' Party, a Rockwall County Historical fundraiser, will begin at 5 p.m. Oct. 4 in the RCHF Harry Myers Park. The event will feature a barbecue, silent auction, musical entertainment and Cotton Pickin' tickets cost \$15; reservations required by Monday. For more information, call cplagens65@aol.com or call 972-771-8976.

Newcomers set October meeting

The Newcomers Club's monthly luncheon meeting will feature a presentation and third-generation beekeeper Janet Rowe, the "Bee Queen," who will talk about the importance of bees to floriculture and how to maintain hives in a four-county area. The meeting is set for Oct. 8 at Occasions at Stone River, 1250 FM 2453, near Call Marion Duhamel, 972-722-9896 for reservations by Oct. 7.

RHHS PTSA meeting scheduled

Rockwall-Heath High PTSA will meet at 6 p.m. Monday in the school cafeteria. The presentation will focus on the steps needed to help a child to college. A short Q&A session will follow. The program will end in time for parents to attend the RHHS Open House.

RCBS Band fundraiser planned

The Rockwall Chamber of Commerce will host a fundraiser for the Royse City School Band on Tuesday. On that date, present the flier provided. 10 percent of purchase cost will be donated to the band. For more information, call the RC Chamber at 972-636-5000 or e-mail info@rockwallchamber.com.

Teen Movie Night set at library

The Rockwall County Library will host a Teen Movie Night for students in grades 7-12 on Tuesday. The event will run from 5:30 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Library to host teen gathering

The Rockwall County Library will host a Teen Movie Night for students in grades 7-12 on Wednesday. The meeting will be open to youths in grades 7-12.

Lead, solo guitar class offered

The Rockwall School of Music will offer an 8-week class in solo guitar for intermediate level and experienced players beginning on Thursday. The class will concentrate on the technical and musical aspects of main solos. Space will be limited. For more information, call 972-722-6874 to make a reservation.

Pumpkin Patch grand opening set

The Pumpkin Patch opening and ribbon cutting ceremony will be held on Oct. 3. The patch, located in the grassy area of Ridge Road near the Center in Rockwall, 1019A Ridge Road, will be open daily from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. throughout the month of October. Children's activities are planned each Saturday, with story-telling times at 11 a.m. For more information, call 972-722-6874 to make a reservation.

DAR plans to open new year

The Dallas Area Retirement Council officially begins the new year for the Rock Wall Chapter, Rockwall, on Oct. 7. The first meeting will be at the East Ridge Church of Christ, 485 n. FM 549, Rockwall. A meet-and-greet will begin at 9:30 a.m. A film, "Today's Retirement," will be shown, outlining the group's mission and activities. All are encouraged to attend.

Program to focus on breast cancer survivors

The "Survivors' Faces of Breast Cancer" program educating and celebrating breast cancer survivors will be offered from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Oct. 6 at the Crowne Plaza Suites in Dallas. Admission, refreshments and parking will be free. The event is sponsored in part by the Dallas County Affiliate of Susan G. Komen for the Cure and the Club of North Texas. To register, call 1-877-265-0606 or e-mail FacesDallas@zenogroupevents.com.

Harbor Mail plans Night for Networking

The Harbor Mail Store will host a Night for Networking event from 4:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. Oct. 7 in the Harbor Mail Store. The event is scheduled for local business representatives to network with each other. All are encouraged to bring business cards, samples and brochures. For details call 972-722-3807.

Meeting to address identity theft

The Rockwall Police Department will provide a presentation on identity theft at the 6:30 p.m. meeting of the Rockwall Chamber Council on Oct. 7 at the Rockwall City Center, Rockwall City Center, 108 E. Washington St. A presentation will follow. The meeting is open to anyone interested in computers for home or office use. For details call 972-771-8712.

Talking Tombstones' is next

The Brown Bag Lecture Series "Talking Tombstones: Rockwall's Past," which will be a crowd favorite, is presented by the Rockwall County Historical Foundation and are conducted at noon in the courtroom of the Historic Courthouse. The lectures are free and open to the public.

Fire Department sets open house

The Rockwall Fire Department will host an open house from 5 p.m. to 2 p.m. Oct. 10 at the newest fire station, 2915 Spring Road, next to Springer Elementary. Food, fun and fire demonstrations will be served up at the Fire Safety House. A fire extinguisher activation demon-

Bobcat believed to be killer of family dog

Rockwall Animal Services was called to a home Monday, Sept. 21 to investigate what was initially feared to be the torture and mutilation of a family dog. Animal Services Supervisor Chris Valentine said the dog has been examined and it appears that a bobcat killed the dog.

The incident occurred at 840 Nash Street, just north of SH 66.

Valentine said the injuries to the dog are consistent with damage seen when bobcats attack other animals. The 8-year old beagle named Brandy, owned by Brian Alsobrook, had been gutted with the skin peeled away from the body. Valentine said bobcats "go for the gut" when they attack and peel the skin back.

Alsobrook said he last saw the dog alive at 7 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 20 when he filled her water dish for the night. He said he did not see Brandy Monday morning when he left for work, which was unusual, but he did not look for her.

Alsobrook said when the dog did not greet him at the gate on his return home from work Monday evening, which she did "like clockwork," he searched for the dog and found her in the backyard near the fence.

Rockwall police were summoned to the scene and have assisted Rockwall Animal Services in the investigation. Valentine said if any evidence were found to indicate a person actually killed the dog, criminal charges could be filed with Rockwall police and the criminal district attorney's office.

Valentine said bobcats are not rare in this area. She said with their hunting grounds getting smaller and smaller because of construction of all types, the bobcats are coming to town looking for food. "They are opportunists and they are here," she said.

The predators are finding ample food sources in town in trash left out over night and in pets and their food bowls being left out overnight. Valentine said the best advice is for residents to not leave pets outdoors at night or even in the daytime if it's possible.

"They mostly come out at night, but it's not unusual to see a bobcat trotting down the street with a cat in its mouth."

strations and vehicle extrication and children's activities, including fire engine inspections and bounce houses.

Republican Women plan annual luncheon

The Rockwall County Republican Women's 5th Annual Luncheon is set for Oct. 10 at the Hilton Bella Harbor Hotel, Rockwall. Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison will serve as speaker. Doors will open at 10:30 a.m.; lunch will be served at 11:30 a.m. A silent auction, live auction and entertainment also are planned. Tickets cost \$30 each and may be purchased at the Harbor Post Office, 2850 Shoreline Circle, in Rockwall or at the GOP Office, 105 S. Jacinto, Rockwall. For more information visit the club's Web site: rcrw.org.

FaithBridge Church schedules Oct. 11 launch

FaithBridge Church is preparing for its Oct. 11 public launch. FaithBridge, a new church being launched by the First United Methodist Church in Rockwall, meets at Celia Hays Elementary, corner of FM 552 and FM 1141. On pre-launch Sundays in September, Sunday school will be at 9:30 a.m., worship at 10:30 a.m. The public is invited to attend pre-launch and public launch activities. For more details visit faithbridgechurch.net or e-mail the Rev. Frank Rahm at frahm@fumcrockwall.com.

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Lauren West and Chandler Hawkins wed in Florida

Lauren West and Chandler Hawkins, both of Rockwall, were married Sept. 5, 2009, on the beach in Destin, Florida. Both are 2006 graduates of Rockwall High School. Lauren is a 2009 graduate of Texas Woman's University. The couple will reside in Ocala, Florida, where Chandler is stationed with the Coast Guard.

RARTA plans Oct. 12 gathering

The next Rockwall Area Retired Teachers Association meeting will be at 1:15 p.m. Oct. 12 at the RISD Administration Complex. A book review by Janice Byrd will be given. RARTA is open to all retired school employees and their guests. For more information call Becky Cecil at 972-771-3362.

FOL to have Lunch Basket meeting

The Friends of the Library will conduct the first Lunch Basket meeting of the year beginning at 11 a.m. Oct. 13 at Rotary Hall. Lunch will be catered by Jose Molina; cost will be \$15. Reservations are required and must be made by Oct. 9 by calling 972-771-8976 or e-mailing cplagens65@aol.com.

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Helen Mitchell (seated) with her daughter Linda Duran.

Lake Pointe Medical Center recognized for quality in national magazine

Lake Pointe Medical Center was recognized in the August, 2009 issue of U.S. News and World Report titled 'America's Best Hospitals,' according to a press release from the Medical Center. Lake Pointe was recognized for participating in the American Heart Association and American Stroke Association program Get With The GuidelinesSM. The program helps ensure that the care hospitals provide for coronary artery disease, stroke and heart failure is aligned with the latest scientific guidelines.

Lake Pointe Medical Center has been awarded the Get With The GuidelinesSM Gold Performance Achievement Award in both coronary artery disease (CAD) and heart failure (HF). This recognition demonstrates Lake Pointe Medical Center's commitment to achieving 85% or higher adherence in all performance measures applicable to CAD and HF patients for two or more years. Currently more than 1,450 participate in the program.

Get With The GuidelinesSM helps ensure that patients treated and discharged receive quality care in accordance with guidelines that will reduce the risk of secondary events. It takes advantage of the "teachable moment," the time soon after an acute event, when patients are most likely to listen to their healthcare professionals' treatment recommendations. Studies demonstrate that patients who are taught how to manage their risk factors while still in the hospital reduce their risk of a second heart attack.

Under the protocols, patients in the hospital are started on aggressive risk reduction therapies such as cholesterol-lowering drugs, beta-blockers, ACE inhibitors, aspirin, diuretics and anticoagulants. They

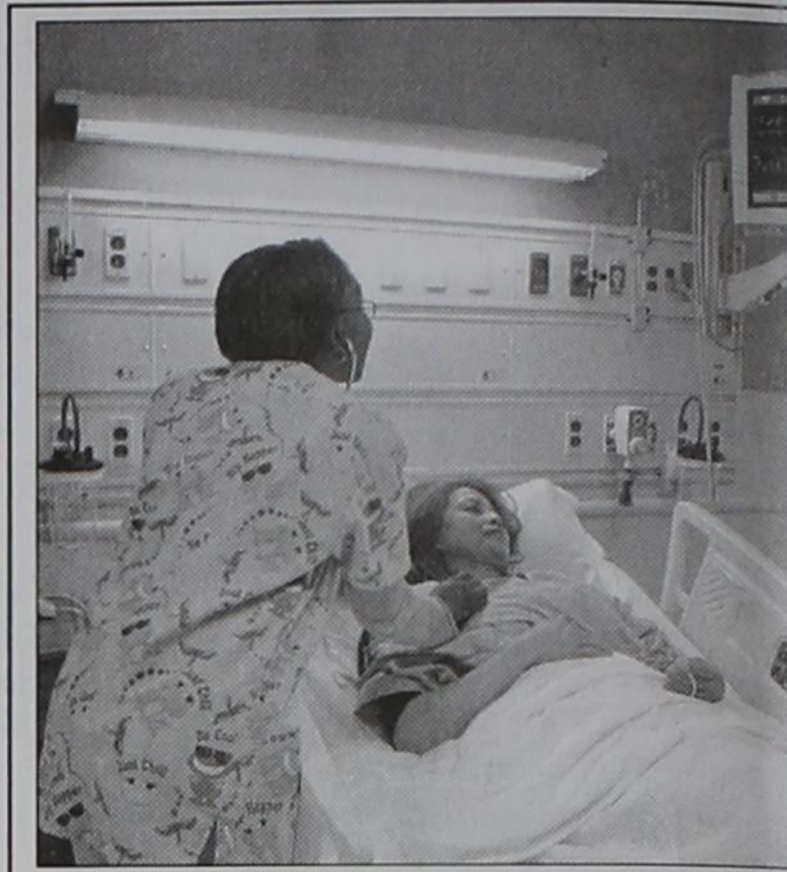
also receive alcohol/drug use and thyroid management counseling and referrals for cardiac rehabilitation before being discharged.

