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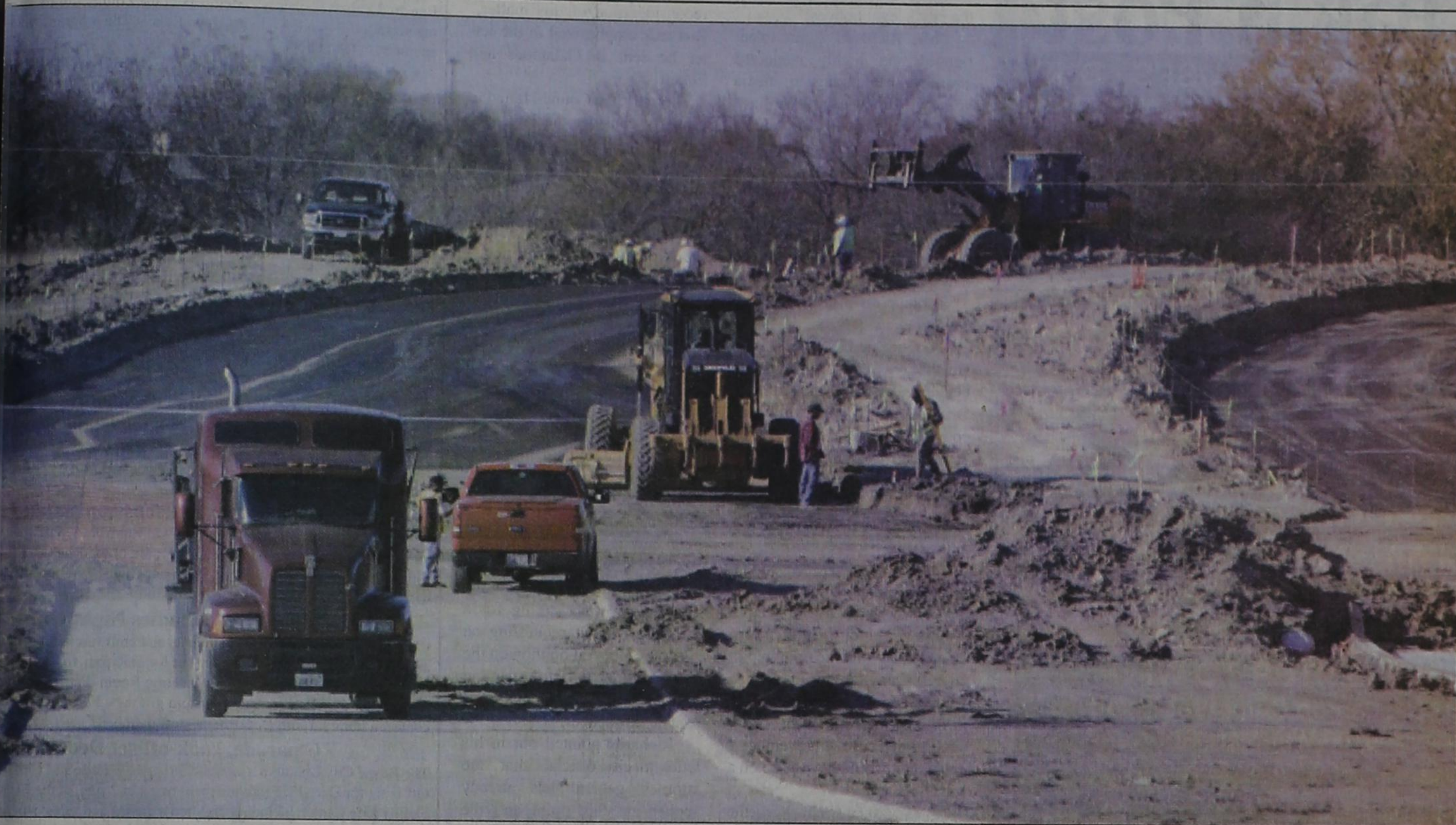
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Construction of the John King Blvd is taking shape on what is commonly known as the 205 By-Pass. The scene above is located near intersection of Williams St and John King Blvd east of the Rockwall ISD Administration building.
Staff Photo by Tim Burnett

News Briefs

Republican Women to meet tonight

Rockwall County Republican Women's Club will meet on at 7 p.m. today at the Keller Williams Real Estate office, 2951 Ridge Road, Rockwall. Officers for the coming year will be elected. All republican women are invited to attend.

College Awareness Night set tonight

Elementary Parents College Awareness Night will begin at 7 p.m. in the Dorris Jones Elementary cafeteria. Parents of Rockwall elementary students are invited to learn about the middle and high school credit systems and elective process. Information also will be available on preparing for college academically, financially and socially. Childcare available by reservation only for children 2 and under. Call 214-207-4455.

T'giving dinner for RC seniors set Friday

Chiropractic will sponsor its 11th annual Thanksgiving dinner for Rockwall City senior citizens beginning at 11:30 a.m. Friday at the Rockwall City Senior Center, located in the meeting room of the Rockwall Fire Department. Turkey and all the trimmings will be served. Dinner is free, but seating is limited; reservations are required. Call the Senior Center at 972-635-2781 to reserve a seat.

Church to host Saturday health fair

Pointe Church in Rockwall will host a health fair from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday in the church gym, located at I-30 and Ridge Road. A number of services and agencies will be represented. For details or information on free booth space, contact Cathleen Lewis at 214-893-9925 or cathleenlewis@tx.rr.com.

Library book drive set Saturday

Book drive to benefit the new Rockwall County Public Library will take place Nov. 22. Donors may donate books or funds at three collection points - Rockwall High School, Rockwall-Heath High School or at the public library - from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Contact Andrew Nelson at 972-722-8831 for more information.

Stingerettes to host Saturday dance clinic

Stingerette 2nd Annual Holiday Clinic will run from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday at the Grace Hartman Gym. Check-in will be at 10 a.m. The Stingerettes will review dance techniques, as well as teach girls in grades kindergarten through fifth grade a dance routine. There will be a photo, story time with Santa and refreshments will round out the event. Cost is \$40 at the door; price includes dance clinic, photo and Santa. For more information contact Misty Rapp at 972-3982 or tom-rapp@sbcglobal.net.

'Grief & the Holidays' slated Monday

John Cocoris will address "Grief and the Holidays" at Monday's hospice family luncheon hosted by the Visiting Nurse Association. The event is set for 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Rockwall Senior's Community, 2491 Country View Lane, Rockwall. There is no cost, but reservations are requested: 214-733-0100.

Holiday schedule at library

Rockwall County Library will be closed Nov. 27 through Nov. 29 for the Thanksgiving holidays. The library will re-open at 10 a.m. on Dec. 1.

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John King Blvd. on pace for completion at end of 2008

The Rockwall City Council received good news from Greg Hooten of TCB, stating that the John King Blvd. construction project is on track for an on-time completion date of December 31. Sections of the 7.2-mile roadway are already partially open to traffic.

The road, also known as the SH 205 By-pass, is being built in seven phases.

Beginning at the south end SH 205, Phase 1 extends 1.3 miles north to SH 276. The pavement is complete, with only signage, striping and grass work pending.

Phase 7, a 0.6-mile stretch from SH 276 to I-30, is complete. It is only partially open to traffic until the entire roadway is complete.

Phase 3, from I-30 to SH 66, is 80% complete. The one-and-one-half mile section contains the Union Pacific railroad crossing to be updated by a separate contractor. That work is expected to be complete in three to four months. The current paving process will end at

the right-of-way, approximately 100 ft. from the railroad tracks.

Phase 2 runs from SH 66 to Phelps Creek near Quail Run Road. Drainage is complete along the 0.6-mile stretch, with pavement work expected to begin this week. Rebar will be laid and paving is scheduled for completion by Thanksgiving.

Phase 4 is a 0.4-mile section running from Phelps Creek to Quail Run Road and includes a bridge over the creek. The bridge deck is paved and all other paving is complete. Finish work pending is the addition of bridge rails, striping, signage and grass work.

Phase 5, from Quail Run Road to FM 552, is a 1.2-mile section that is complete and open to traffic.

Phase 6, which runs from FM 552 north to reconnect with SH 205, is a 1.6-mile stretch that was slated for completion on Tuesday, Nov. 17. Finish work includes signage, striping and grass work.

Rockwall City Council considers historical designations and fee changes

Among the many agenda items discussed at Monday's regular Rockwall City Council meeting were a fee change for the use of the Harry Myers Park Amphitheater and the historical designation of a downtown Rockwall Building.

The Council considered the adoption of a resolution setting a user fee of \$100 for residents and \$200 for non-residents to use the Amphitheater. Council Member Mark Russo offered an amended motion to lower the proposed fees to \$50 and \$100, stating he felt the lower cost would be more "user friendly."

Brad Griggs, Parks and Recreation Director, said his staff has to be on hand during events to help move equipment, clean-up trash afterwards and assist users during the event to prevent damage to sprinkler heads and the facilities. The City also foots the bill for any electric use needed for an event.

He said most of the events held at the Amphitheater are weddings, church concerts and events in that vein. He said the fees are more than fair when compared to the price charged by other municipalities and private organizations for the use of their facilities.

Brad said the fee to rent the amphitheater at The Harbor is approximately \$200 per hour, at a minimum of four hours. "You can't get as beautiful a place as Harry Myers Park for five or six hours for \$100," he said.

Mayor Pro Tem Cliff Sevier said that Rockwall residents could either pay the rental fee or be charged higher taxes to pay for the support staff needed to maintain the site and assist guests. He suggested many of the renters are actually from outside Rockwall County, and "either the users will pay for it or the citizens will pay for it."

The council voted 1-5-1 against the amended motion to lower the fees. Council Member Margo Nielson was absent from the meeting.

A vote on the original motion, for the \$100/\$200 fee schedule, passed 5-1-1.

In other business, the Council conducted a public hearing on the city-initiated historic landmark designation of the Hall Building at 102 S. San Jacinto. The building was purchased by Congressman Ralph Hall in the 1950s and had since been purchased by his sons, with current ownership by Blakely Hall. The building was constructed in 1916.

Hall stated that he opposed the historic designation because of the restrictions an historic designation brings. He said he would not be able to change or upgrade the building in any way without approval, although his family has worked to maintain the property through the years.

Hall said he would like to make cosmetic changes to bring the building even closer to its original design. He said the existing aluminum windows might be replaced with more period-looking windows, and the glass block walls at the front entrance may be removed.

He also cited several other building in the downtown area that are older than his but have not been landmarked, including the Reese House and the Ellis Building.

Hall asked the Council to not follow through with their proposal, saying, "I didn't ask for this, and I don't want it."

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RCN attorney informs Heath on law violation

Rockwall County News publisher Wesley W. Burnett has announced that Don Richards of Richards, Elder & Green, L.L.P. have been retained to represent the newspaper in its challenge to the recent decision by the City of Heath designating the Dallas Morning News for publishing the city's legal notices.

"Mr. Richards is an experienced and highly respected attorney specializing in media issues," Burnett said. "We have great confidence in his abilities and knowledge regarding this matter."

In addition to his law practice, Mr. Richards has been active in newspaper publishing most of his adult life and owns weekly newspapers in West Texas.

In support of the Rockwall County News, Richards delivered a letter on November 18 to Heath City Secretary Stephanie Galanides and City Attorney Pete Eckert explaining the city council's November 4, 2008 decision to select the Dallas Morning News.

The city attorney told the council that he had received a letter from RCN's attorney, but did not read or elaborate on that letter. Eckert said he had forwarded the letter to the District Attorney. The city attorney also emphasized that he would not address anything other than what was posted on the agenda, informing the council that if desired to discuss the November 4 decision it would have to be on a future agenda.