"Lake Pointe Medical Center maintains our dedication to making our care for heart disease patients among the best in the country. We will continue our use of this valuable program," said Patty Sewalt, Director of Continuous Quality Improvement at Lake Pointe Medical Center. "Get With The GuidelinesSM makes it easier for our professionals to improve the long-term outcomes of our cardiac patients, and we are pleased to be recognized for our continued dedication to the program."

Since the initiation of the Get With The GuidelinesSM program at Lake Pointe Medical Center, the staff have developed and implemented acute and secondary prevention guideline processes. The program includes quality improvement measures such as care maps, discharge protocols, standing orders and measurement tools. This quick and efficient use of guideline tools is designed to enable Lake Pointe Medical Center to improve the quality of care it provides heart disease patients, save lives, and ultimately reduce healthcare costs by lowering recurrence of events.

The coronary artery disease module of Get With The GuidelinesSM was developed with support from an unrestricted educational grant from the Merck/Schering-Plough Pharmaceutical Partnership. Glaxo Smith Kline, Inc. has provided support for Get With The GuidelinesSM -Heart Failure.

To learn more about Lake Pointe Medical Center, visit www.lakepointemedical.com.



Lake Pointe Medical Center in Rowlett was recently recognized by U.S. News and World Report magazine for the support it provides patients both during and after episode of coronary artery disease, stroke and heart failure and that its care is aligned with the latest scientific guidelines.

Photo Courtesy of Lake Pointe Medical Center/Rowlett, Texas



Rockwall Area Retired Teachers Association (RARTA) began its year with a program presented by Sue Passmore, state activist for Texas Retired Teachers. The focus of her remarks was the 81st Legislative session and its impact on all Texas teachers. Hostesses for the meeting were Ginny Progelhof, Pat Moore, Cynthia Owens, Nancy Hill, Becky Cecil and Darlene Bealmear. RARTA is open to all retired school employees and the next meeting will be at 1:15 p.m., Monday, Oct. 12, at the RISD Administration Complex. The topics will include a book review by Janice Byrd. For more information, call Becky Cecil 972-771-3362. Shown at the first meeting were (left to right) RARTA President Becky Cecil, Sue Passmore, Billie Stevenson and Anita Gregg.

Photo Courtesy of Leigh Plagens, RARTA Publicity/Rockwall County News

Lights, camera, action at Pullen Elementary

by Marcia Carroll-Burzair


The K-PAWS News team at Pullen Elementary School is gearing up for an exciting year of newscasts, reporter packages and special segments. The news team broadcasts live from their very own television studio at Pullen Elementary every morning. Daily segments include school news, weather, character trait of the day and special reports produced by news team members.

Pullen Principal Renee Demianovich calls their efforts remarkable.

"They are very professional and work hard to ensure that 'Pullen News' is informative and educational for all our students. They are awesome!"

News team members are all sixth graders dedicated to learning the art of broadcast journalism. The K-PAWS News station is overseen by Pullen Elementary Librarian Rhonda Martin, who also founded the TV station, and Pullen Computer Specialist and Technician Extraordinaire Chris Couch.

KPAWS CREW



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Members of Pullen Elementary's K-PAWS News Team gear up for another exciting year live news broadcasts and special segment reports. The K-PAWS team is made up of (back row left to right) Abi Young, Allyssa McHargue, Jordan Cooper, Isabella Burzair, Ashley Surber and Sam Bridges, (front row left to right) Kyle Clark, Ramis Adnan, Nicole Tompkins, Hana Mullins, Blake Adams and Stephen Chandler.

Photo Courtesy of Chris Couch/Rockwall County News

Legacy School opens doors in Rockwall

The Legacy School of Rockwall, a private, non-profit school for students with learning differences such as dyslexia, AD/HD and other language-based learning disabilities, opened its doors in Rockwall on Sept. 10 at Utley Middle School.

Legacy is the only school of its kind positioned to serve students and the surrounding communities, including Rowlett, City, Garland, Mesquite, Forney, Terrell and Greenville.

The Legacy School is the result of nearly 18 months of hard work from its founding board of directors, an advisory board and a great deal of community support. Dr. Robert Mehl, said, "It has been a dream of mine to establish a school like Legacy. There are children and families in this area that need a special place to learn."

About 40 people attended Legacy's opening celebration including students, teachers, parents, grandparents, board members and friends. During her opening remarks, Legacy Director said, "Legacy is a different kind of school. We will be using 21st century learning techniques, while also adhering to traditional values like courtesy, respect, patriotism, and hard work."

On the innovation side, every Legacy student has a laptop computer and many of the lesson plans utilize technology. Each student will have his or her own "blended learning" that is designed to leverage natural strengths and address academic challenges.

The Legacy classrooms are leased at Utley through an agreement with Rockwall Independent School District. This public/private education partnership is highly unique, and will be unprecedented. Both parties see this as an opportunity to collaboratively to achieve a common goal - providing quality education for every child.

For more information about The Legacy School, call 972-1655 or visit www.legacy-school-rockwall.org.

RHHS senior plan Sept. 26 golf tournament

The Rockwall-Heath High School Class of 2010 will host the 11th annual Pride Golf Tournament and Silent Auction/Dinner on Sept. 26 at the Buffalo Creek Golf Club.

The tournament will begin with a 1 p.m. shotgun start. Tournament fees are \$400 per team of four.

Team sponsorship fees range from \$500 to \$5,000 and include numerous perks, including hole sponsorship, recognition in the yearbook, prom program, tickets to the dinner/silent auction and advertising.

Following the tourney, the class will host a dinner and silent auction at the Buffalo Creek Pavilion. The event will include Dickey's BBQ.

Non-golfers are welcome to attend the dinner and auction for a fee of \$25 per person. Reservations should be made by Sept. 18.

Anyone interested in helping the class out with this fundraiser by sponsoring a golf hole or donating an item should contact DeLaGarza at dollydlg@sbcglobal.net. For more details on the tournament or to make dinner reservations contact Don Dickey at don@dickey.com.

Proceeds from the tournament and auction will benefit the school prom and after-prom party.

Yates, Angiel earn Texas A&M Honors

A pair of Rockwall residents was among the more than 100 graduates as A&M University graduates feted during summer commencement ceremonies.

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Dodd tapped for A&M Honor Roll

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Dodd, a resident of Heath, was tapped for the Dean's Honor Roll. He is seeking a bachelor's degree in construction science.

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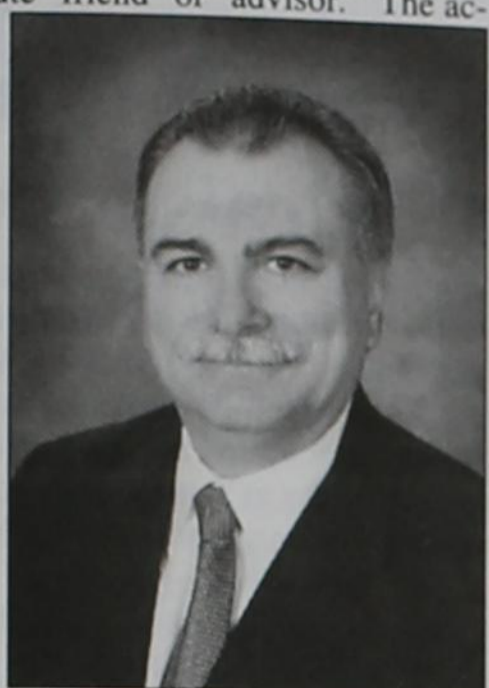
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Rockwall ISD Superintendent's Page

Moving it Forward: The Role of a Mentor

By Burton
ISD Superintendent of Schools

I define the word mentor as "a wise and trusted counselor or teacher." Another might substitute "friend" or "advisor." The concept of a mentor is traced to the Greek philosopher Socrates, while fighting the Trojan War, asked his friend Patroclus to teach and watch him. Telemachus, based on the Greek myth of Odysseus, and friendship between Telemachus became the original part-time mentor, based on respect, being associated with a supportive relationship with an adult (mentor/mentee).



Well-known people attract success in life to the positive influence of a mentor. Oprah Winfrey credits her fourth-grade teacher Mrs. Duncan for making a difference with her. Henry David Thoreau was mentored by Ralph Waldo Emerson, Helen Keller by Anne Sullivan, Quincy Jones by Charles, and of course our Star Wars friends, Luke Skywalker by Obi-Wan "Ben" Kenobi. These are some of the more famous connections," but the importance of a mentoring relationship to everyone regardless of the level of celebrity.

At Rockwall ISD, the role of a mentor is just as important as it is in the rest of the world. Certainly if Luke Skywalker warrants a mentor, then it is reasonable to assume that students in RISD deserve one as well. For a student to be mentored is a life-changing. A mentor shares time, knowledge, and experience helping a mentee reach his/her potential. Mentors demonstrate that individuals can powerfully influence the lives of other people in the following ways:

1. A mentor has the power to help a student with support and guidance.

2. A mentor helps a student experience greater self-esteem and motivation to

3. A mentor helps a student stay in school and graduate.

4. A mentor helps a student avoid the use of drugs and alcohol.

5. A mentor helps a student with interpersonal relationships, such as with family.

6. A mentor helps a student with assistance in choosing a career path.

7. Mentors usually ask what is expected of them. The best mentors are those who have time to devote to the student. A mentor should be able to care about the student, believe in the student, and help to develop a positive relationship with the student. A mentor exhibits the following characteristics:

1. A mentor is in a positive relationship with a student.

2. A mentor has a high level of self-esteem.

3. A mentor communicates at the student's level.

4. A mentor provides leadership.

5. A mentor is a positive role model.

6. A mentor has high standards and ethics.

7. A mentor is committed.

8. A mentor is caring and respectful.

9. A mentor does not assume the role of substitute parents or guardians.

10. A mentor's role of the mentor is to add value to the student's life.

11. A mentor is required to have practical expectations about their roles.

12. Sudden, dramatic changes may be disappointing. Building relationships take time, yet students will benefit from the support, encouragement, and guidance of a caring

13. A mentoring program enhances more than just the mentor/mentee relationship. Both families and the extended community benefit from positive relationships that are formed. There is a positive impact from improved student performance, improved student retention, and improved student retention. If our community's children are our most valuable resource, then who would not benefit from a mentoring program?

14. We currently have identified over 200 students who are currently in a mentoring relationship. The Rockwall ISD has partnered with our district in an effort to recruit mentors.

Together, Rotary and RISD have divided the recruitment process into two phases. One of the primary goals of Phase I is to recruit 100 mentors for four of our elementary campuses: Amanda Rochell Elementary, Howard Dobbs Elementary, Ouida Springer Elementary, and Dorris Jones Elementary. Once Phase I mentors and mentees are matched, the focus will be on Phase II, which includes all other campuses. Non-Rotarians wishing to mentor can opt to help Rotary meet their 100-mentor pledge by just adding the word "Rotary" during the application process described below.

A kick-off breakfast for all mentors will be held at 7:30 a.m., Monday, Oct. 5, 2009, in Room 600 of the Rockwall ISD Administration Education Center.