When asked what were the issues being challenged, Eckert replied that it was a question about the word "publish" in the codes. "The statute is not clear on the word 'publish,' he said.

Richards' letter included

copies of AG opinions defining the specific question in his letter to Eckert, but the city council was not informed about those opinions by the city attorney.

"We contend this was improper and illegal action by the City of Heath for several reasons, and respectfully request reconsideration of this matter," Richards emphasized in the letter he sent to Galanides and Eckert.

"Firstly, the Council failed to properly consider the law, specifically the Texas Government Code Section 2051.048 which specifies that the city 'shall' publish its notice in a newspaper that is published in the city. As such, we strongly contend the newspaper selected does not qualify, as does the Rockwall County News," the letter continued.

"Secondly, we contend that this matter has previously been addressed by an attorney general opinion, specifically AG Opinion H-1081 (1977)." That AG Opinion said, in part, that Texas law "requires the city council to contract with a public newspaper of the city, as the official newspaper thereof."

The Heath city council had set an agenda item for the Tuesday meeting calling for a discussion about requesting an Attorney General opinion on the city's earlier decision naming the Dallas daily newspaper as its official newspaper.

Richards pointed out in his letter to city officials that "the attorney general has already spoken on this point and the language of Government Code Section 2051.048 is clear and unequivocal."

Richards also cited in his letter a failure of the city council to review the submitted bids. "A careful review will reveal that the Rockwall County News' advertising rates are substantially lower than the entity chosen. The city apparently made its decision solely upon a cursory review of the 'per word' bid. However, the city is required by law for many of its notices to publish in 'block' or 'display' format," Richards added.

Most of these required display ads measure at least one-quarter page. That size ad "in the Rockwall County News is priced at \$315.00 (\$10 a column inch) compared with a rate of \$1,629 (\$51.74 per column inch) in the newspaper the city selected," Richards emphasized.

"As a result, based on annual expenses for all its required public notices, the city will incur substantially higher costs than would identical public notice in the Rockwall County News.

"For these reasons, we respectfully request the city immediately reconsider its action and correctly select the Rockwall County News as its official newspaper based on the bid submitted. It is the appropriate, proper and legal action for the city to take," Richards wrote.

The attorney also said that "if the matter is not reconsidered in an appropriate manner, we will advise our client to consider appropriate legal action to ensure that the city is compliance with required statutory provisions of Texas law."

Don Richards is a fourth generation journalist, his father, grandfather and great grandfather were all community journalists in West Texas, his older brother recently retired from long-time service with the Associated Press. Richards also serves on the Board of Directors of the Texas Press Association; and is currently a "hotline attorney," and former director, for the Freedom of Information Foundation of Texas, which is dedicated to open access to governmental bodies for all citizens. The RCN attorney is also a frequent speaker on news media issues, and currently represents a number of news media entities in Texas, both daily and weekly newspapers as well as television stations.

News Briefs

November is Adopt-a-Senior-Pet Month

Feral Friends is among the many shelters and rescue groups celebrating November as Adopt-a-Senior-Pet Month. Senior pets are already "trained" and don't chew or scratch; they are loving and healthy. For a socialized cat that has been vaccinated, micro-chipped, spayed or neutered, visit feralfriends.org or call 972-671-0429 or visit the weekly FF adoption from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturdays at PetSmart, Richardson, 16821 Coit Road.

Support the library through holiday shopping
Gently used books, videos, CDs and book bags may be purchased from the Rockwall County Library's Book Sale Alcove. All proceeds from these sales benefit the Friends of the Library's project that support Children's Summer Reading Program.

Brown Bag lecture slated for Dec. 2

The final Brown Bag lecture of 2008 will begin at noon on Dec. 2 at the Historic Courthouse on the square. The topic will be "The Zollner Ranch: A Personal History." Members of the Zollner family will share memories of life on the famous Hobo Ranch. The program will be open to the public.

Reception set for Melston

Friends of the Library and the Rockwall County Library Board will host a reception for Kathy Melston, Rockwall County Library director, 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. Dec. 3 in the library's Community Room. Melston, who has served in the position since 1988, will retire at the end of December. The public is invited to attend.

Lions Club to give away model train

The Rockwall Noon Lions Club is raising money for the "We Serve Rockwall" program by giving away a model train. An HO scale Bachman train set with a Santa Fe Comet engine, it includes buildings, a mountain, a hill, a bridge, ballast, trees and animals valued at more than \$1,800. It was built by the North Central Texas All Scale Model Railroad Group in conjunction with HobbyTown USA. Tickets: \$5 each or three for \$10. Winner's name will be drawn Dec. 6 at the Rockwall Christmas parade. For more details visit rockwallnoonlions.com.

Class on Christmas decorating set

A free class on decorating Christmas trees and wreaths and coordinating a holiday decorating theme will begin at 2 p.m. Dec. 6 at Covington Nursery Landscape Co., 5518 Liberty Grove Rd., in Rowlett. For information call 972-475-5888.

Teen book, movie discussion slated

A Twilight Book & Movie Discussion will run from 7 p.m. to 7:45 p.m. Dec. 9 in the First Floor Meeting Room of the Rockwall County Library. The event will be open to teens in grades 7 through 12. A pizza will be given away as part of the discussion.

Library to host Ladies Night Out

Christmas music, holiday refreshments and craft fun will be offered as part of a Ladies Night Out event set for 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. Dec. 10 in the Rockwall County Library's Meeting Room. Participants should bring a pair of scissors to make custom gift tags. For more information contact a library Youth Department staff member.

RC parade, cook-off set Dec. 13

The Royce City Chamber's annual Christmas Parade and Chili Cook-Off is set for Dec. 13. Festivities will begin at 2 p.m. at the FUMC Family Life Center, including children's games and rides; story time with Mrs. Claus; and chili, hot dogs and more. Chili contest judging begins at 3 p.m. Carolers will serenade along Main Street prior to 4 p.m. parade. Santa will be on hand for the tree lighting at City Hall. For more details call 972-636-5000.

Santa to appear at library

Santa Claus will be at the Rockwall County Library at 11 a.m. on Dec. 16 and Dec. 17 to visit with children. Holiday cookies will be offered and children can tackle craft projects.

Rockwall city council

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The original building at that location was the Farmer's Bank, built in 1912. Planning and Zoning Director Robert I. Bank said his staff has not yet found any records to indicate when the bank was torn down.

LaCroix said the City conducted a survey to identify buildings in Rockwall that can be given historic designation to help them for the future. He said a number of buildings were identified as being landmark-suitable, but there were not enough to designate an all-encompassing historic district.

The City has already approached several owners of buildings in the downtown area about designating their properties as landmarks. Those owners have all agreed to follow through with that action.

After a brief discussion by council members concerning opposition, and the fact that his family has made significant contributions to the city through the years to maintain the building, the motion against the landmark designation passed with a vote of 5-2. Council Member Glen Farris cast the single 'no' vote, with Member Margo Neilson absent for the vote.

Farris had motioned to table the vote to allow more time to hear the pros and cons of landmarking the property, but his motion was defeated by a vote of 1-5-1, with Neilson absent for the vote.

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Bearden, Barker wed Sept. 27 in Celeste

Amber Jade Bearden of Leonard and Cody Aaron Barker of Royse City were married in a 2 p.m. ceremony on Sept. 27 in Celeste. Dwayne Atterberry officiated the ceremony, which took place in the First Baptist Church of Celeste.

The bride is the daughter of Billy and Sherry Bearden of Leonard. The groom's parents are Dan and Peggy Barker of Royse City.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore a white strapless gown accented by hand-sewn beads.

Bridal attendants were Sarah Fisher, maid of honor, and bridesmaids Jessica Fisher, Tiffany Baker and Jaclynn Cureton.

Flower girls were Taylor Barker and Abby Barker of Royse City, the groom's nieces. Each wore a lilac dress.

The groom was attired in a formal black tuxedo.

The groom's attendants included best man Shane Stafford of Clovis, N.M., his cousin and a member of the Air Force, and groomsmen James Wynn Jr. of Rockwall and the groom's brothers, Kevin Barker and Danny Barker Jr. of Royse City.

Ring bearer was Brayden Fisher of Leonard. He wore cowboy attire.

Ushers were Will Hafey of Rockwall and William Bearden of Leonard, the bride's brother.

The ceremony's music included the "Wedding March" and "Canon in D." Randy Kearby sang "Living Our Love Song" by Jason Michael Carroll.

A reception in the church's Stapleton Hall followed the ceremony.

The groom's parents hosted the rehearsal dinner at Stapleton Hall.

The bride, a 2006 graduate of Leonard High School, attended Grayson

County College. She is employed at Wal-Mart in Greenville.

The groom, a lifetime resident of Rockwall, graduated from Rockwall High in 2005 and is employed by Aluma Graphics in Wylie.

The couple, now at home in Royse City, plans to take a wedding trip at a later date.



Mrs. Cody Barker

Rockwall ISD celebrates National School Lunch Week

Children across the country recently had the chance to enjoy their favorite lunch during National School Lunch Week. The theme for the week was Vote For Lunch 2008.

Teachers and school officials have reworked school menus in recent years to offer old favorites in a more healthful way. Justine Rockwall ISD Child Director, said the district serves childhood favorites such as pizza, burgers and cheese sandwiches, but now prepared using wholesome ingredients, whole wheat bread and real

the week, school cafeterias were decorated in red, white and blue and displayed signs about the event. The event was just for fun, but gave students a chance to name their favorite foods. Choices on the ballot included Pizza, Biff, Burger, Sagna, Gloria Grilled and Petunia Pita Pocket. The favorite choice of students was roll, please) Pete

to co-survivors' Reception Nov. 30

American Cancer Society Canyon Restaurant will host a sunset reception harbor for all Rockwall cancer survivors from 4 p.m. Nov. 30.

Guests will be provided a restaurant, along with a cancer survivors are invited and bring an adult. RSVP is required.

The event will serve as part of a broader outreach program in conjunction with the 1 County Relay for which is set for May 1-2.

VP for the reception, Stephanie Abadie at s.abadie@gmail.com by

.3 Reception for Melston

Friends of the Library will host a reception from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. Dec. 3 honoring Kathy Melston, the Rockwall County director who plans to retire at the end of December.

Melston has been the library's director since 1988. Under her leadership, the land for the library facility was purchased and the new building constructed through bonds issued by Rockwall County.

With financial backing from the Capital Campaign, new programs have been implemented for children, teens and adults in the community. The reception will be set up in the Community Room of the library, which is located at Yellowjacket Lane. The event is encouraged to attend.



Looking over healthy lunch choices at Cullins-Lake Pointe Elementary School during National School Lunch Week are (left to right) Julia Robertson, Riley Davis, Anthony Gudino, Braiden McGehee, Brianna Wall, Betty Steelman, and school employees Jovita Rodriguez, Bella Fontenarosa and Grace Pichardo.

Photo courtesy of Adi Bryant

ACS' Great American Smokeout set Nov. 20

The annual Great American Smokeout campaign, sponsored by the American Cancer Society, is set for Nov. 20.

The Great American Smokeout campaign is designed to help smokers quit smoking.

According to the ACS, smoking accounts for an estimated 438,000 premature deaths – including 38,000 deaths among nonsmokers as a result of secondhand smoke – and costs the nation \$167 billion in health care expenditures and productivity losses. Not only does smoking reduce life expectancy by approximately 14 years, but it can also be costly for consumers.

The Smokeout is designed to motivate and empower smokers with personalized tools, tips and support to help them quit for good. The Society inaugurated its first Great American Smokeout in 1976 as a way to inspire and encourage smokers to quit for one day.

Today, however, with 44.2 percent of the 45.3 million Americans who smoke having attempted to quit for at least one day in the past year,

Smokeout does more than urge smokers to quit for a single day; it encourages people to commit to making a long-term plan to quit for good. Additionally, Smokeout is a time to encourage all Americans to advocate for comprehensive smoke-free laws that help protect workers and community members from exposure to secondhand smoke.

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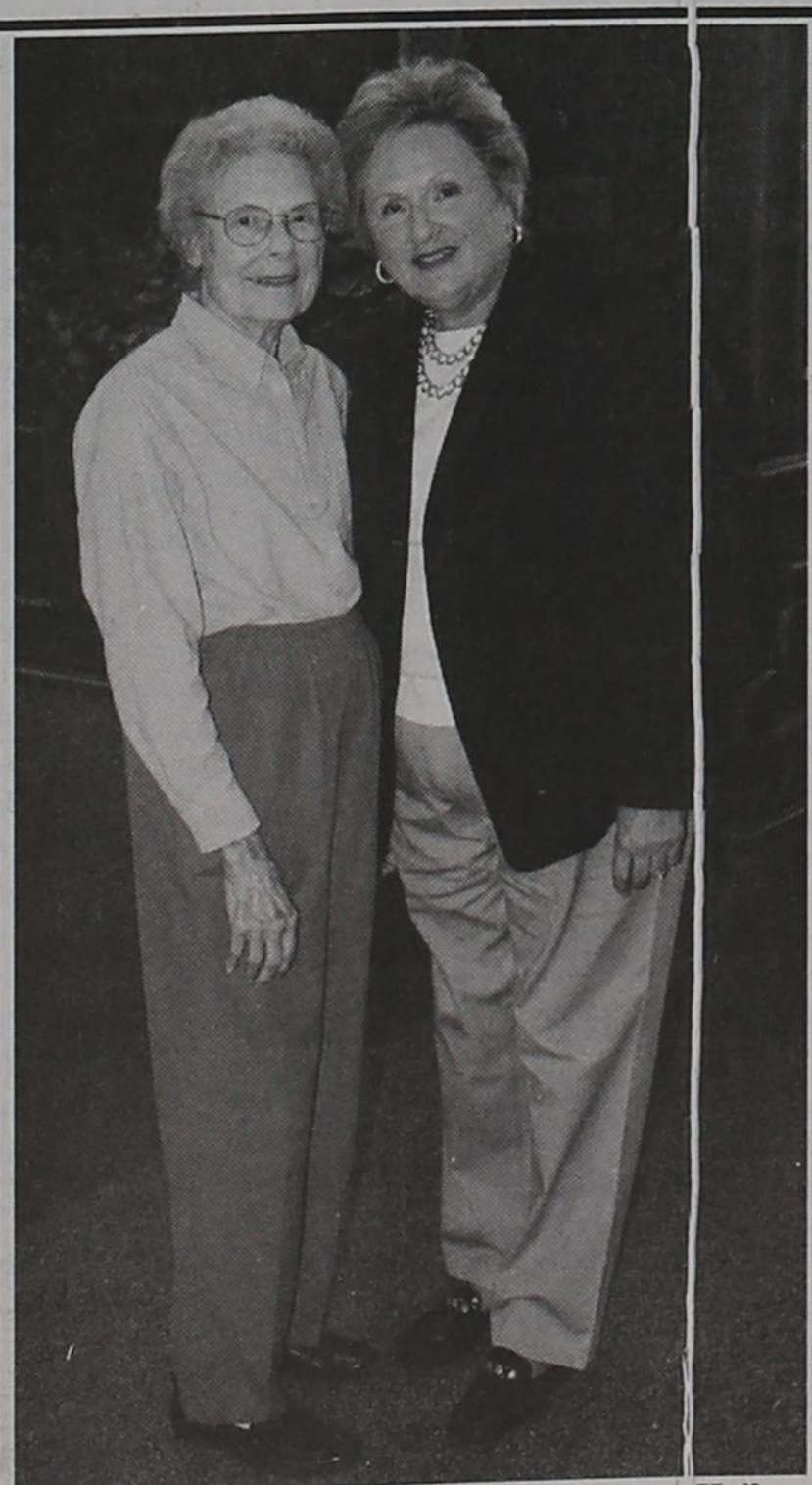
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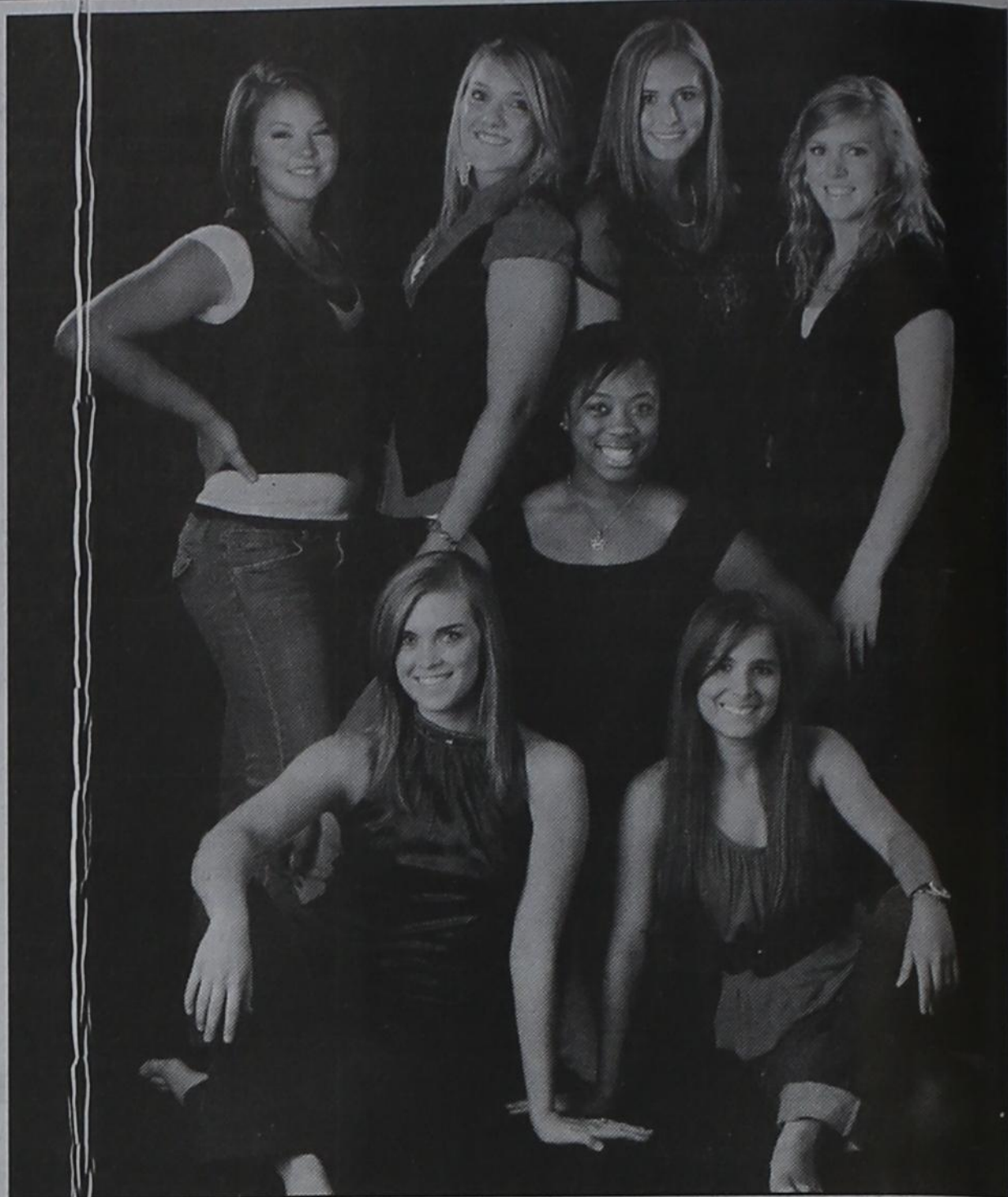
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Lady Hawk Volleyball Team Seniors

Senior members of the Lady Hawks volleyball team are (back row from left) Emma English, Rachel Short, Jordan Hill, Hailey Horton, (front from left) Laine Garrett, Sharneece Pratt and Audrey Cavendish. The players are charter members of the team and are the first to play all four years at the new high school. The girls were honored at a Senior Night celebration on Oct. 21, receiving personalized wall hangings from varsity underclassmen. The seniors also thanked their parents for their support, giving each a rose.

Photo courtesy of Cindy Garrett



Say You Saw It In The County News



Members of the Aspasians, a philanthropy and friendship group, recently gathered at the Charla Granberry to collect items for donation to the Rockwall Nursing Center. Pictured are Deen, Jenni Knox, Roxie Nilson and Carrie Varner. As part of their efforts, the Aspasians also participate in a twice-yearly arts and crafts show in the Rockwall Town Square.

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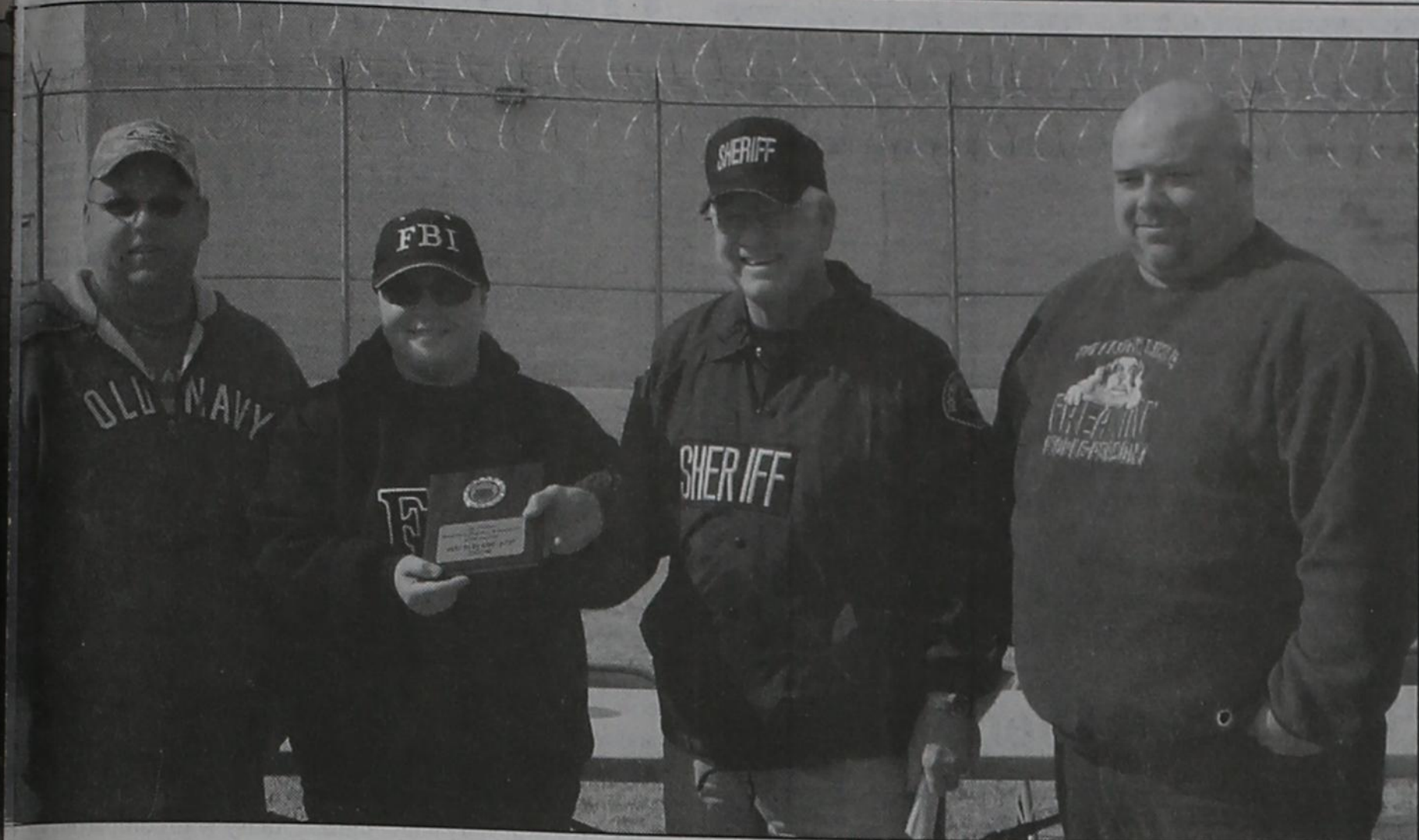
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First place winning team at last week's Rockwall County Sheriff Association sponsored benefit Chili Cook-Off are (left to right) David Melena Llewellyn, Sheriff Harold Eavenson (presenting award) and Jeff Bass.
Photo by Roy Heath

Chili cooks named at Rockwall County Sheriff's Association event

Rockwall County Sheriff Association hosted its first chili cook-off last Saturday, for the benefit of area children in need this holiday season. The cook-off, which featured more than 100 chili chefs and tasters, was held in the ballroom of the Rockwall Justice Center.