If you find time to mentor an RISD student, please review the steps outlined on the district's website at www.rockwallisd.com. Your involvement is very important. Also, if you have any questions, please contact Dr. Rick Reeder, Mentoring Coordinator, at 469-698-7058. Diogenes Laertius, biographer of the Greek philosophers captured the significance of mentors in the following words: "The spirit of a people is disclosed by the education of its youth." Please know that our students will benefit from your "pay-it-forward" mentoring efforts when you invest today in tomorrow's possibilities.

Rockwall High School open to tour renovations Monday

On Monday, Sept. 28, the community is invited to tour the additions and renovations that have taken place over the past year at Rockwall High School.

Guided tours will be available for the public from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. and will include the new academic wing, the culinary arts area and the fine arts and athletics facilities. The tours will leave from the main entrance of Rockwall High School. From 7 p.m. to 9 p.m., RHS will host its student/parent Open House and community members are welcome to come during those hours for informal tours.

Please mark your calendars and be sure to join us on Monday for this community-wide event. If you have questions, please contact Sheri Fowler, executive director of communications/public relations/marketing, at sfowler@rockwallisd.org or at 972-771-0605.

Rockwall-Heath High School Wind Ensemble receives national honor

The Rockwall-Heath High School Wind Ensemble consists of 52 students and includes instruments ranging from brass, woodwinds and percussion. The National Wind Band Honors Project has chosen this group as a national winner. The competition, entered by recordings, selects and names the top quarter of participants as national winners.

"It is a very prestigious award that means that our varsity band at RHHS is performing at a level commensurate with the best high schools throughout the United States," said RHHS Band Director Benny Davis. "For us, it validates what we do and that our systems and philosophies work and that our students are getting the instruction that they need as well as the success that they deserve."

The RHHS Wind Ensemble's performance will be featured on a compilation CD of the winner performances that will be sent to all entrants of the competition.

"The RHHS Ensemble continues to prove that they are among the finest in the state, and the nation. They are a credit to the Rockwall Independent School District. Congratulations to all involved," said Rick Yancey, managing director of the National Wind Band Honors project.



RISD Middle School student selected for honor by Duke University

Maurine Cain Middle School student Caroline Smith was chosen to participate in the Duke University Talent Identification Program (TIP) for her outstanding academic achievements. The program identifies students in sixteen states across the Southeast, Midwest and Southwest who have scored in the 95th percentile on a grade-level achievement test. As part of the program, academically talented students take above level college-entrance exams such as the SAT or ACT to learn more about their abilities.

A Grand Recognition Ceremony held on the Duke campus in Durham, North Carolina, honored seventh graders who have earned scores equal to or better than 90% of college-bound seniors who took the same tests. Caroline was chosen as one of the few students across 16 states as a TIP Grand Recognition winner. The Rockwall Independent School District, as well as parents Don and Kelly Smith, are proud of Caroline's achievements.

Duke TIP is a nonprofit, educational organization that identifies and helps cultivate the talents of academically gifted youth. Since 1980 over 1.9 million students from all over the world have participated in Duke TIP.

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On God's Word

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The resurrected Jesus teaches his chosen 12 disciples...

Continuing with the first day of the week, sometime after Jesus walked with two of his disciples to Emmaus, we will cover the different times he showed himself to his 12 chosen disciples. The records are found in Mark 16:14-18; Luke 24:33 and John 20:19-29.

Luke's Gospel shows that the two men returned from Emmaus to Jerusalem, found eleven of the 12 chosen disciples along with others. Immediately the disciples told the two about how the Lord had risen and that he appeared to Simon Peter. Next the two men told what happened while on the way to Emmaus, and how they suddenly knew the Lord when he broke bread.

While they talked Jesus suddenly stood in the midst of them and told them to be peaceful because they were terrified and frightened thinking they had seen a spirit. It's possible that the two men from Emmaus were the first to see Jesus vanish out of sight. This time they saw him arrive in the room in the same way. In order to help them feel better he showed them his hands and feet and allowed them to touch him so they could see that he was not a spirit. Because they still didn't believe him, he ate a broiled fish and some honey.

Next he started teaching them out of the scriptures like he did for the two from Emmaus. He showed them how the scriptures spoke of his sufferings and how he would be raised from the dead on the third day. He also exhorted them to preach in his name, among all the nations, about repentance and remission of sins. He told them he would send the promise of his Father to them, and to wait in Jerusalem until they would be endued with power from on high.

The record of John tells a similar story in which Jesus popped in to see his disciples. It's difficult to determine if this is the same as, or similar to the above event in Luke. John's record shows that eleven of the 12 chosen disciples were present in the room. Jesus arrived and stood in their midst and told them to be peaceful. He also showed them his wounded hands and side.

John 20:24 reveals the missing disciple was Thomas. Later, the disciples explained to Thomas that Jesus had visited them, but he didn't believe their story. Just like the others, he would not believe until he touched Jesus' hands and side. Eight days later Jesus arrived again and let Thomas touch his hands and side. Alas, Thomas also believed and Jesus said, "because you have seen me, you believed. Blessed are they who have not seen and have believed (John 20:29). John tells us that Jesus did many more signs in his disciples' presence which are not written in his Gospel.

The record in Mark contains added information about Jesus' time with his disciples. Verse 17 says, "And these signs shall follow them that believe. In my name shall they cast out devils. They shall speak with new tongues. They shall take up serpents. And if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them. They shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover."

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Not only did Jesus teach them out of the Old Testament prophecies about him, but he prepared them for the future teaching about the power that all believers would be endued with from on high. This is fantastic information for all Christian believers even today!

Rockwall County Obituaries

John B. Fitzwater

Services for John B. Fitzwater, 65, of Nevada, Texas, formerly of Rockwall, were conducted at 10 a.m. Thursday, Sept. 24, 2009, in the First Baptist Church of Rockwall with Pastor Kyle Gulledge officiating. The Rest Haven Funeral Home-Rockwall Chapel was in charge of arrangements.

He died Saturday, Sept. 19.

Born March 15, 1944, in Hosterman, W.Va., to John Bedford and Emma Mabal (McLaughlin) Moats, he was a safety trainer for the Rockwall Independent School District and a member of the Landmark Baptist Church in Nevada.

Survivors include his wife of 45 years, Ruth (Burk) Fitzwater of Nevada; his daughter, Diana Webb, and her husband, Jerry, of Carrollton; his sons, John Fitzwater, and his wife, Angela, of Fate and Sgt. Ray Fitzwater and his wife, Jana, of Nevada; a sister, Bonnie Fitzwater of Six Miles, Penn.; his grandchildren, Joshua and Caleb Webb of Carrollton and Jordan and Emma-Leigh Fitzwater of Nevada; a brother and sister-in-law, the Rev. Ken and Sandra Burk of Zebulon, Ga.; and a niece and nephew, Sylvia Bakoledis of Griffin, Ga., and Kenneth Burk Jr. of Toccoa, Ga.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

The family has suggested memorial contributions be made to the Landmark Baptist Church Building Fund, P.O. Box 544, Nevada, TX 75173.

Rockwall County Letters to the Editor

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

I have firmly believed in my 76 years on this earth that our City Blue should be backed in their entirety. But these past three weeks I have not been so naïve.

Seems as though they have a strong bipartisan cliché involved within their ranks: Do not attack our brethren, for we will lie to protect him. Where has our integrity and moral ethics gone to?

Because I questioned his accident report as being absolutely erroneous and denying the fact that he never once asked for my

statement at an accident scene when I was very vocal cause of the incident, my voice was never heard and my claims were denied by the perpetrator's insurance.

I want people to realize that when you T-bone and who does a U-turn in front of you on a state highway to avoid it, you could be at fault. It depends on the officer's report. If they make a mistake on your report made plenty on mine, both clerical and real facts, they even consider changing the report and all will be to the fellow officer.

Believe me, this has just happened to me.

No true investigating procedure involved. I was contacted for my side of the accident. I still hold to the Donald R. Pottorff Rockwall

Grace Hartman 'Wacky' fundraiser event Oct

Grace Hartman Elementary is promoting families putting the "fun" back in "fundraising" with its 2009 "Wild About Hartman Wacky Obstacle Challenge" will begin at 8 a.m., Saturday, Oct. 10, at Harry Myers and get wacky as you slip, slide, crawl and bop your way and challenging obstacles like the 50-foot slip and bopper and the hotdog homerun. It's fun for the whole family (5 and up). Don't miss out! All proceeds benefit Grace Hartman Elementary School in Rockwall.

RHHS Class of 2010 fundraising week

Upcoming events sponsored by the Rockwall County School Senior that will benefit prom and after-prom events include:

RHHS Senior Night at Joe Willy's, Friday, Sept. 25. Tips and a percentage of your ticket during the 5th quarter game). There are no big tailgaters planned for this year so plan on heading over to Joe Willy's after the game to football. Student workers can sign up with Sharon Sims, Ssimms@fkmagency.com.

Golf Tournament and Auction, Saturday, Sept. 26. Join us to sponsor a hole, take the dinner-only option and stay for the silent auction. To sign-up, contact Don or Gina Allen at don@aol.com.

RHHS Open House and Class 2010 Chili Dinner, Saturday, Sept. 26.

Why rush and try to cook for the family before the Open House? Instead enjoy a heart-warming chili dinner will be served at 5:30 p.m., prior to the Open House at 6 p.m. are \$5 per person. For tickets contact Margie Halloran at lorlan@aol.com.

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n Our Opinion

Modest Health Care Proposal

Sheldon Richman
 Dithering! President Obama says it's time to act on health care. How? Are we really going to be happy with the lack-luster floating around Congress? All the so-called reformers are tinkering with insurance regulations. But how effective will that be, considering that the insurance companies themselves have taken our eyes off the ball, people. Let's get back to first principles. Obama's premise is that we have a right to health care.

It was founded on the idea of rights — inalienable rights, which can't be taken away. I assume that when people say that we have a right, they mean that health care is an inalienable right. Obama apparently agrees. In his speech before Congress he said, "We have a right to health care. Free! You have a right to those things."

But why stop at free preventive services? Why not free surgery, free drugs, and so on? We need those things as much as a physical exam. If we have a right to health care and if we have a right to obtain those services, our rights have been denied. That is something the advocates of health-care "reform" must not tolerate.

Let's not tolerate it. Let's make sure no one's right to health care is violated. Let's get serious for a change.

What can I think of only one efficient way to accomplish this? We have the providers of medical services — doctors, nurses, dentists, chiropractors, acupuncturists, psychiatrists, psychologists, and so on. My proposal may shock people, but I am confident that it will wear off as we think about how logically it flows from the principle that we have a right to health care.

Let me point out that there is no other good alternative. Any system designed to deliver health care as a matter of right will slip through which the least fortunate inevitably will slip. Isn't that the problem we're trying to fix? Obama's approach isn't much different from what he wants to force the insurance companies, with taxpayer money, to insure everyone — healthy or sick, young or old, at the same price. He might even like a government insurance program, though he can't make up his mind whether or not that is an alternative feature of his plan.

Unless, it's a bad plan. Requiring insurance companies to pay for medical care misses the point. Where do you think insurance companies get their money? From us! What kind of right to health care do we end up paying for it anyway? Obama means well, but it's a shell game.

On the other hand, enslaving the doctors and other providers would be one of the defects of the current system or the leading reform. It goes right to the source. We have a right to health care? Fine. Let the doctors provide it.

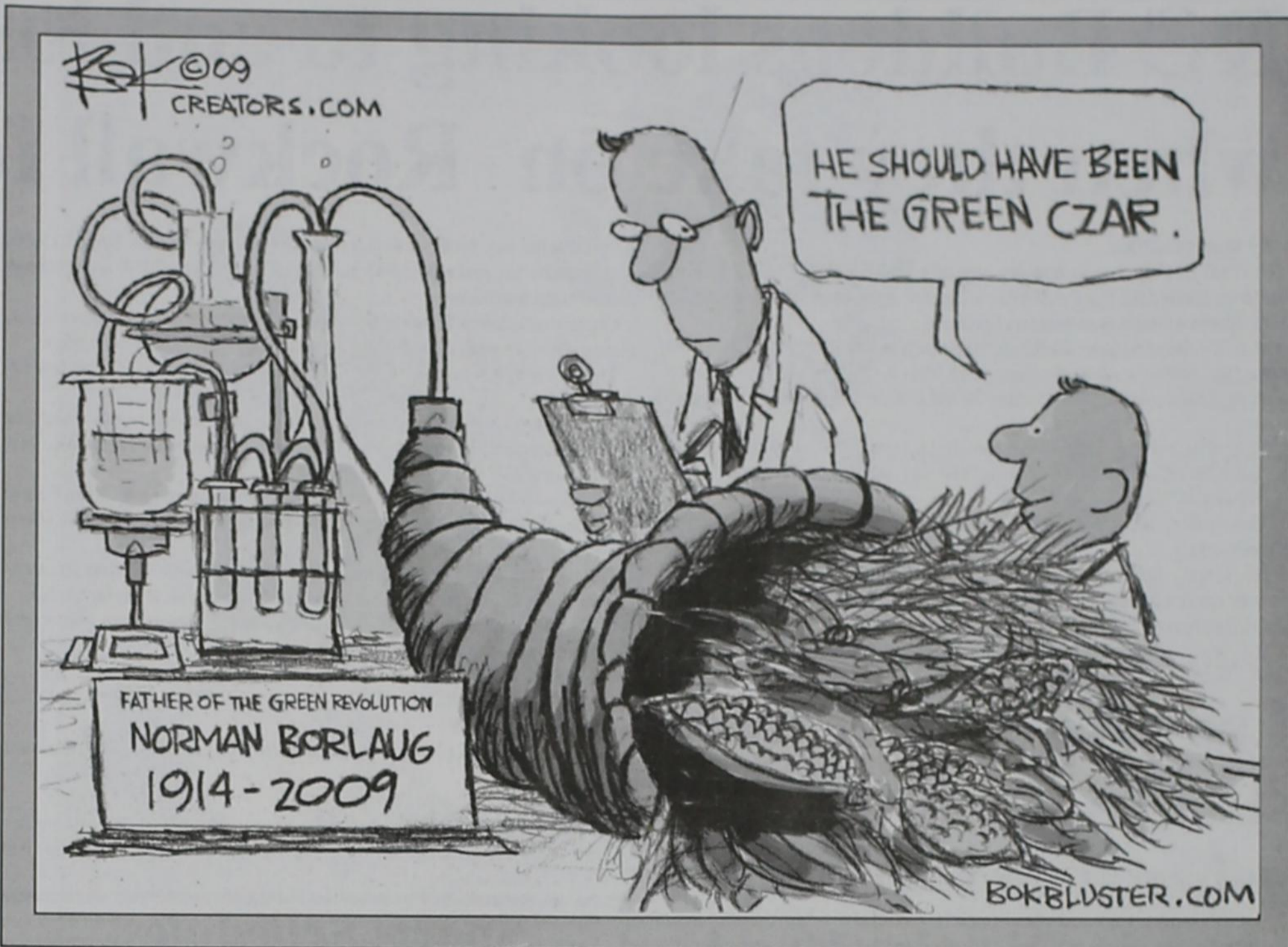
Of course, this wouldn't be free. I'm no pie-in-the-sky utopian. The doctors and the others would have to be fed, clothed, and housed. They need certain comforts. That's understood. But it would be better to keep a lid on costs by enslaving the providers than by a market system we have now, or would have under Obama's

biggest problem I can see is that if doctors are going to be our slaves, no one will want to be a doctor. Most people don't relish the idea of being slaves even in the national interest. They're selfish that way.

Certainly can't be a world-class country without doctors and nurses. So I have a solution to this problem: conscription. President Obama should direct the nation's schools to look out for students with aptitude for biology and direct them into medical studies. At the appropriate time, the government should draft those people into the newly created U.S. Medical Service Corps.

Now what you're thinking: As word of this got around, the best students will play dumb. If that happens, we'll have no other choice but to pick our doctors by lottery.

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Education ...

by Walter E. Williams
 Instead of President Obama addressing school students across the nation, he might have accomplished more by focusing his attention on the educational rot in schools in the nation's capital. The American Legislative Exchange Council recently came out with their 15th edition of "Report Card on American Education: A State-by-State Analysis." Academic achievement in no state is much to write home about but in Washington, D.C., by any measure, it approaches criminal fraud. Let's look at the numbers.

Only 14 percent of Washington's fourth-graders score at or above proficiency in the reading and math portions of the National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP) test. Their national rank of 51 makes them the nation's worst. Eighth-graders are even further behind with only 12 percent scoring at or above proficiency in reading and 8 percent in math and again the worst performance in the nation. One shouldn't be surprised by Washington student performance on college admissions tests. They have an average composite SAT score of 925 and ACT score of 19.1, compared to the national average respectively of 1017 and 21.1. In terms of national ranking, their SAT and ACT rankings are identical to their fourth- and eighth-grade rankings -- dead last.

Washington's political and education establishment might excuse these outcomes by arguing that because most students are black, the schools are underfunded and overcrowded. Let's look at such a claim. During the 2006-07 academic year, expenditures per pupil averaged \$13,848 compared to a national average of \$9,389. That made Washington's per pupil expenditures the third highest in the nation coming in behind New Jersey (\$14,998) and New York (\$14,747). Washington's teacher-student ratio is 13.9 compared with the national average of 15.3 students per teacher, ranking 18th in the nation. What about teacher salaries? Washington's teachers are the highest paid in the nation, having an average annual salary of \$61,195 compared with the nation's average \$46,593. Despite the academic performance of Washington's students, they have a graduation rate of 61 percent compared to the national average of 70 percent. That suggests the issuance of fraudulent high school diplomas.

Currently, Washington, D.C. has an Opportunity Scholarship Program, which allows qualified low-income families to claim up to \$7,500 per student toward a private education of their choice.

Obama's Democratic Congress, acting on the behalf of the education establishment, has killed the program and there's the possibility that the 1,700 students currently enrolled will have to return to D.C. public schools.

The staunchest opponents of school choice are hypocrites. They want, demand and can afford school choice for themselves but for others not so affluent school choice it is a different matter. President and Mrs. Barack Obama enrolled their two daughters in Washington's most prestigious Sidwell Friends School, forking over \$28,000 a year for each girl. Whilst senator from Illinois, the Obama's enrolled their girls in the University of Chicago's Laboratory School, a private school in Chicago charging almost \$20,000 for each girl. A Heritage Foundation survey found that 37 percent of the members of the House of Representatives and 45 percent of senators in the 110th Congress sent their children to private schools. Public school teachers enroll their own children in nonpublic schools to a much greater extent than the general public, in some cases four and five times greater. In Cincinnati, about 41 percent of public school teachers send their children to nonpublic schools. In Chicago it is 38 percent, Los Angeles 24 percent, New York 32 percent, and Philadelphia 44 percent. The behavior of public school teachers is quite suggestive. It's like my offering to take you to a restaurant and you find out that neither the chef nor the waiters eat there. That suggests they have some inside information from which you might benefit.

For people in power to tolerate the Washington, D.C. school system is despicable. For a black president to do so might qualify as betrayal.

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Obama and Us

Bill O'Reilly
 Announcement this week by the feds that the recession could be over should have been great news for the Obama administration. It is the president's economy now, and if it turns upward, he should be celebrated, right?

Maybe not. It may seem insane, but the ACORN scandal could now be overshadowing any good economic news. The community activist outfit has been embarrassed by two amateur journalists who used hidden cameras to expose ACORN employees discussing how to set up a house of prostitution, including one utilizing underage girls.

After the expose, the Senate voted 83 to 7 to deny ACORN federal grants. And even though the committed left media has much ignored the story, millions of Americans are engaged. It's like they are engaged on the health care controversy. A recent poll shows most Americans now oppose ObamaCare after the president's emotional plea last week. So what exactly is going on here?

Think President Obama is experiencing some buyer's remorse. His furious opposition to his policies has made for great television, and those images are now overriding what policy success he may be achieving. During the campaign, Obama appeared cool and in control. But now he seems bewildered at times, taken aback by persistent and persistent attacks on his vision for the country.

Those attacks are not going to stop. Conservative Americans distrust the president on philosophy not just policy. So the House must come up with a strategy to blunt the emotional attacks Obama displays or risk being marginalized in year one. The people must convince those who supported the president

despite reservations that they did not vote for the wrong guy. From my perch in the media, it seems the president thought the left-wing press would protect him against right-wing media scrutiny. After all, liberal media outlets heavily outnumber their conservative counterparts. But that is not happening. MSNBC and CNN are not competitive with Fox News, and newspapers like The New York Times and The Boston Globe are in serious economic trouble as readers have turned away by the thousands.

In public relations land, the biggest mistake the president is making is avoiding moderate conservatives who would give him a fair shake. This Sunday, Obama is appearing on all the Sunday chat shows to talk up health care. All except "Fox News Sunday with Chris Wallace." Bad decision.

Wallace is no ideologue, and Fox News is dominating the national conversation right now. By avoiding Fox, the president looks weak. He is preaching to the choir on the network news shows. But the choir is obviously losing members. All the polls show that.

So if I'm Barack Obama, I take the economy and the aggressive stuff I'm doing against al-Qaida and the Taliban, and I bring it over to the loyal opposition. That would get some attention. And it might also bury the ACORN scandal in the process.

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A Dissenting Opinion
 "Before placing its hand in the taxpayer's pocket, the Government must place its finger first on the law authorizing its action."
 Justice Thomas, with whom Justice Scalia joins, dissenting.
 United Dominion Industries, Inc. v. United States, 532 U.S. 822, 839, 150 L. Ed. 2d 45, 121 S. Ct. 1934(2001)

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Rockwall County Sports

RC Bulldogs looking to end losing string when they take on Rockwall for homecoming

By Matt McGillen
ROYSE CITY – It was one day shy of a year ago that the Roysie City Bulldogs spoiled the Rockwall Yellow Jackets' homecoming by rallying for a 32-20 win at Wilkerson-Sanders Stadium.

Now it's the struggling Bulldogs' (0-3) turn to see if they can avoid the same fate, when they host the improving Jackets (2-1) for their own homecoming tonight at RC ISD Stadium in the District 10-4A opener for both teams.

Of course, the key architect of that rally, former All-State quarterback Richard Morrison, is now working his way up the depth chart at the University of Arizona.

Also missing are several other pieces of that 7-4 team that advanced to the playoffs.

The Jackets, however, who missed out on the postseason last year when they finished a disappointing 4-6 after stumbling out of the gate, going 1-4 in the first half of the season.

This year, though, their only defeat has been to defending 5A state champion Allen, by a score of 38-10.

Lady Hawks take three straight against RC to gain a tie for second place in District 10-4A

By Matt McGillen
ROYSE CITY – Although they fell to perennial power Highland Park 25-10, 25-15, 25-21, the Rockwall-Heath Lady Hawks rebounded to sweep Roysie City 25-14, 25-22, 25-9, as they divided a pair of District 10-4A matches last week.

The split gives Heath a 3-1 district record, tying them for second with the Lady Scots (3-1, 19-8), and improves their season mark to 17-10. Richardson Pearce is alone on top of the standings with a 4-0 record. The Lady Mustangs are 16-5 overall.