Rockwall County Sheriff Harold Eavenson, Fate Mayor Bill Broderick and Rockwall County Judge Chris Florance.

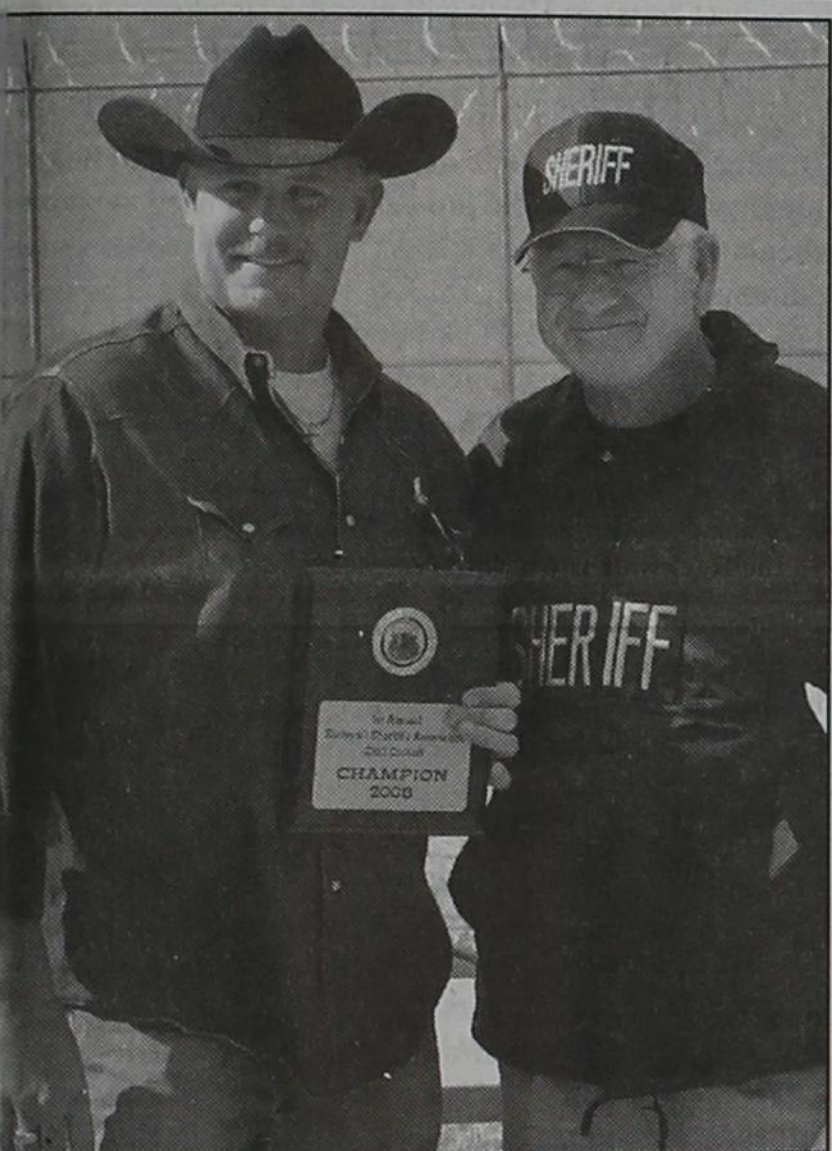
First place honors went to Kenneth Rowan for his "Just Plain Old Chili." Second place was awarded to Jeff Bass for his "Texas Jailhouse Chili."

The Rockwall Fire Department was on hand with one

of its engine trucks. A bounce house kept the children busy until heavy winds forced it to be closed for safety reasons. They could also try their hand at 'roping calves' next to the old sheriff's office.

In addition to the chili competition, a bake sale helped raise money for the cause. Donations will continue to be accepted by the Association, with distribution of food, toys and other necessities scheduled for early December. The Association is working with local agencies to identify those families in need of assistance.

Deputy Chad Young and Dispatcher Heather Alford can be reached at 972-204-7001 to accept donations or for more information.



First Place award at last week's Rockwall County Sheriff Association sponsored benefit Chili Cook-Off went to Kenneth Rowan (left), Sheriff Harold Eavenson presented the award.
Photo by Roy Heath

RISD receives playground award

Rockwall Independent School District was the 2008 recipient of the John Preston Playground Safety Award, according to a news release from the National Program for Playground Safety.

The award was created by the John Preston Safe Playground Award in honor of John Preston, a worker for the safety of children, and the award is presented annually to a national organization or agency who exemplifies care and concern for children by creating safe play environments. Criteria for the award include proper supervision of children, proper playground grounds, age-appropriate playgrounds, proper surfacing under playgrounds and proper maintenance.

Rockwall ISD Playground Safety Program addresses all of these areas. In addition to these four areas, each elementary school has a designated playground safety coordinator who conducts daily inspections and reports any problems directly to the district's playground safety coordinator.

Rockwall ISD's Playground Safety Program, established in 1995, is designed to provide safe experiences for all children on district playgrounds. The safety of each individual piece of playground equipment as well as the layout of the entire play area is considered when designing playground safety. Rockwall ISD has reduced playground safety by training staff, following the playground guidelines, enforcing the district playground rules and daily inspecting all playground equipment, according to a RISD news release.

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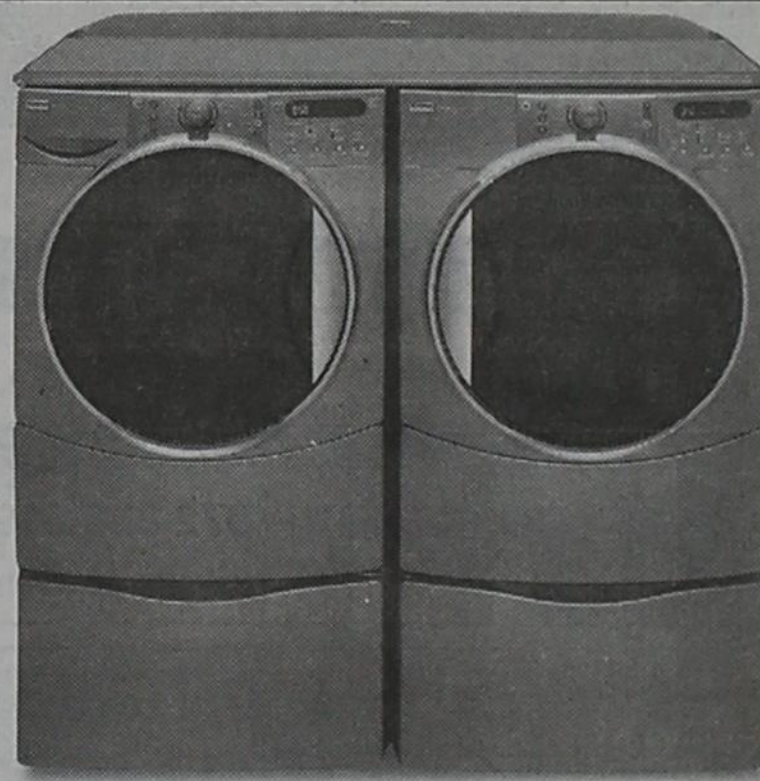
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Rockwall County Obituaries

Irma Dean Peek

Services for Irma Dean Peek, 73, of Midland were conducted at 10 a.m. Monday, Nov. 17, 2008, in the Sunset Memorial Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Bob Porterfield officiating. Burial followed in the Sunset Memorial Gardens.

She died Nov. 13 in Midland.

Born Oct. 2, 1935, in Kilgore to G.S. Hunt and Nettie Jernigan Hunt, she graduated from Midland High School in 1953 and married Carl Peek in 1987. For more than 20 years she worked as a bookkeeper for the City of Midland. Following her retirement, she enjoyed traveling.

Survivors include her son, Ken Woody and his wife, Peg, of Midland; her daughter, Rhonda Holloway and her husband, Ty, of Rockwall; three sisters, Eloise Crawford of Colorado City, Mary Hughes of Coldspring and Jackie Whaling of Granbury; and one grandson, Jonathan Holloway.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Carl Peek, in July.

To sign the guest book, visit sunsetodessa.com.

James H. 'Sonny' Smith

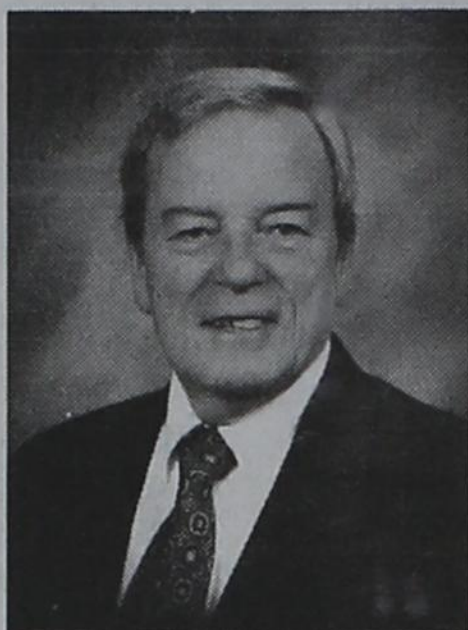
Services for James H. "Sonny" Smith, 72, of Rockwall were conducted at 2 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 18, 2008, in the First Baptist Church of Rockwall with Pastor Steve Swofford officiating. Burial followed in the Rest Haven Memorial Park.

He died Nov. 15.

Born Nov. 11, 1936, in Roys City to Leroy and Stella Smith, he was a member of the First Baptist Church of Rockwall.

Survivors include his wife of 47 years, Martha Smith; his children, Don Smith and his wife, Vicki, Keith Smith and his wife, Tina, and Diana Martin; his grandchildren, Justin Smith and his wife, Kristin, Meredith and Chelsiejo Smith, Sam, Chad and Scott Smith, Drew and Amanda Smith, Tate Roueche and Blake Martin; his great-granddaughters, Mallory and Sarah Smith; his mother, Stella Smith; and his sister, Durene Dupree and her husband, Paul.

He was preceded in death by his father and one son, Michael Paul Smith.



The family has suggested memorial contributions be made to the Scottish Rite Hospital.

Hazel Marie Stewart

Graveside services for Hazel Marie Stewart, 88, of Rockwall were conducted at 2 p.m. Friday, Nov. 14, 2008, in the Mulhearn Memorial Park in Monroe, La.

She died Nov. 11.