The top four teams advance to the postseason. Heath hosts Greenville (2-2, 8-9) tonight before welcoming Pearce on Sept. 29.

After snapping a 9-9 tie by scoring 10 consecutive points, including nine service points from sophomore Kelsey Murphy to take a 19-10 lead, the Lady Hawks cruised to the first-game victory over RC (0-4, 5-19).

Heath then squeezed by the Lady Bulldogs in a game where they actually had to produce an extra point after the officials somehow lost track of the score at 24-22, before the Lady Hawks ripped off another 10-point string – with nine service points this time from Caley Carpenter – to take a 17-5 lead in the third game, allowing coach Maggie Younger to give all her reserves some extended playing time.

"We were able to make it a total team effort," said Younger. On the other side of the net, first-year RC coach Robyn Hill, who has lost to the Lady Hawks three times this season, saw some definite room for improvement for her team.

"We had 19 passes that didn't even make it over the net," Hill said. "That's almost a whole game's worth of points that we just gave them."

Because of homecoming, Roysie City's home match tonight against Rockwall (2-2, 7-9) will be moved up from 7:30 p.m. to 5 for both the varsity and JV.

The Lady Bulldogs will then travel to Highland Park on Sept. 29.

McKinney Christian sweeps RCA volleyball

Rockwall Christian Academy dropped Tuesday's TAPPS District 4-2A match at home against McKinney Christian 25-13, 25-16, 25-21.

RHHS Homecoming Cookout date change to Oct. 12

The Class of 2010 at Rockwall-Heath High School has changed the date of its Homecoming Cookout to Monday, Oct. 12, immediately following the Homecoming Parade.

Hamburgers, hot dogs, Brats and water will be on sale prior to the evening's Homecoming entertainment. The food lines will be located in front of the tennis courts on the sidewalk near the Heath football field. Please feel free to contact Cristi Hudecek at 214-668-1084 with any questions. All are invited to stop by and show support for the RHHS Class of 2010.

Leading the way for Rockwall is running back Josh Broach. Broach (5-10, 185 pounds) has rushed for 363 yards, 11th best in the DFW area and has scored eight touchdowns.

Quarterback Adam Dingwell has been effective, though not spectacular, hitting 49-of-74 passes for 576 yards with one TD and one interception.

The 6-4 senior's favorite target is Will Beasley, who has 21 catches for 283 yards.

The Bulldogs will try and counter with an offense that to this point has been inconsistent, averaging just 16.3 points per game, compared to last year's average of almost 34.

RC's leading rusher is also their second leading receiver, as Ryan Fedric has picked up 160 yards on the ground as well as 88 through the air on seven receptions.

The Bulldog's number one receiver is Kristopher Smith, who has 10 catches for 166 yards and one score on a pass from quarterback Taylor Corbin.

Corbin has connected on 36-of-69 throws for 395 yards with two scores but has been intercepted five times.

Who: Rockwall @ RC

Where: Roysie City ISD Stadium

When: 7:30 Sept 25

Records: Rockwall (2-1) lost to Allen 38-10, RC (0-3) lost to Mt. Pleasant 36-17

Recent history: RC won 32-20 in 2008

When RC has the ball: QB Taylor Corbin has completed 20-of-42 passes for 176 yards with four interceptions and one touchdown. Lewis Mapps has

125 yards on 31 carries with two scores. Ryan Fedric has 10 catches for 166 yards and one score and seven catches for 78 yards and another score.

When Rockwall has the ball: Senior QB Adam Dingwell has hit 49-74 passes for 576 yards with one TD and one interception. Freshman Josh Broach has run for 363 yards and eight TDS. WR Will Beasley has 21 catches for 283 yards.

Injuries: None reported

Rockwall County Sports Notes

Hot Shot contest set Saturday

The City of Rockwall's Parks & Recreation Department will host a Hot Shot Basketball Shooting Contest beginning at 9 a.m. Saturday at Rockwall ISD Education Center gym. The contest tests participants' shooting abilities from different locations on the floor in two 60-second rounds. The event will be open to individuals ages 8-13, with divisions for age and gender; cost will be \$3 for Rockwall residents, \$5 for non-residents. Prizes will be awarded to first and second places in each division. For more information, call 972-771-7740.

RHHS seniors to host golf tourney

The Class of 2010 of Rockwall-Heath High will host a Senior Tournament and Silent Auction/Dinner on Saturday at Buffalo Creek Club. The tourney will open with a shotgun start at 1 p.m., followed by a dinner and auction at the Buffalo Creek Pavilion. For more information, contact Don Allen at dkacom@aol.com. Or contact DeLaGarza at dollydgl@sbcglobal.net to donate an item for the silent auction.

Shores Golf Course plans public meeting

The Rockwall City Council will host a Shores Golf Course Public Meeting on Tuesday in the Myers Park Community Building, 1000 Washington St. Council members will hear public input and are encouraged to attend and make suggestions about the golf course.

RHS volleyball to host Dig Pink event

The Rockwall High School volleyball team will host a Dig Pink event on Oct. 2 to help raise awareness for breast health and raise funds for breast cancer. A silent auction will be conducted to raise funds and one attending is urged to wear pink to the game. The JV/9th grade event begins at 5:30 A.M., with varsity set to begin at 6:30 p.m.

Community tailgating event slated

Hudson Financial Group and Baker Brothers Plumbing will host a community-wide tailgate party with food catered by Saltgrass Steak House at the Rockwall vs. Rockwall-Heath football game on Oct. 12. The event will include carnival games and a dunking booth, will begin at 5 p.m. and run until the 7:30 p.m. kickoff. Tickets will cost \$5. All proceeds will benefit the RHS and RHHS football booster clubs.

Rockwall plans Fishing Derby

The City of Rockwall Parks & Rec Department's annual Fishing Derby will take place Oct. 3 at Harry Myers Park, 815 E. Washington. The derby will begin at 8 a.m. Cost is \$5 per resident child, \$8 per non-resident child. Children up to age 14 can fish in a fully stocked pond. Prizes to be awarded for Biggest Fish, Smallest Fish and First Catch. In two age groups. For more details call 972-771-7740.

School plans Wacky Obstacle Challenge

Grace Hartman Elementary will host a Wild About Halloween Obstacle Challenge beginning at 8 a.m. Oct. 10 at Harry Myers Park. Participants ages 5 and older will slip, slide, crawl and be challenged through obstacles such as the '50s Slip and Slide, the Body Builder, Hot Dog Homerun. To sign up or donate, visit active.com and www.hartmanwackyobstaclechallenge.com. All proceeds will benefit the school.

Outdoor family campout planned

The Rockwall Parks & Rec Department will host an outdoor family campout Oct. 10-11 at Harry Myers Park in cooperation with the Parks & Wildlife Department. The "carefree camping" event will include archery, disc golf, kayaking and other activities. Families could bring a sack lunch for Oct. 10; the evening meal will be provided. The event will conclude with a campfire and a cowboy singer/poet. Participants should bring tents and sleeping bags (tents provided for registrants). For more information, contact the Parks & Rec in advance. Continental breakfast will be served. Camping cost will be \$100 for each Rockwall-resident family and \$150 for non-resident family. For more information or to register call 972-771-7740.

BlastBall season scheduled

BlastBall, an event designed to teach the fundamentals of softball to children ages 3-5, will be offered by the Rockwall Parks & Recreation Department beginning in October. Using a "blastbase," which makes a unique honking sound when the base runner stomps on it, children learn the importance of teamwork and exercise. Gloves are not required. Teams will be comprised of five children each; volunteer coaches are needed. Games (about 30 minutes each) will take place Monday evening from Oct. 12 through Nov. 16. A parent meeting will be held prior to the beginning of play. For more information on the program, call 972-771-7740.

RHHS boosters plan golf tournament

The RHHS Hawks Football Booster Club will host its annual tournament beginning at 1 p.m. Oct. 24 at the Buffalo Creek Golf Course. Sponsors and players are needed. For more information call Jeff Bost at 972-771-1740.

RHS girls 3rd in Mansfield golf

Brittany Stansbury and Hayley Bingham finished among the top three in the Rockwall girls' golf team to a tie for third place in the Chick-Fil-A Challenge at Mansfield National Golf Club.

Stansbury tied for eighth among 61 golfers by shooting 84 on the course. Bingham was 10th at 85. It was the opening tournament of the season.

McKinney Boyd and Waxahachie tied for first place with 346 total strokes. Rockwall's Jackie and District 10-4A rival Highland Park were eighth and ninth.

Other scorers for RHS were Ariel Tidwell with 89 and Danielle Terry shot 104.

In Rockwall's next event, the varsity 2 and junior varsity will compete in the Rowlett tournament at Mesquite Municipal Golf Course.

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Sports Schedules

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FRIDAY – 9/25

Varsity Football vs. Greenville @ WSS @ 7:30

Varsity Tennis vs. Lake Highlands @ RHHS @ 4:45

All Volleyball vs. Greenville @ RHHS @ 5:30/6:30/7:30

SATURDAY – 9/26

Freshman B Volleyball @ Lewisville Freshman Tournament

Cross Country @ Rowlett Invitational @ Springfield Park, Rowlett

Heritage Christian Eagles' schedule

Saturday, Sept. 26 – Varsity football: at Dallas Tyler Street Christian, 2 p.m.

Tuesday, Sept. 29 – Middle school football: home vs. Fannindel, RISE, 5 p.m.

Middle school volleyball: at Levine, 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, Oct. 1 – Volleyball: home vs. McKinney Christian, middle school 4 p.m., JV 5 p.m. and varsity 6 p.m.

Rockwall Christian Warriors' schedule

Friday, Sept. 25 – Middle school football: home vs. Inspired Vision, Dobbs Field, 5 p.m.

Varsity football: home vs. Dallas Home School Athletic Association, Dobbs Field, 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, Oct. 1 – Middle school football: at Watauga Harvest Christian, 5 p.m.

Varsity volleyball: at Greenville Christian, 7 p.m.

Rockwall Yellowjackets' schedule

Friday, Sept. 25 – Volleyball: at Roysie City, varsity and junior varsity 5:30 p.m., and freshman A and B 6:30 p.m.

Varsity football: at Roysie City, Roysie City ISD Stadium, 7:30 p.m.

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Cross country: at Rowlett Invitational, Springfield Park

Tuesday, Sept. 29 – Varsity tennis: at Carrollton Newman Smith, 4 p.m.

Volleyball: home vs. Carrollton Newman Smith, JV and freshman A 5:30 p.m., and varsity and freshman B 6:30 p.m.

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Thursday, Oct. 1 – JV tennis: at Carrollton Newman Smith, 4 p.m.

JV White football: home vs. Rockwall-Heath, Wilkerson-Sanders Stadium, 5:30 p.m.

Freshman football: at Rockwall-Heath, B 5:30 p.m. and A 7 p.m.

JV Orange football: home vs. Rockwall-Heath, Wilkerson Sanders Stadium, 7 p.m.

Utley Wolves' schedule

Tuesday, Sept. 29 – 7th grade football: home vs. Allen Ereckson, Wilkerson-Sanders Stadium, Green 5:30 p.m. and Silver 7 p.m.

Thursday, Oct. 1 – 7th grade volleyball: at Cain, C 5:30 p.m., B 6:30 p.m. and A 7:30 p.m.

Williams Wildcats' schedule

Tuesday, Sept. 29 – 8th grade football: home vs. Wylie McMillan, B 6 p.m. and A 7:30 p.m.

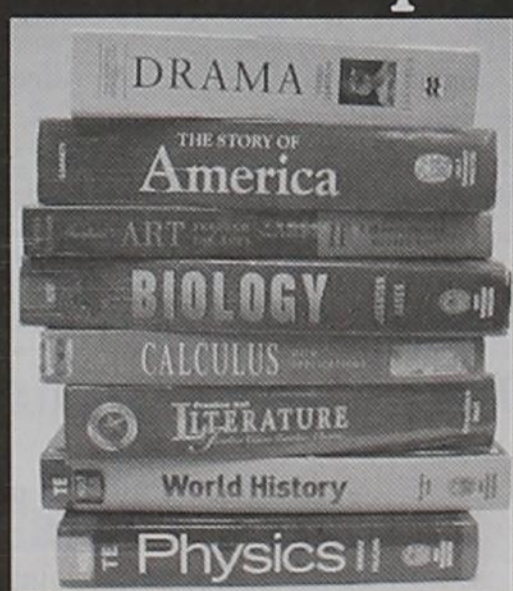
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Rockwall County Sports

Defending champion Greenville hosts unbeaten Greenville Lions in District 10-4A opener

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 Greenville, please stand up. The Lions have already equaled that and sit at 3-0 after the non-portion of their schedule as they prepare to open District 10-4A against the defending champions, 2-1 Rockwall-Heath, tonight at Sanders Stadium.

One of the three teams the Lions have beaten have a winning record (2-2), Little Elm (0-3) and Paris (2-2) - Paris did lose by only one point to the defending Division II 4A state champions Sulphur Springs last week.

The same Sulphur Springs team that ended the Hawks' run to a possible 52-47 in last season's regional semi-final. It's hard to make cross comparisons from team to team since they averaged 71 points on Paris two weeks ago in 71-21 win.

The Hawks are led by quarterback Alton Dennis, who is rushing for an average of 160 yards a game, fourth highest in the DFW area. Overall, he averages more than 360 yards on the ground per contest, having a whopping 435 rushing yards against Paris.

In the air, the Lions are much less of a threat, averaging only 90 yards with Dennis completing 13-of-29 passes for 256 yards with two touchdowns.

The Lions run first and second, and pass probably third, when they get to the air, they score more than a third of the time. Of Dennis' 13 completions, five have been for scores.

The senior leads Greenville with only five receptions, but three of them are touchdowns. The Hawks are seventh in the Metroplex in total offense, piling up 455 yards per game, which is 10th in total offense (426 yards a game), the Hawks are a little bit more of a balanced attack.

They aren't scoring at the same rate as Greenville (41.2 ppg. for comparison to 22.3 for Heath) the Hawks are rushing for 204 yards and throwing for another 222.

Sophomore Dorian Lawry is first for Heath in rushing, averaging 86.7 yards with 260 yards on 41 carries, while senior Jesse Irokwe, who averages 88 yards per game, has 234 yards on 37 runs.

Quarterback Kevin Rodgers has hit on 48-91 attempts (52.7 percent) for 260 yards with two TDs and two picks. The right hander has spread the ball around, with four Hawks having catches, led by Ryan Peterson.

He has 12 receptions for 159 yards followed by Cameron Wilson (9-141) and Tyler Harding (9-99). The offense is where the Hawks would seem to have an advantage.

They've just 235 yards a game in total offense, 13th best in the Metroplex compared to the Lions 300 yards a game. David Tanner has four sacks already this season, after leading the team in sacks last year.

At Villa, the Dallas Morning News defensive Player of the Week, he had two drive-stopping interceptions in the second half against Hillcrest last week's sluggish 10-6 win.

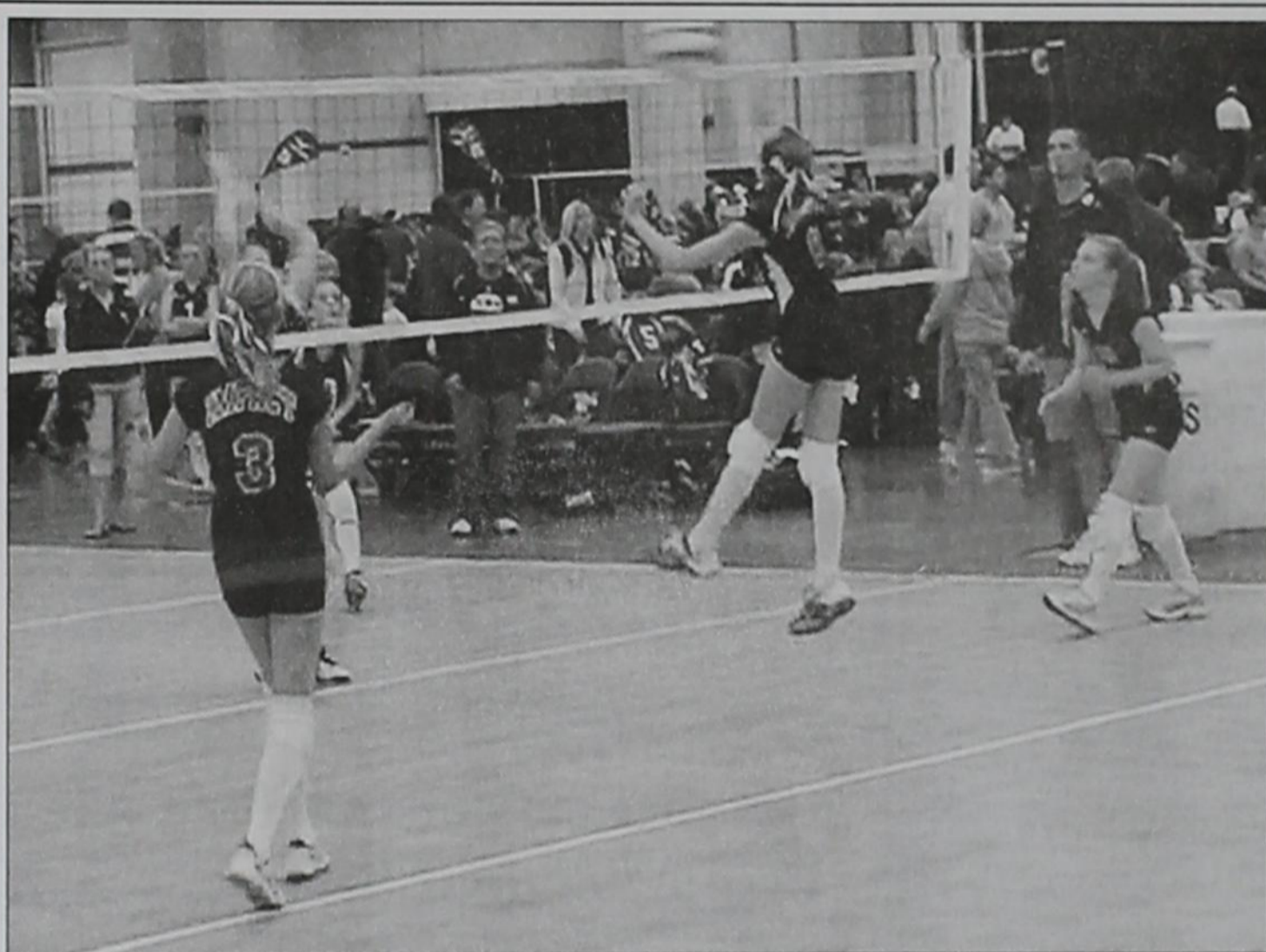
Rockwall-Heath @ Greenville @ Rockwall-Heath @ Sanders Stadium, 7:30, Sept 25. Greenville (3-0) beat Paris 71-51. Heath (2-1) beat Hillcrest 10-7.

History: Heath leads the all-time series 2-1, including last year's 10-7. The Lions have the ball: Alton Dennis has rushed for 484 yards and another 256 without an interception.

The Hawks have the ball: Dorian Lawry had run for 260 yards and while Jesse Irokwe has run 234 yards and four TDs. QB Kevin Rodgers has thrown for 666 yards (48-for-91) with two scores and two interceptions. None reported.



Sophomore Dorian Lawry (20) scores against Arlington Seguin. Lawry is the Hawks' leading rusher with 260 yards on 41 carries with two touchdowns, including a 99-yard kickoff return for a score against Sherman in the Hawks' 41-30 season-opening loss. Photo by Carl McClung/Rockwall County News (for more photos visit: www.flickr.com/photos/carls_sideline_pics/sets/72157622411212398/)



Rockwall-based Impact Volleyball Club began another exciting Volleyball Club season by hosting 50 girls ages 12 to 17 at their initial skills clinic Sunday, Sept. 13, at the RISE. "We are extremely pleased with the turnout and the talent of the players who showed up tonight, and we are anxious to get the season started," said Impact Director Travis Ferguson. Impact Volleyball will field 10 teams this fall, competing in the North Texas Region of USA volleyball, including HighLine teams that will travel and compete in tournaments in Atlanta and Houston. Impact skills clinics continue from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. every Sunday night for 8th grade and younger and 8 p.m. to 10 p.m. for high school at the RISE in Rockwall. Price to attend is \$20.00. Shown here, team members Madison Hill (middle) hammers a set from Baylee Hawkins as Megan Lohmiller (bottom) defends at the 2009 Lonestar Classic National Qualifier 12U Division. Go to Impactvb.com for more information. Photo Courtesy of Brad Adams/Rockwall County News

Softball clinics rescheduled due to rain

Due to the recent rainy weather, the dates for the Staying Fit with Softball Clinic hosted by Rockwall-Heath HS softball player Shannon Burkett to fulfill her Girl Scout Gold Award project requirement have been changed to Saturday, Sept. 26 and Saturday, Oct. 3. The Heath City Softball Field is located at 330 Laurence Drive in Heath.

The camps will run from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. each Saturday at the Heath City Softball Field behind Amy Parks-Heath Elementary School. Check-in time is 8:30 a.m.

A few of the details for the camp have also been updated due to the postponement. The camp will now be free of charge due to donations received to help offset the cost of materials, snacks and water.

Participants will learn select-level softball skills, such as improving batting and fielding skills by learning from RHHS and college players and professional coach Dave Merriman, learning how to play a specific position better and improving base running. The Sept. 26 camp will focus on improving batting skills and other drills, while the Oct. 3 date will focus on fielding skills and other drills.

Girls ages 10-14 (4th-8th grades) need to bring hat, glove, bat and a sack lunch. Parents will need to fill out a permission form and are encouraged to stay and watch their daughters learn and shine. Water, snacks, helmets and, if needed, other equipment will be provided. If these dates are also rained out, make-up days will be scheduled.

Girls interested in attending the camp are asked to please RSVP to Shannon Burkett at 214-695-6963 or sburkett@classicnet.net.

The clinics are a Girl Scout Gold Award project clinic put on by Shannon Burkett, a member of Girl Scout Troop 2113. Burkett is a senior at Rockwall-Heath High School.

Rockwall girls run 3rd at Lake Highlands; boys 5th

In the 5A-4A girls' competition, Angie Boyd placed 14th in 13 minutes, 37 seconds. Sheely Taylor was 15th in 13:49, with Kelli Hardenbrook right behind in 16th place in 13:50.

The RHS boys, led by Jacob Phillips in sixth place, finished fifth in the 5A-4A varsity boys' race. Finishing ahead of the Rockwall girls' 102 points were Frisco with 35 and Lovejoy with 48. Rockwall-Heath, with 130, was fourth, 4A schools took the top four places in the race.