Born Sept. 25, 1920, in Winnsboro to Burt and Ora (Smith) Hallman, she was a homemaker.

Survivors include her daughter and son-in-law, Peggy and Joe Howard of Rockwall; her grandchildren, Mark Howard of Nevada, Texas, Tina Howard of Rockwall and Paul Howard of Quinlan; her great-grandchildren, Meagan Howard, Jacob Burks and Nathan Howard; and her sisters, Geneva and her husband, Floyd, and Louise.

RCN subscribers donate more than \$1,800 to help Meals on Wheels

Rockwall County News subscribers have contributed a total of \$1,800 toward the Rockwall County Meals on Wheels campaign as of Monday, November 18. "We are greatly pleased with the response to our subscription drive," Rockwall County News publisher Wesley W. Burnett emphasizes.

The county newspaper is setting aside all subscriber payments in November for the county-wide services provided by Meals on Wheels. The campaign continues through November 30, with the newspaper donating 100 percent of renewal and new subscription payments.

Those interested in helping the Meals on Wheels campaign may call 972-722-3099 to order a subscription. "We're offering a special two year subscription for \$30," Burnett added, "it's a great bargain."



Junior Girl Scout Troop 2003 partnered with Cadet Troop 2505 to host a Teddy Bear Tea. The tea was a chance for Daisies, kindergarten-aged Scouts, and Brownies, grades 1-3, to dress up and enjoy quality time with other Scouts in their service unit. The girls enjoyed tasty treats and created several princess-themed crafts. Troop 2003 Girl Scout Emma Young (right) teaches younger Scouts how to make a princess wand.

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Pawelek to address Dec. 9 VNA luncheon

Aaron Pawelek, a licensed social worker with the Pastoral Counseling & Education Center, will be the speaker at the Dec. 9 bereavement luncheon hosted by the Visiting Nurse Association.

"Making Room for Joy (and Grief) at the Holidays" will be Pawelek's topic for the luncheon, which will run from noon to 1 p.m. at the Kaufman County Library Community Room, 3790 S. Houston St., in Kaufman.

There is no cost associated with attending the event.

The VNA luncheon offers supportive company to individuals who have suffered the loss of a loved one.

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Our Lady of the Lake Catholic Church celebrates 30 years

During the month of December, Our Lady of the Lake Church in Rockwall will celebrate its 30th anniversary as a parish.

The Our Lady of the Lake community began in 1974 through efforts of 33 Rockwall-area Catholics who were driving miles to the nearest Catholic church. Monsignor Thomas W. pastor of St. Pius X in northeast Dallas, was instrumental in the effort, which resulted in the activation of the Our Lady of the Lake mission.

The mission conducted its first service at Rockwall High School in 1974. Attendees numbered 120.

After purchasing the former Baptist church on Rusk Street in 1976, the mission was upgraded to a parish on Dec. 3, 1976. An expansion was needed, so in 1985 seven acres were purchased and a new building was proposed. At that time there were 426 families and an average Mass attendance of 650.

The new church building was constructed in the early 1980s. The first services were conducted in the lower level from the 1992 to April 1999 when the sanctuary was completed.

Today there are 2,449 registered families with an average attendance of about 2,000.

The pastor, Monsignor Robert Coerver, has arranged the 30th anniversary celebration to be conducted during a Marian Week of nity celebrations in honor of the Blessed Virgin Mother as under the patronage of the Mother of Jesus. Activities during the week of Dec. 7 will focus on her through a variety of events, teachings and social gatherings.

Specific information on the activities may be found on the Web site at ourladyrockwall.org.

Rockwall County Religious Life

Community-wide Service of Thanksgiving

All of Rockwall County is invited to join together in a Thanksgiving service on Sunday at 6 p.m. This special service will be held at Holy Trinity by the Lake Episcopal Church, 1524 Smirl Road in Heath. Bring a canned good (no corn or green beans) to the Helping Hands Food Pantry. Scott Holcomb-McLain of First Methodist Church in Heath will give the Thanksgiving message. Holiday Jr., also of FUMC Heath, will lead the music.

Divorced, Looking for Support?

Divorce Recovery Aftercare is a support group to help those through a divorce or who are divorced and need support during a difficult time. This group meets every other week beginning on Monday, Dec. 15. Additional dates are Dec. 18, Jan. 8 and Jan. 22. The group meets 7 p.m. in Room W218 of Lake Pointe Church. For more information, contact the Counseling Center at 469-698-2250.

Students Present 'The Best Christmas Pageant'

The S.O.F.A. Fine Arts Ministry of Lake Pointe Church will present "The Best Christmas Pageant Ever" on Dec. 4, at 6 p.m. and 7 p.m. Come enjoy a heart-warming and fun play that celebrates the true meaning of Christmas.

Shows are open to the public and free. S.O.F.A. stands for "Our Father Artistically." This Fine Arts Ministry offers classes in dance, drama and music. Their purpose is to teach the art of worship that honors God and to develop God-given, artistic talents that can be used to serve Him.

Classes are offered three times a year through the spring, fall semester and summer camp. Both semesters run from Monday and Tuesday evenings and are open to adults, children as young as 4 years old.

Summer camp is a half-day, weeklong event for ages 14. S.O.F.A. employs professional, Christian instructors who Lord and desire to see God glorified through the arts. "All classes are held at Lake Pointe Church, Rockwall Campus.

"The Best Christmas Pageant Ever" will be in Room C10 inside the Children's Building, 701 E. I-30, Rockwall.

A Special Service: One of Remembrance

Monday, Dec. 15, 7 p.m., Pier 4:19 Auditorium. During the day season, Lake Pointe Church will offer a unique opportunity to remember the lives of loved ones lost. The special service will include music, testimonies, and a message. The service will conclude with a candle being lit by a family member or friend as the name of the loved one is read. For more information, contact the Lake Pointe Counseling Center, 469.698.2250.

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On God's Word

by Timothy W. Burnett

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Believing ... Consider our Lord Jesus

When we looked at the example of faith as seen in Rahab who believed with the unbelievers in Jericho, but instead helped the Israelites, she ultimately married Salmon and bore one of the ancestors of our Lord Jesus.

Hebrews 11 pick up spiritual pace and rhythm like heard in many musical symphonies. When we attend symphony, one of the common musical tools heard is the sudden change in speed and volume toward the end of the piece. This is an important part of the music, which will evoke huge applause from the audience.

When talking about Rahab, the pace of the verses pushes forward through other old testament believers with their accomplishments and triumphs.

What shall we say? For the time would fail me to tell of Gideon, and of Barak, and of Samson, and of Jephthah, of David and Samuel, and the prophets. Who through faith subdued kingdoms, wrought righteousness, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions, quenched the violence of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, out of weakness were made strong, waxed valiant in fight, and fought the armies of the aliens."

How it just drives forward without breaks. In the earlier texts there were no punctuation marks. There were no commas to separate different things mentioned. On a side note, a study of being weak should build up the hearts of all Christians. They are strong by their own strength and knowledge of their circumstances. No, not even by their personal physical strength. They acknowledged their own weakness, and by faith God's strength filled their lives.

The final Coda of God's symphony in Hebrews 11 pushes ahead,

"Women received their dead raised to life again. And others were tortured, not accepting deliverance, that they might obtain a better resurrection" (verse 35). This is related to weakness. The one common weakness for all people is death, and the fear of death. God's promise of a future resurrection from death back to life was their strength to endure the torture.

Suddenly the pace seems to lift with a higher number of brief statements from the bigger symphony, "And others had trial of cruel mockings and scourgings, yes, moreover of bonds and imprisonment. They were stoned, they were sawn asunder, were tempted, were slain with the sword. They wandered about in sheepskins and goatskins being destitute, afflicted, tormented (of whom the world was not worthy)."

"They wandered in deserts, and in mountains and in dens and caves of the earth. And these all, having obtained a good report through faith, received not the promise, God having provided some better thing for us, that they without us should not be made perfect."

At this point the symphony is pressing through that last series of banging chords. Musicians might recognize the strong repetitive movement from I-chord to the V-chord as the timpani strike out the down beats. The audience is right on the edge of their seats. Whether or not they understand the theory of music, the audience feels that final chord approaching quickly.

But wait, the music gets quiet for a brief moment starting in Hebrews 12, "Wherefore seeing

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we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which does so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us..." (verse 1).

Then comes the big ending that sends the audience to their feet with a huge applause, "Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God" (verse 2).

God's symphony in Hebrews 11 drives to the perfect finale by presenting the star and leading example of faith, our Lord Jesus Christ, who endured the cross and was not ashamed of God's promise of resurrection.

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Mark 11:24

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Rockwall County Entertainment

Finding love amidst difficulties of life

A book review from the shelves of the Rockwall County Library by Chantal Walvoord, Youth/Adult Services Librarian

Sarah Addison Allen's debut novel, *Garden Spells*, hits all of the right notes.

Allen's delightful novel proves how transformative love can be, even when characters face harsh realities. Carefree and reckless, Sydney returns home after a long period of estrangement from her sister, Claire. Sydney has just escaped from an abusive marriage, a fact she carefully conceals from

her sister, the town's caterer.

As in all small towns (remember Peyton Place), Bascomb, North Carolina is a place where everyone knows everyone else's business. Everyone knows, for instance, about the fierce rivalry between the well-to-do Clarks and the quirky Waverleys. Though Sydney rebels against her family's eccentricities, Claire carries on the tradition of Waverley magic. Her garden's fruits and flowers, particularly its troublesome apple tree, conjure up powerful emotions-like love, guilt, or regret.

As powerful as Claire's culinary skills are, she is unable to trust and unable to love. When a handsome art professor, Tyler,

moves in next door and is immediately smitten with her, Claire gives him casseroles to make him lose interest.

Claire, the town's "old maid" who denies herself love, would have gone on in this vein had her headstrong sister not come back to town. Sydney, who has already won the town's approval with her hairdressing ability, works an even greater miracle when she urges her sister, Claire, to trust Tyler.

What makes this novel unique is not the plot in which everyone finds the right "match," but the way in which Allen adds humor and mysterious elements, like the apple tree from which one must not eat or the curious old great aunt who gives everyone the right gift

at the right time.

The ending is uplifting, because despite some of the harsh realities, e.g. abandonment, jealousy, and domestic abuse, characters learn to love and

each other. Readers will like Alice Hoffman's *Practical Magic* and Joanne Harris's *Chocolat* also like this novel.

Entertainment Brief

SpiritHorse plans Saturday Fall Festival

A Fall Festival will run from noon to dusk Saturday to help support SpiritHorse's Therapeutic Center's therapeutic riding program for children. The event will offer live music, hay rides, bounce, scavenger hunt, silent auction, pony rides, face painting and give-away. For information, contact Maggie Schuster 940-441-0000 or e-mail maggie@spirithorsetherapy.com.

Santa plans weekly visits beginning Nov. 29

Santa Claus will be at Tapestry, located on the southeast corner of Downtown Square, each Saturday beginning Nov. 29 to read stories and hear children's Christmas wishes. The time is set from noon to 3 p.m., but times may vary because of "Santa's schedule." Families planning to attend may want to call 972-722-2774 to confirm the day's schedule.

Tree Lighting ceremony set

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

Heath Holiday in the Park slated

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

Children's Chorus to perform at North Park

The Rockwall Children's Chorus will perform as part of the Park Center's "Sights and Sounds of the Season" music program beginning at 7 p.m. on Dec. 5 at Dillard's Court.

Kiwanis Club Christmas Parade set Dec. 6

The 39th annual Kiwanis Club Christmas Parade will be 9 a.m. Dec. 6, proceeding from Caruth Lane at South Goliad to Downtown Square, exiting to Kaufman Street and winding into the Rockwall Elementary parking lot. For more information or to register, call 972-722-6001 or visit rockwallkiwanis.org.