Other scorers for the Lady Jackets were Joanna Gibbs, 28th, and Nicole Salom, 29th, both timed in 14:30. Phillips finished the boys' race in 17:25. Following him across the finish line were Thorne Pettigrew, ninth in 17:39; Sam Grinnin, 28th in 18:34; Nathaniel Robinson, 34th in 18:46; and Derrick Yuen, 45th in 19:10. Lovejoy won the 26-team event with 85 points, followed closely by Mesquite Potet with 91, Forney 101, Rowlett 108 and Rockwall 122.

Rockwall's boys won the 23-team junior varsity race with 69 points to 88 for the runner-up host team, Lake Highlands. Freshman Christian Soldat placed second among individuals. His time of 19:21 was just nine seconds behind first-place Austin Chaps of Rowlett.

The junior Jackets' other scorers were Matt Roland, 11th in 20:26; Ryan Hanlon, 12th in 20:28; Taylor Hein, 13th in 20:37, and Zach Kuntz, 31st in 21:50.

Among 20 teams in the JV girls' race, RHS was third. The Lady Jackets' 72 points trailed Forney with 13 and North Forney with 62.

Brahimaj Kileodora was Rockwall's first runner across the line, eighth in 15:02. Nicole Brown was 10th in 15:11, Hannah Krueen 14th in 15:39, Gates Haley 17th in 15:52 and Taylor Madle 23rd in 16:01. Frisco's Luisa Cifuentes finished first in 13:55.

2009 Radio/Webcast Football Schedule

	Radio	Webcast
9/25	Jackets @ Royse City	Hawks vs Greenville
9/26	Hawks vs Jackets	Hawks vs Jackets
9/28	Jackets @ Turner	Jackets @ Turner
9/29	Hawks @ Newman-Smith	Hawks @ Newman-Smith
9/30	Jackets vs J.J. Pearce	Jackets vs J.J. Pearce
10/1	Hawks vs Royse City (Homecoming)	Hawks vs Royse City
10/2	Hawks @ J.J. Pearce	Hawks @ J.J. Pearce
10/3	Jackets @ Newman-Smith	Jackets @ Newman-Smith
10/4	Hawks vs Turner	Hawks vs Turner
10/5	Jackets vs Highland Park (Homecoming)	Jackets vs Highland Park
10/6	Hawks @ Highland Park	Jackets @ Greenville

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Rockwall County Sports

Jackets open district schedule at Royse City

Who: Rockwall Yellowjackets vs. Royse City Bulldogs
 When: Friday, Sept. 25, 7:30 p.m.
 Where: Royse City ISD Stadium
 Records: RHS 2-1 overall, 0-0 District 10-4A; Royse City 0-3, 0-0
 History: Last year, the Bulldogs won 32-20 at Wilkerson-Sanders Stadium, spoiling Rockwall's Homecoming. Royse City's first game as a 4A school also was the first time the teams had met since 1962. That victory gave RC a 12-11-3 lead in a series that used to be an intra-county rivalry before Rockwall outgrew its neighbor to the east.
 What to expect: The Jackets are going to Royse City confident that they could start this year's district schedule with a victory instead of the loss to RC that put them in a hole they couldn't dig out of. As a result, Rockwall missed the playoffs after reaching the postseason two consecutive years.

This will be the second consecutive game when the Jackets have been a Homecoming opponent. That sometimes is merely how the game and the Homecoming date land on the calendar. At other times, it means that the home team has scheduled a team it feels it can beat, to show a better side to returning alumni.
 When informed that his team would be playing in Royse City's Homecoming game, seemed more amused than annoyed.
 Regardless, Rockwall thus far has surprised outside observers by defeating 5A opponents Midland and Rowlett. Any bandwagon support lagged on Sept. 11, when the Yellowjackets lost 38-10 at Allen. But remember, that was Allen, the defending 5A Division II state champion.
 RHS had last week off to prepare for Royse City and the six other district opponents to follow. The layoff also allowed some minor injuries to heal.

The Jackets' key player has been junior running back Josh Hunt, who has run for 362 yards and eight touchdowns. Quarterback Austin Pettit has led Rockwall to 72 points (24 per game), efficiently passing for 1,100 yards per game and one touchdown. Scott Loy caught the most passes. Will Beasley is the leading receiver with 21 catches.
 Royse City's top performer has been running back Ryan Moseley, who has totaled 300 yards and four touchdowns rushing and receiving. Matt Corbin has taken over at quarterback for Richard Morris at the University of Arizona, and is averaging 133 passing yards per game. The Dawgs' 36-17 loss Friday at Mount Pleasant, wide receiver K. Smith emerged, with eight catches for 159 yards.
 The Bulldogs have been outscored 108-49; Rockwall's offense has scored 92 points.

HCA looks to even record at Tyler Street

Who: Heritage Christian Academy Eagles vs. Dallas Tyler Street Christian Academy Crusaders
 When: Saturday, Sept. 26, 2 p.m.
 Where: Tyler Street Christian Academy
 Records: HCA 1-2, Tyler Street 3-0
 History: Last year, the Eagles ran past the Crusaders 60-13. "We have played them the last couple of years so we are familiar with their program," said HCA head coach Robert Huckabee.
 Injuries: Heritage Christian's Joe McConnell missed the last game because of a shoulder injury, and is expected to be out again this week.
 What to expect: The junior-heavy Eagles might have come of age in Friday night's 54-6 romp over Tyler King's Academy Christian School. Junior Austin Pettit threw three touchdown passes, ran for another TD and scored on a pass from freshman Nathan Mateer. Junior Eric Bradley had his first 100-yard rushing game and first two touchdowns, and junior Aaron Mateer caught two TD passes and kicked three conversions.

Tyler Street has its own star junior, running back Josh Hunt. The difference is that he has been starting since his freshman year. Hunt ran for 107 yards in a 54-0 victory over Winston and for 122 yards and four touchdowns when the Crusaders defeated Lakehill Prep 55-6.
 Huckabee said, "He is big and fast. We must focus on slowing him down."
 Tyler Street has defeated its three opponents by a combined score of 155-6, but the Crusaders' competition hasn't been as difficult as the teams that have outscored Heritage Christian 120-66.
 "They have everyone returning from last year, so we expect them to be a year bigger and better. They are historically very athletic, and this year seems to be the same. They are a good team, and we expect a tough game," Huckabee said.
 "Offensively, we feel like we are making progress each week. We must continue that this week as well."
 This scoring information wasn't included with Tuesday's account of

Heritage Christian Academy's 54-6 victory Saturday over Tyler Street Christian Academy Christian School.

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final
King's	0	6	0	6
HCA	6	20	28	54

HCA-Eric Bradley 24 run (kick failed)
 HCA-Aaron Mateer 11 pass from Austin Pettit (kick failed)
 HCA-A. Mateer 52 pass from Pettit (A. Mateer kick)
 King's-Alex Miller 14 interception return (pass failed)
 HCA-Sam Prater 15 pass from Pettit (kick failed)
 HCA-Caleb Cathey 11 run (A. Mateer kick)
 HCA-Pettit 63 pass from Nathan Mateer (A. Mateer kick)
 HCA-Pettit 34 run (kick failed)
 HCA-Bradley 10 run

RCA plays Dallas Home School in 2nd home game

Who: Rockwall Christian Academy Warriors vs. Dallas Home School Athletic Association Blue Angels
 When: Friday, Sept. 18, 7:30 p.m.
 Where: Dobbs Field
 Records: RCA 1-3, HSAA 3-0
 Injuries: Rockwall Christian head coach Caleb Palmer said All-State linebacker Cody Wallace would be fitted for a custom brace for his separated left shoulder, allowing him to play "a few snaps" on defense against the Blue Angels. The status of center/linebacker Randy Castaneda was uncertain. A knee injury had him on crutches at the end of Friday's game against Colleyville Covenant Christian, but that alone didn't mean he couldn't play this week.

History: The Warriors defeated Dallas Home School last season 47-20. HSAA finished the year 6-3.
 What to expect: It could be a battle of explosive offenses.
 The Blue Angels have outscored their opponents 114-37, or an average margin of 38-12. RCA has a more modest 89 points (22 per game), but quarterback Stephan Turner gives the Warriors a chance to score from any spot on the field on any play. He has scored nine touchdowns (one on a kickoff return) and passed for two others.
 Rockwall Christian's ability to stop the Blue Angels could come to how much Wallace will be able to play. The Warriors' opponents have scored 125 points (31 per game). In the one game when Wallace could play at all on defense, RCA held Fort Worth Calvary Christian to eight points.

HSAA has an ambitious schedule, with opponents from far from home. It has beaten Fort Worth Temple Christian 57-12, the Baylor Patriots 16-13 and Gateway Charter Academy 41-12. However, it has lost to on that schedule might not be as strong as Covenant Christian, which defeated RCA 54-21 in its opener.

Lady Jackets split two matches, remain at .500

Recent history repeated itself for the Rockwall volleyball team when it lost a match to one of the region's top teams and swept another opponent in District 10-4A competition last week.
 The Lady Jackets swept three games Friday at Greenville 25-16, 25-18, 25-20, then lost three Tuesday at Richardson Pearce 25-13, 25-16, 25-21. Pearce was the Region II champion last season.
 That left RHS at 2-2 in the district, tied for fourth with Greenville.
 In their first two matches, the Lady Jackets had lost 3-1 in games to Highland Park, which was eliminated from last year's playoffs by Pearce, and swept three games from Carrollton R.L. Turner.
 Said Rockwall head coach Damon Wilson, "We had a good match against R.L. Turner with good all-around team play."
 "Against Highland Park, which is in the top 10 in the state in 4A, we were

led by Maggie Brindock with 4 blocks and 13 assists. Sophomore Allie Cecil had 13 digs, and sophomore Ashton Atwell led the team with nine kills.
 "We played well in spurts. We just could not get going offensively. We're hoping to learn from the experience and continue to get better."

Rockwall County Book Review

'Death in Vienna' by Daniel Silva

Reviewed by Arlene Sosta, Library Assistant
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 Suspense, assassins, secret service, adventure, mystery, war and murder are words that may come to mind as you read the title and the book jacket of Daniel Silva's DEATH IN VIENNA.
 Many readers and moviegoers recognize the phrase, "My name is James Bond." What do James Bond, Jason Bourne, George Clooney, Tom Cruise and Jack Bauer have in common? Espionage!
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 The beginning pages of the book describe the bombing of the Claims and Inquiries offices, which are located in Vienna. One of the closest friends, Eli Lavon, is seriously injured as a result of the incident will help to persuade Allon to come "out of hiding." Allon is living in Venice and is a talented and respected art restorer. He is Mario Delvecchio. Allon learns more and more about the character of the man he believes the bombing is not the result of an Islamist terrorist, but rather a plot by Nazi criminals who want their whereabouts to be hidden.
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FUMC of Heath plans Fall Bazaar

The First United Methodist Church of Heath will host its annual Fall Bazaar beginning at 8:30 a.m. Oct. 31.
 Activities will open with a breakfast of sweet rolls, juice and coffee. Inside the church will be handcrafted items for sale.
 At lunch, catfish, hushpuppies, slaw, French fries, dessert and drinks will be served courtesy of the United Methodist Men.
 This year's raffle is an outdoor set, which includes a pair of handcrafted Adirondack chairs made by Brett and Cassie Thames. Raffle tickets are currently available at the church office; the winner need not be present to win.
 Other events scheduled for the day include a children's area, Lorene's Country Kitchen (baked goods, jams, jellies, etc.), live and silent auctions and a garage sale.
 The church is located at 140 Smirl Drive.
 For more information call 972-771-6732 or visit fumcheath.org.