Ballroom Extravaganza scheduled

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

Next Lunch Basket set Dec. 9

The next Lunch Basket event will be Dec. 9 at the Center at CityPlace. Creative holiday settings by area hostesses will be featured. Reservations cost \$20 and may be made by calling Leigh P. 972-771-8976 or cplagans65@aol.com.

Lakeside Civic Chorus to perform

The Lakeside Civic Chorus will present a free concert at 7 p.m. Dec. 9 at the First United Methodist Church in Rockwall, Rockwall Children's Chorus and orchestra participating.

RC plans Texas Country Christmas event

The Royce City Chamber's Texas Country Christmas is set for 13 at the First United Methodist Church's Family Life Center will begin at 2 p.m. with pony rides, train rides, bounce house music. The chili contest judging is set for 3 p.m.; chili will be served after judging. The day's other activities will include a bike-decorating contest; story time with Mrs. Claus; a parade; the Christmas tree lighting at City Hall; and Santa's arrival. Visit roycecitychamber.com for cook-off and parade applications or a parade map.

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Heath resident featured in DCT performance

The Dallas Children's Theatre will bring a little bit of Paris to the Metroplex this holiday season and with it, Annika Smith of Heath.

Making her DCT debut in "Madeline's Christmas," Smith is a sixth-grade student at Amy Parks Elementary. Smith has been a fixture at both school and church-sponsored dramatic events, but this is her first time in a more technical role.

Despite the rigorous rehearsal schedule, Smith said she "wouldn't trade anything in the world for the opportunity."

The daughter of Nolan and Christine Smith has a brother, Jackson, who is on the drumline at Rockwall-Heath High School and a sister, Alaina, who is on the student council at Cain.

The musical is recommended for youths in kindergarten and older.

"Madeline's Christmas" will run Nov. 21 through Dec. 21 at Dallas Children's Theatre, 5938 Skillman Drive.

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- 8 State Fair staple "Big"
- 9 TXism: "the dogs" (stop)
- 16 4-time Cowboy Pro Bowler Williams
- 18 TXism: "popular as a daughter"
- 21 Charley & Guy: creators of TC
- 22 this Bob carried TX in '96, but lost
- 23 TXism: "smart as a bunkhouse"
- 24 cattle breed
- 30 alma mater of Cowboy LB Carpenter
- 34 school recreation
- 35 '08 film with TX Eve Brent: "The Curious Benjamin Button"
- 36 just one time
- 37 TX-born actor & Uma's ex, Ethan
- 39 TX _____ Fulford flew in '91 Space Shuttle
- 43 TXism: "skinny as a"
- 44 TXism: "come _____ the seams"
- 45 TXism: "hightail _____"
- 46 TX-based film: "The Thin Blue _____"

- 47 TX-based bread maker: "_____ Baird's"
- 48 "ready, _____ go!"
- 50 physical health
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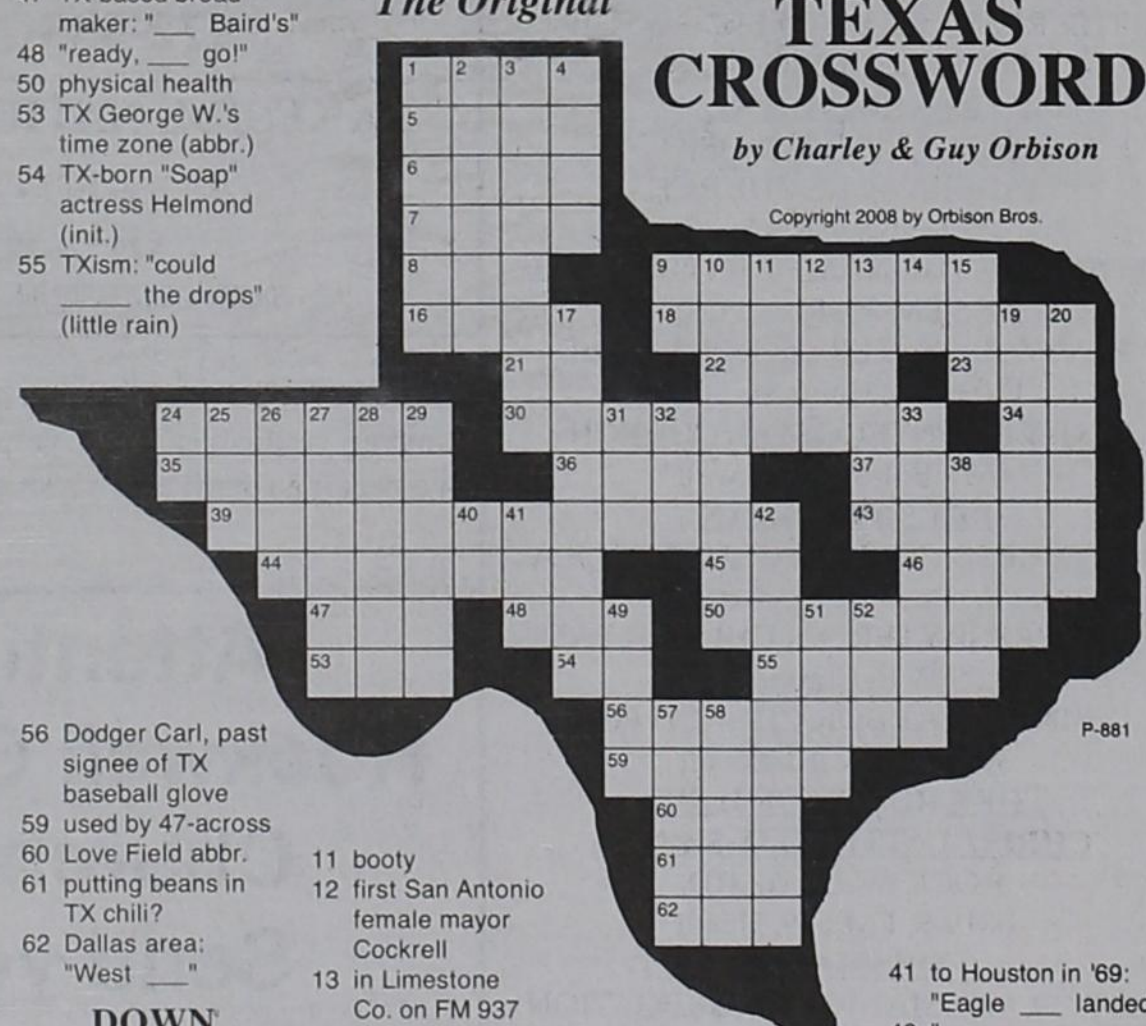
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- 4 Bowie's Alamo bed (2 wds.)
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- 10 TXism: "sling it on the wall _____ it sticks"
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- 13 in Limestone Co. on FM 937
- 14 Dallas' KERA is this type station
- 15 TXism: "right smart piece to there"
- 17 Skylab spotted this comet in '73
- 19 dinner towels
- 20 actor Bob in "4 for Texas"
- 24 _____ powder
- 25 Dodge truck
- 26 largest continent
- 27 TX Kris' "Make It Through The Night"
- 28 grinding teeth
- 29 TXism: "brave as _____ grade teacher"
- 31 international banking group
- 32 noted TX woman Hobby (init.)
- 33 TX female discuss thrower Brown
- 38 above the hips
- 40 "Giant" actress Liz (init.)
- 41 to Houston in '69: "Eagle _____ landed"
- 42 _____ stones can break my bones _____
- 49 TXism: "the bigger _____ are, the harder they fall"
- 51 TXism: "put a pencil _____ (calculate)"
- 52 TX-born Debbie was "The Singing _____"
- 57 Lubbock AFB that closed in '97
- 58 glossy fabric

Rockwall County News 2008 Holiday Schedule

Pre-Thanksgiving Special Edition

Tuesday, November 25, 2008

Deadline: 5 p.m., Thursday, Nov. 20

After-Thanksgiving

Friday, November 28, 2008

Deadline: 5 p.m., Tuesday, Nov. 25

Merry Christmas Special Edition

Tuesday, December 23, 2008

Deadline: 5 p.m., Thursday, Dec. 18

After Christmas

Friday, December 26, 2008

Deadline: 5 p.m., Tuesday, Dec. 23

Happy New Year's Special Edition

Tuesday, December 30, 2008

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Friday, January 2, 2009

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Rockwall County Yesteryears

iled by Judy Schneider
 the archives of the Rockwall County Library
 10 Years Ago
 November 20, 1998

8, Coach Greg Bretz from Heritage Christian Academy looked
 tball roster, and thought his team would have a chance at the
 After the Eagles played five games, they had a record of 0-5.
 retz still believed they had a chance for the playoffs. Heritage
 made the playoffs and also won the bi-district contest 36-30.
 Rockwall Movies 8 was playing Meet Joe Black, Antz, Practical
 Waterboy, I Still Know What You Did, The Wizard of Oz, Enemy
 ate and The Rugrats Movie.

20 Years Ago
 November 18, 1988
 Murray, a 14-year old Rockwall Middle School student, danced
 e Tuzer Ballet Company performing the "Nutcracker" for the
 r in a row. She had studied dance for 10 years and was again
 ck by the Company for the next year.
 bbert Gehring and his wife, Carolyn, appeared on the Oprah
 Show. The topic was doctors who were honest enough to admit
 n problems and to solve those problems.

30 Years Ago
 November 24, 1978
 Robin Harris was chosen to receive the DAR Good Citizen Award
 Rockwall Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution. Robin
 nior at Rockwall High School. The Award was given to a senior
 who showed great qualities in citizenship, leadership, depend-
 erve and patriotism.
 A. Reinhardt and his wife, Susan, joined the Rockwall Independent
 District. Mike took on the position of Assistant High School
 l, and his wife was a faculty member in the school system.

40 Years Ago
 November 22, 1968
 Christopher was born at 8:30 p.m. at Arlington Memorial
 l. His parents were Mr. and Mrs. Martin Wimpee and grandpar-
 Mr. and Mrs. John Bryan of Arlington and Mr. and Mrs. Tevis
 of Rockwall.
 Brady of Royse City wrote a letter to Santa Claus asking for a
 Spaceman with capsule. He said he included a picture with his
 id he also wanted to say "Hi" to Mrs. Claus and all the helpers.

50 Years Ago
 November 21, 1958
 e Alfred M. Nichols completed eight weeks of basic combat
 under the Reserve Forces Act in Arkansas. Nichols graduated
 Rockwall High School and attended East Texas State College be-
 ing into the Army.
 Rockwall Yellowjacket Band won first division in Marching and
 on in a contest at Texas Christian University. At least 100 proud
 were at the contest to cheer on the band. The Yellowjacket Band
 of 27 bands participating.

60 Years Ago
 November 19, 1948
 ast football game of the year was played against the Plano
 s at Memorial Field in Rockwall. Rockwall defeated Royse City
 k before with a winning score of 26-0.
 Theresa Ann Still married Dennis Lindsey of Dallas at the home
 and Mrs. C.J. Smirl in Heath. Willard Frisbee was best man and
 arice Smirl was her sister's maid of honor.

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 • Warrant unit arrests (Nov. 10-14) - 3

Royse City Police
 Nov. 7-13
 • Friday, Nov. 7: Alarm, 1500 block Lorena Drive; Accident, 1300 block Live Oak Street; Noise disturbance, 600 block Skelton Drive; Assault, 1300 block E. Main Street; Criminal mischief, 1400 block Claire Lane; Welfare check, 600 block I-30
 • Saturday, Nov. 8: Alarm, 600 block Bruback Drive; Alarm, 2400 block Gail; Alarm, 300 block Regal Court; Noise disturbance, 600 block West Creek Drive; Driving while intoxicated arrest, 200 block E. Main Street
 • Sunday, Nov. 9: Medical assistance, 900 block Meadowdale Lane; Alarm, 700 block E. Lamar Street; Alarm, 500 block Cookston Lane
 • Monday, Nov. 10: Accident, 1500 block I-30; Alarm, 1600 Wood Lawn Avenue; Suspicious

person, 1600 block Lesli Drive; Verbal disturbance, 700 block Oak Grove Lane
 • Tuesday, Nov. 11: Suspicious activity, 100 W. Main Street; Alarm, 400 block I-30; Accident, corner of North Service Road and FM548
 • Wednesday, Nov. 12: Suspicious activity, 2600 block Redwood Street; Suspicious activity, 1000 block Pullen Street; Medical assistance, 700 block MacKenzi Drive; Accident, 200 S. Elm Street; Alarm, 1400 block W. Main Street; Public intoxication, I-30 at the 79 mile marker; Public intoxication, 700 block FM2642
 • Thursday, Nov. 13: Suspicious activity, Josephine Street; Medical assistance, 600 block Wood Street; Medical assistance, 700 block Mackenzi Drive; Disorderly conduct, 700 block FM2642.

Rockwall Police
 Calls for Service
 Nov.10-16
 • Monday, Nov. 10 -- Theft, 200 block West Rusk Street
 • Tuesday, Nov. 11 -- Theft, 200 block West Rusk Street; Theft, 200

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

Help Helping Hands with T'giving baskets
 Sponsors are needed for the Thanksgiving baskets Rockwall County Helping Hands will distribute to the less fortunate in the community during the holiday season. Needed items include hams, turkeys, dressing mixes, instant potatoes, pie crust mixes and canned goods - sweet potatoes, green beans, corn, pie fillings and cranberry sauce. Business, church, organization and individual sponsors are welcomed. For more information contact Sherry Hamm at 972-771-HELP, ext. 6; donations also may be dropped off at the Food Pantry at Helping Hands, 950 Williams St., Bldg. A.

Letters to Santa deadline set Dec. 12
 Deadline for Letters to Santa from area children is Dec. 12 for publication in the Dec. 23 special Merry Christmas edition of the Rockwall County News. Mail letters to P.O. Box 819, Rockwall, TX 75087; drop off in person at the Rockwall County News office, 107 E. Bourn, in Rockwall, or send by fax to 972-722-2199.

Donate a children's book to the library
 The donation of a children's book to the Rockwall County Library is one way to honor a loved one, friend or teacher. A small tree placed on the Children's Service Desk of the library has titles of children's holiday books needed by the library. Choose a paper ornament, which contains a book title and its price, then give the ornament and the corresponding contribution to a Circulation Desk staff member and ask for a donation form. The library will place a bookplate in the book bearing the name of the honoree prescribed.

block West Rusk Street; Theft, 600 block Mission Drive
 • Wednesday, Nov. 12 -- Theft, 900 block IH 30; Theft, 2900 block Ridge Road
 • Thursday, Nov. 13 -- Theft, 900 block West Yellow Jacket Lane; Theft, 500 block FM 552; Theft, 2100 block South Goliad Drive
 • Friday, Nov. 14 -- Burglary; 600 block IH 30; Burglary, 1700 block Chesterwood Drive; Theft 2800 Bent Ridge Drive
 • Saturday, Nov. 15 -- Burglary, 2400 block Teagle Drive; Burglary, 2000 block Trail Glen; Burglary, 3000 block Rusty Ridge; Burglary, 3000 block Rusty Ridge
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Mission HCA: Fulfilling the Great Commission

by Amy Van Vleck
RCN Contributor

Heritage Christian Academy (HCA) has long been known for academic excellence and sportsmanship. Located in the heart of Rockwall County, HCA has implemented a mission program that supports outreach efforts locally, nationally, and globally. These efforts are impacting local residents, students, and beneficiaries around the world.

"Four years ago, we implemented a school-wide program called Mission HCA," said Cheryl Read, who teaches English and directs the Mission HCA program. "It is not simply one program — it's many programs operated under the umbrella of Mission HCA."

This program provides a canopy of support to several outreach efforts endorsed by the private school. The authority given this

program is found in Mark 16:15: He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the good news to all creation."

The purpose of Mission HCA is to expose students to community, national, and global needs, allowing them to discover and utilize their spiritual gifts and unique temperaments in a variety of ministry opportunities, equipping them with the knowledge and skills necessary to fulfill the Great Commission. Some students go on mission trips to places like New Orleans, for hurricane relief, or to Mexico to work with an orphanage; others stay local and do mission work in the Dallas/Rockwall area.

Mission HCA is fulfilling this commission by supporting programs that reach others with the love of Christ in practical and life-sustaining ways.

Internationally, Mission HCA

has reached out to residents in Ghana, West Africa, through their Backpack Program. "Each summer, I lead a team of students and staff to Ghana, West Africa," Read explained. Earlier in 2008, Read challenged the elementary students to fill 100 backpacks with school supplies for the children of the Kushibo village. "And they did!" she added.

The Backpack Initiative is just one way that HCA helps children in other countries. The students who visited West Africa also took supplies for a local orphanage. These life-giving gifts were donated and collected by HCA students and their parents.

A local effort supported by Mission HCA is the school's One Coat Project. "Through this project, each class provided one coat for an international refugee living near Rockwall," Read said.



Heritage Christian Academy students pose with 100 backpacks they purchased and filled with school supplies for children in the Ghana village of Kushibo.

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This fall, they've provided 18 coats in all. Each elementary class "adopts" a Bhutanese refugee, who most people do not realize live in East Dallas. Many of these refugees from Nepal have been here since June, Read added.

According to www.bhutanese-refugees.com, more than one sixth of the Bhutan population were forced into exile during the 1990s, making Bhutan one of the highest generators of refugees per capita in the world. 107,000 Bhutanese people, the majority of them of Nepalese origin, have been sheltered in refugee camps in South-Eastern Nepal administered by the United Nations High Commission for Refugees. An estimated 35,000 more Bhutanese live in Nepal, India, and elsewhere in the world, including East Dallas. "There is an entire apartment complex located [there] that is occupied by these refugees,"

said Read. "Meeting their needs is one of our efforts, but the timing is always surprising."

Read shared the story of how the October deadline for coat delivery was set according to conveniences in her schedule. The coats were gathered and delivered to the families the next evening. The day after the coats were delivered, the Metroplex was hit by a Texas "cold front." No snow, of course, but a chilly few days nonetheless. The refugees were very grateful to receive these gifts of warmth at just the right time.

"Small Change for Lives Changed" is another program supported by Mission HCA. This simple strategy uses coins that children donate throughout the year to register African residents for healthcare. In the northern region of Ghana, one person can receive health

benefits for one year for registration fee. "Our 2008-2009 is to raise \$5,000," Read said. "With that, easily register 200 people. Small change for lives changed — the program's title says it all."

There is more to tell the efforts of Mission HCA. The secondary students, 9-12, have some fun staying on, too. In December and a team of 40 will travel to Amarillo to work with 400 inner-city children who will be sacrifices made in effort to reach kids and tell about the purpose of Mission HCA: to expose students to community, national global needs, allowing them to discover and utilize the gifts and talents of students in a variety of ways. Opportunities, equipping them with the knowledge and necessary to fulfill the Great Commission.



Rockwall-Heath High School ninth grade All-Region Band members are (back row from left) Garrett Monkress, clarinet; Ryan Lorey, oboe; Ben Jones, French horn; Chase LaRose, trumpet; Osvaldo Martinez, bass clarinet; Dakota Johnson, tenor saxophone; Gage Mayborn, alto saxophone (front row) Tim Davis, tuba; Rylie Bryer, piccolo; Elizabeth Reed, clarinet and Greg Shields, tuba. Not pictured Landon Fisher, alto saxophone.

Staff Photo by Tim Burnett



Rockwall High School ninth grade All-Region Band members are (back row from left) Amy Jow, clarinet; Caitlin Conley, French horn; Kinsey Chuang, flute; Shelby Morrow, oboe; Ginny Mitchell, flute; Rebecca Merkel, clarinet; Andrea Pujol, clarinet; (front row) Mitchell Simpson, tuba; Stan Nichols, trombone; Brandon Wong, euphonium; Greg Witwer, trombone; Kieran Martin, clarinet and Cameron Canada, tuba.

Staff Photo by Tim Burnett

Band students earn All-Region honors

More than 1,800 seventh, eighth and ninth grade band members converged on Rockwall Heath High School November 8 for the TMEA Region 3 Middle School All-Region try-outs. Each of the two Rockwall ISD middle schools had students selected for the All-Region band, with ninth grade students from both high schools being chosen for the honor. Royse City Middle School and High School both had students selected to the band.

Thirty-eight Williams Middle School seventh and eighth grade band members were selected, with Rockwall High School seating 13 members.

Cain Middle School had 41 students selected, with Rockwall Heath High School placing 12 students.

Royse City Middle School will seat six students, and Royse

City High School had two students selected.

At the All-Region audition, band members play three prepared solos and major scales for a panel of judges. The judges are behind a screen, with students identified only by a letter, to provide complete anonymity and fairness during the competition.

Students selected for the second round of judging play in groups for the available spots

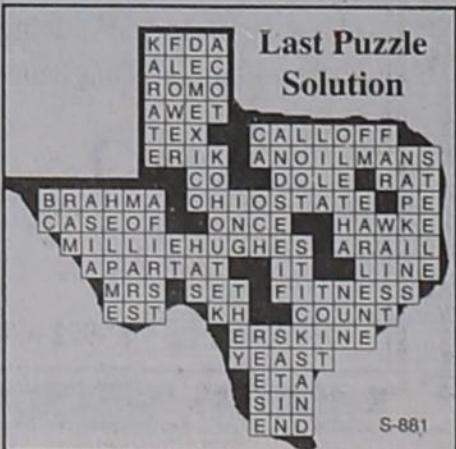
in the All-Region Concert Symphonic bands.

The students will perform at the Middle School All-Band Concert and January 9-10, 2009, Terrell Performing Arts Center.

Phase I of auditions for high school All-Region, which includes grades 11, and 12, will take place on December 6, 2009, with Phase II on December 8, at the High School in Richardson.



Royse City High School ninth grade All-Region Band members are (left) Paul Geyman, trumpet and Travis Sanders, trumpet. Staff photo by Kathy Williams



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Opinions



The Socialism of Public Schooling

by Jacob G. Hornberger

While the nation is on the subject of socialism, we really ought to talk about public schooling. With the possible exception of the military, it's the best example of a socialist institution one could ever find. It's not a coincidence that public schooling is one of Fidel Castro's favorite government programs.

Actually, "public schooling" is a misnomer. It would be more accurate to call it "government schooling" because it's a government operation from start to finish. That's different from, say, public movie theaters or public restaurants. Those are private businesses that are open to the public.

Like the military, public schooling operates in a top-down, command-and-control manner. It's a perfect model of socialistic central planning, a system in which government officials plan and direct the activities of the citizenry rather than simply leaving the citizenry free to plan and direct their own affairs.

Whether the control comes from the state government, through the state department of education, or the local government, through a school board, the principle is the same — a group of appointed or elected government officials is directing the educational decisions of multitudes of students. That's different from the private sector, where consumers, through their spending decisions, determine the direction of entrepreneurial and business activity.

Government officials decide the textbooks and the curricula in government schools. Thus, they decide the substance of what is to be taught to the students. In socialist countries like Cuba, we usually call that process indoctrination.

An American teacher might deviate from time to time from official doctrine, but if the deviation is major and persistent, the teacher will ultimately be forced into conformity.