Heather Hays featured speaker at Oct. 2 Rockwall Preschool Association meeting

The Friday, Oct. 2 meeting of the Rockwall Preschool Association (RPA) will feature Fox 4 News Anchor Heather Hays speaking about "Balancing Life."
 Rockwall Preschool Association moms have served the Lake Ray Hubbard area since 1985. The primary objective of RPA is fellowship and educational opportunities for mothers and their preschoolers.
 Membership to RPA is open to all Rockwall area mothers with children ages birth through kindergarten. RPA is a great networking outlet for moms looking to meet other moms and for playmates for their children.
 The RPA calendar year runs from September through May, and new members are welcome at any time. Currently, RPA general meetings are held at 9 a.m. on the first Friday of the month, with varying dates on holiday weeks.
 Meetings are held at Free Methodist Church, 315 Dalton Road, in Rockwall. The church is across from Nebbie Williams Elementary School.
 Join Now! Together, we will enjoy good times and develop long lasting relationships, all while supporting our local community. For more information about membership or the group and to check meeting times or location, please visit the website www.rockwallpreschoolassociation.com.

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Calamity Jane' opens Friday at Rockwall Community Playhouse

Production of the new season at Rockwall Community Playhouse, "Calamity Jane," raises the curtain tonight at 8 p.m. You may remember the 1953 movie version of the story with Howard Keel. The rollicking musical is set in the

wild-west outpost of Deadwood City in 1876, sharpshooting tomboy. "Calamity Jane" is surrounded by cowboys, townsfolk and the famous Wild Bill Hickok. After a mix-up in the talent pool at Deadwood's saloon-theater, Calamity goes to Chicago to import to

Deadwood the glamorous actress, Adelaide Adams, but returns by mistake with her maid, Katie Brown, instead.

Back in Deadwood, Katie's inability to perform is overcome as she wins the heart of the young Lieutenant Danny Gilmartin, and

when Calamity sheds her tomboy persona at a ball at the local Fort and becomes a true woman, she realizes that she loves Wild Bill Hickok.

Shelley Aubrey directs the RCP production.

Performances are set for Sept. 25, 26, 27 and Oct. 2, 3, 4, 9, 10 and 11. Friday and Saturday performances are at 8 p.m. and the Sunday matinee is at 2 p.m.

Tickets prices are \$18 for adults and \$15 for adults 62+, students and children. Tickets may be purchased online at rockwallcommunityplayhouse.org or by calling 972-722-3399.

The Rockwall Community Playhouse is located at 609 E. Rusk.

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Moses, Emily Jones, Hannah Hunt, Rain Ramsey, Lindsey Loy, Jahne Cato, Natalie Fernandez and Abby Farmer prove that although the name of their music is "I Don't Dance," from High School Musical 2, they do indeed dance very well as they and the rest of the Rockwall High School cheerleaders showcased their talents at the annual Cabaret on Saturday, Sept. 19 and Sunday, Sept. 20. Cabaret is a fundraising show to help the cheerleaders raise money to attend contests, in particular Nationals in December. Cabaret's theme was "Surfing YouTube with RHS." The girls danced to tunes from the popular Internet site, YouTube. Their selections included songs from Kellie Pickler, the Jonas Brothers, Fergie, the High School Musical movies, the Wizards of Waverly Place TV show, Miley Cyrus, Katy Perry, Britney Spears, Beyonce' and Sara Evans.

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ALTERING THE PRIMA FACIE SPEED LIMITS ESTABLISHED FOR VEHICLES UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF THE TRANSPORTATION CODE, SECTION 545.356, UPON SH-276, FROM SH-205, EAST, TO ROCHELLE RD., WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF ROCKWALL, TEXAS; PROVIDING A PENALTY OF A FINE NOT TO EXCEED THE SUM OF TWO HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$200); PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.
/s/ William R. Cecil, Mayor
/s/ Kristy Ashberry, City Secretary
1st Reading: 09-08-09
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A public hearing will be held by the City of Rockwall Building & Standards Commission on Thursday, October 8, 2009. The following properties will be addressed during the public hearing: 305 E. Kaufman, and 113 Mapleidge. The meeting will be held at 6:30 P.M. in the City Council Chambers, located at

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PUBLIC NOTICE
The following Ordinances were passed by the City Council of the City of Fate, Texas on Monday, September 21, 2009.
ORDINANCE NO. 0-1129
AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF FATE, TEXAS, AMENDING THE SIGN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF FATE, TEXAS, BY DELETING SECTION 3, "CLASSIFICATION OF SIGNS" SUBSECTION B, "STRUCTURAL TYPES" NUMBER 14 "BANDIT SIGNS" AND BY ADDING AS PART OF SECTION 4 "GENERAL STANDARDS" A SUBSECTION M "KIOSK SIGNS/BANDIT SIGNS PROHIBITED IN THE RIGHTS-OF-WAY" PROVIDING THAT BANDIT SIGNS SHALL BE PROHIBITED ON PUBLIC PROPERTY OR THE RIGHTS-OF-WAY, REQUIRING THE USE OF KIOSK SIGNS, PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE, PROVIDING THAT ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT WITH THIS ORDINANCE ARE REPEALED, PROVIDING A PENALTY, PROVIDING FOR EXTRATERRITORIAL JURISDICTION, PROVIDING FOR A SAVINGS CLAUSE, PROVIDING FOR PASSAGE AND PUBLICATION.
ORDINANCE NO. 0-1130
AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FATE, TEXAS, AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 0-1111, AMENDING A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT (CUP) FOR A

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385 S. Goliad St., Rockwall, TX 75087.

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ORDINANCE NO. 0-1127
AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF FATE, TEXAS, APPROVING AND ADOPTING THE BUDGET FOR THE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2009 AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2010 AND MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR EACH DEPARTMENT, PROJECT AND ACCOUNT; REPEALING CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; AND DECLARING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.
ORDINANCE NO. 0-1128
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Angel League opens 11th season with record number of players

The gloves were oiled, the infield was raked and smooth, the cleats clacked on the concrete and three diamonds at Tuttle Field saw baseball at its finest on Monday evening as more than 60 ball players took that first pitch of the Fall 2009 Angel League season.

Now in its 11th season in Rockwall, the Angel League, sponsored by the Rockwall Kiwanis Club, is a baseball league for special needs youth ages four to 15 and adults.

The rules are simple — there are no strikes, no outs, every hit is a base hit, no one keeps score and everyone plays no matter the disability. Parents and aids are on hand to assist the younger children with batting and base run-

ning. All games are coach-pitch using "soft" softballs. And there is no louder cheering section at the ballpark than the families and fans of the undefeated Angels.

The Monday opener saw three teams take to the fields, more players that the Rockwall League has ever had, according to Pat Turner, Kiwanian and organizer of the Angel League. The first field hosted the youngest players in a rousing game of T-Ball. The middle field held the elementary and teen aged players. The third field saw play by the over-18 Angels. The adult League was organized just last year to continue to offer baseball to Angels who had aged out of the original program.

The League plays a nine-game

season each fall and spring. The program is provided at no charge to participants.

Coaches for the Angel League are Robert Harris and Kevin Lawson for T-Ball, Rich Lostritta and Bill Woods for the teens and Ron Rich and Randy Perry for the adult team. Ron Rich and Randy Perry have been with the Angel League since it began 11 years ago and began coaching the adult team after their children aged out of the youth program, Turner said.

After the last game, the teams will celebrate the season with a banquet and trophies.

The Angel League plays at 6:30 p.m. each Monday night during the season at Tuttle Field in Rockwall.



After hitting a line drive up the middle, adult Angel League team member Lauryn heads for first to beat the throw at Monday's season opener at Tuttle Field.
Staff Photo by Kathy Williams/Rockwall County News

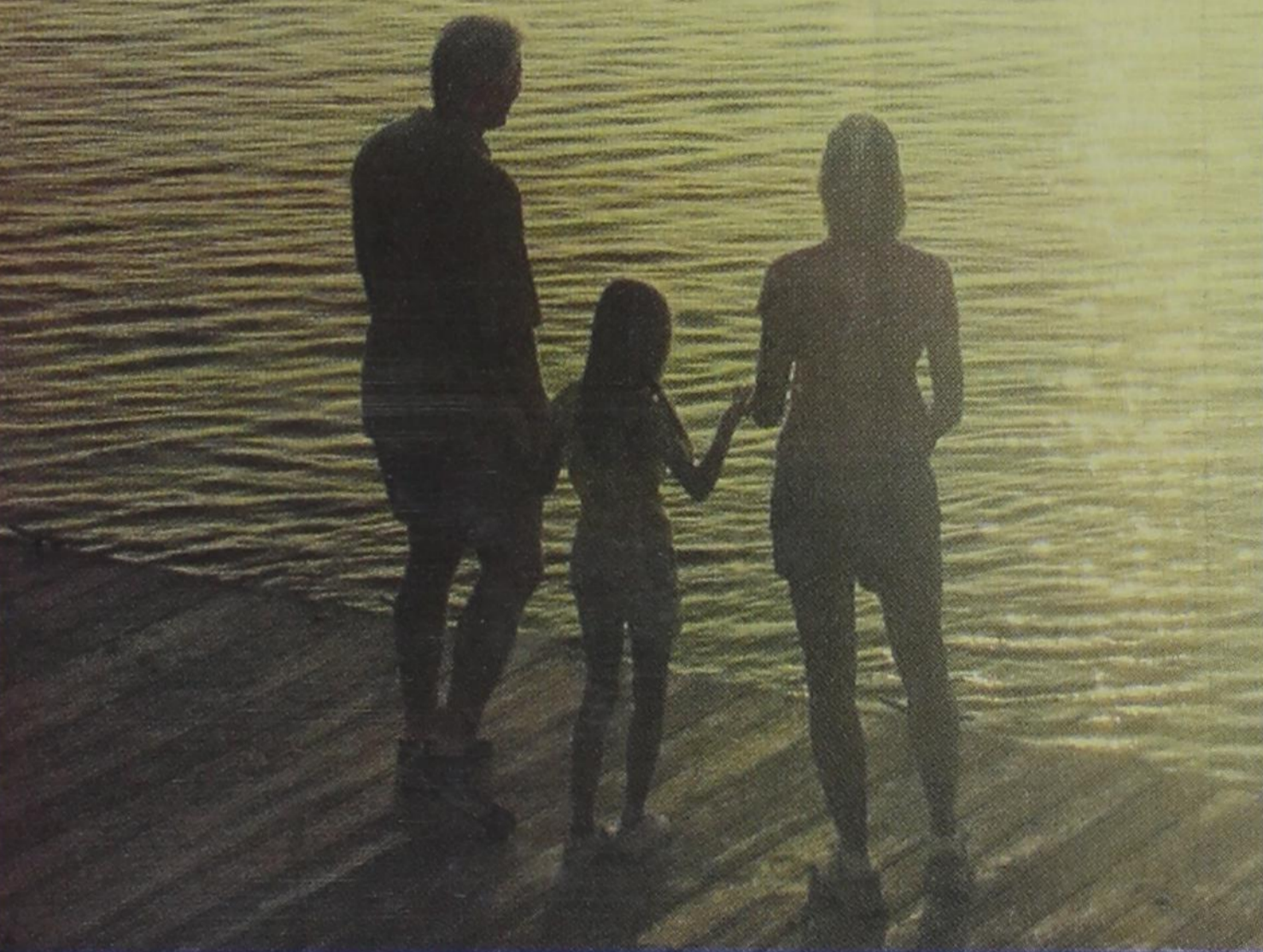


Louis Zavala watches as his son, Jordan, takes his turn at bat at the Angel League season opener Monday at Tuttle Field.
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Joey Casper, a member of the adult Angel League team, hits one to center field at last night's Angel League season opener at Tuttle Field.
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