For example, suppose a schoolteacher begins teaching students that the drug war is immoral and destructive and, therefore, that drugs should be legalized. Outraged parents would bring their wrath down upon the school board, which would pressure the principal, who would send an appropriate message to the teacher.

How are public schools financed? Through coercion. Everyone, even people who do not have children, is taxed to fund this government enterprise. It's called taking money from everyone to subsidize those who have children. Or as Karl Marx would have described this process of spreading the wealth, "From each according to his ability, to each according to his needs."

The private sector gets its money differently. Private businesses must produce goods and services that people find sufficiently valuable to pay for voluntarily.

How do government schools get their customers? Through force. That's where compulsory-attendance laws come into play. If a parent fails to send his children into the public school system or fails to subject them to some alternative form of government-approved education (e.g., charter schools, government-licensed private schools, or homeschooling), the parent is subjected to extreme sanctions, including imprisonment.

Of course, that's not the way that businesses in the private sector get their customers.

What's the alternative to government schooling? No, not charter schools or a voucher system or even a system of government-licensed private schools or government-supervised homeschooling. Those reforms leave government in charge of education and continue to rely on coercion.

Instead, the genuine alternative to government schooling is a free market in education — that is, an educational system that is entirely free of governmental involvement — a total separation of school and state.

A free-market educational system would operate the same way that restaurants and movie theaters operate. Consumers, not the government, would decide the appropriate educational vehicles for their children, and businesses and entrepreneurs would supply those demands by providing people with educational products and services.

Advocates of government schooling claim that parents are not competent to make educational decisions for their children. That raises an obvious question: Why not?

Aren't most parents products of public schooling? If public schooling has produced a nation of adults who lack the competence to guide their children's education, why do we want to continue a system that is likely to produce the same result?

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etting beyond race

Walter E. Williams

The fact that President-elect Barack Obama's vision for our country is a lot to be desired, the fact that he was elected represents a major national achievement. When the War of 1861 ended, a former slave nor slave owner would have believed it possible that a black man would be elected president in a mere century and a half, if ever. That's just behind Australia but ahead of Netherlands, Belgium, and Switzerland. Black Americans have been chief executives of the world's largest and richest cities such as New York, Los Angeles, Philadelphia and Washington, D.C. Gen. Colin Powell, appointed Joint Chief of Staff in October 1989, headed the toughest military and later became U.S. Secretary of State, and Condoleezza Rice, another black. A few blacks are among the world's richest people and many are some of the most famous personalities. These gains, over many difficult years, are the result of the intestinal fortitude of a people but not in which these gains were possible. They could not have been achieved anywhere else.

Acknowledgment of these achievements is not to deny that a large part of the black community faces enormous problems. But as I have said, most of today's problems have little or nothing to do with racial discrimination. That's not to say that every vestige of racial discrimination has been eliminated but as my colleague Dr. John L. Williams said in "End of Racism?" *Forbes* (11/5/08), "There are also no shortcuts, and there always will be. Life goes on." The fact that a black president was elected hopefully might turn our attention away from the false notion that discrimination explains the problems of a large segment of the black community to the real problems that have absolutely nothing to do with discrimination.

The illegitimacy rate among blacks stands at about 70 percent. Less than 40 percent of black children are raised in two-parent households. Those are major problems but they have nothing to do with racial discrimination. During the early 1900s, illegitimacy was a tiny fraction of today's rate and black families were just as stable as white families. Fraudulent education is another problem, where the average black high school senior can read, write and compute no better than a white seventh-grader. It can hardly be blamed on discrimination. Black schools receive the same funding as white schools and most of the teachers and staffs are black and the schools are often in cities where the mayor and the city council are mostly black. Crime is a major problem. Blacks commit about 50 percent of all homicides and 95 percent of their victims are blacks.

Tragically, many black politicians and a civil rights industry have a vested interest in portraying the poor socioeconomic outcomes for many blacks as problems rooted in racial discrimination. One of the reasons they are able to get away with such deception is because there are so many guilt-ridden white people. Led by guilt, college administrators, employers and others in leadership positions, in the name of diversity, buy into nonsense such as lowering standards, racial preferences and acceptance of behavior standards they wouldn't accept from whites. Maybe the election of a black president will help white people over their guilt feelings so they can stop acting like fools in their relationships with black people.

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John McCain and Sarah Palin

Bill O'Reilly

Someone please explain to me why Sarah Palin is still getting so much media attention a week after the election? I understand that the left-wing media did her during the campaign because they obviously favored her. I also realize that scapegoating has become a national sport, but isn't enough enough with Gov. Palin?

Recently not. The most fascinating thing about the latest round of Palin bashing is John McCain's reaction. A day after the election, Fox News political commentator Karl Cameron reported on my TV program that some of his McCain staffers were frustrated because Palin didn't know much about the world. The now famous accusation is that the governor even knew that Africa is a continent.

McCain immediately denied it, and you would think McCain would have had that kind of vicious garbage in his tracks. But it took the senator a week before he publicly stuck up for her. So let me ask you something. If yours was being humiliated, would it take you six days to respond?

Well, this week McCain went on "The Tonight Show with Jay Leno" and said he was very "proud" of Palin.

Simultaneously, the liberal media continue to pound the governor as a clueless, inexperienced, and arrogant woman. As Maureen Dowd wrote in *The New York Times*, "If that's true, WHO CARES? The woman lost and will not be president. Somebody tell *The New York Times*."

What is all this happening? Palin is a strong pro-life voice and, as a woman, she is a giant target on her back as far as the left-wing media are concerned. She must be destroyed as an example to other women who want to promote a pro-life position.

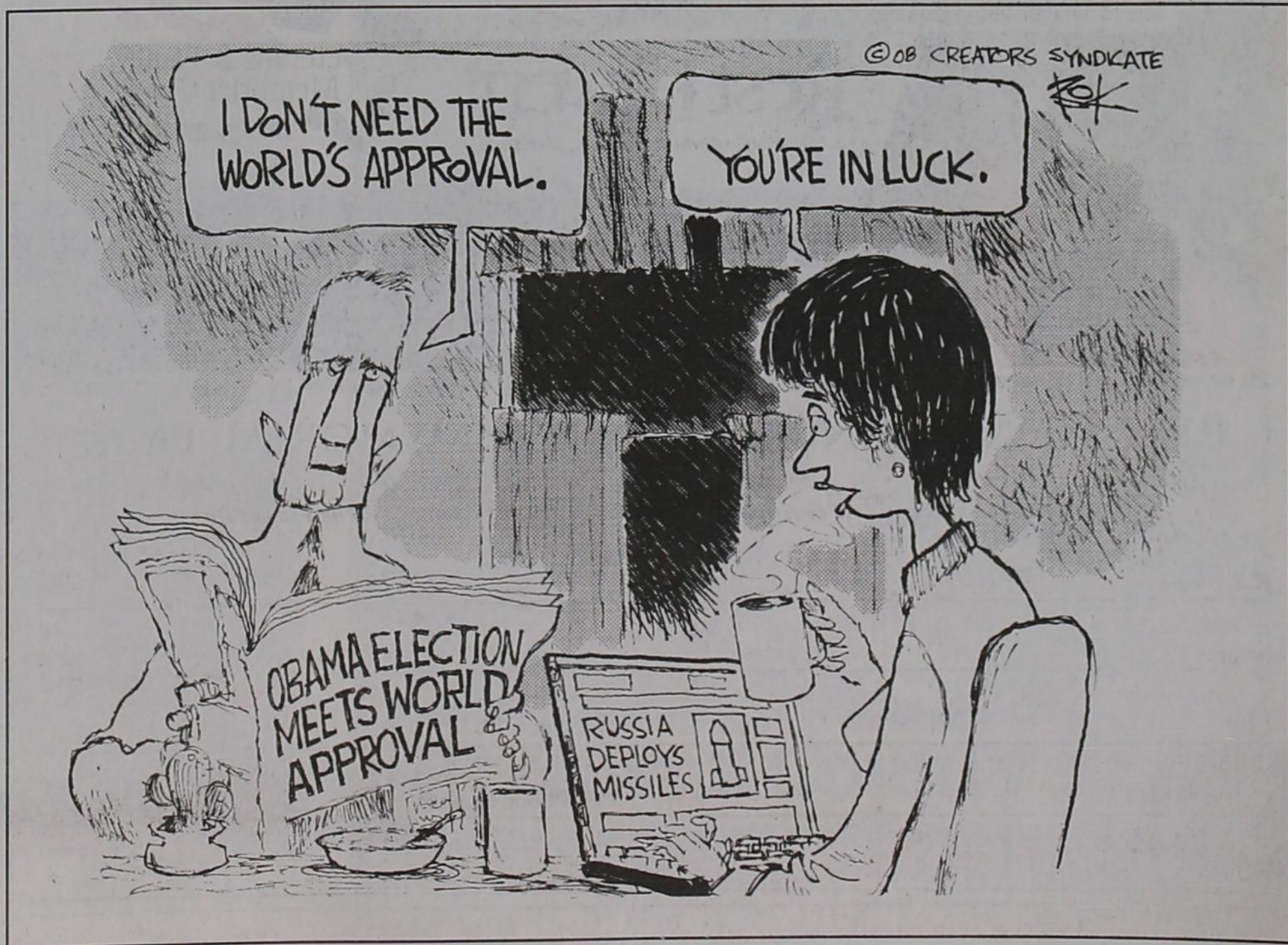
Right, some Republicans believe that Palin is simply not smart enough to win a national election, and they don't want to have to deal with her again in 2012. If she can be marginalized now, that is a good thing for them.

McCain, my colleague Juan Williams believes he just didn't know how to step up and defend his running mate. He lost, he's a loser, that's that. It's impossible to read anyone's mind, but McCain demonstrated the same lack of urgency in dealing with the Palin situation that he did throughout the campaign. There's an economic crisis in this country. Did you get the feeling McCain understood that? It's impossible to ascertain exactly why Palin continues to get so much media attention, but fair-minded Americans surely know that it is unnecessary and unproductive. This time, enough really is enough.

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Stingerettes dance clinic Saturday

The Rockwall High School Stingerettes, pictured above, will conduct a dance class from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday in the Grace Hartman Gym. Dance techniques will be taught, as well as a dance routine. Open to girls from kindergarten through fifth grade, the event will include games, a photo, refreshments and story time with Santa. Cost will be \$40 at the door; check-in will be at 9:30 a.m. Price includes a dance clinic T-shirt and a copy of the photo with Santa. For more information contact Misty Rapp at tom-rapp@sbcglobal.net or call 972-567-3982.

Decked out in their holiday finest are (back to front from left) Austin Cain, Robert Esparza, Meagan Ferguson, Meredith Rimmer, Mark Von Schwarz, Jude McCarthy, Anna Mann, Brittany Kostra, Ashley Ward, Taylor Rollins, Katie Moses, Gentry Rose, Alanna Switzer, Aly Peterson, Amanda Bull, Megan Kimmel, Tia Campbell, Victoria Gudino, Heather Rowe, Courtney Gambrell, Rebecca Ruppert, Meghan Weeks, Chelsea Sayes, Vicki Hill, Tracie Shippy, Claire Tommey, Chelsey Crawford, Rachel Walker, Melissa Kimmel, Kelsey Clasen, Megan Burns, Lt. Kassie Armendariz, Lt. Bianca Kirkpatrick, Lt. Nicole Barton, Captain Holly Gibson, 1st Lt. Erin Rapp, Lt. Bethany Lang, Lt. Kathryn Broze, Hayden Jackson and Harley Jackson.

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Tracy Davis, left, directs the first concert of the Rockwall ISD orchestra. The fifth and sixth grade students played to a packed house Tuesday, Nov. 18 at Rockwall Heath High School.

Staff photo by Tim Burnett



The Rockwall High School softball and baseball teams each produced one player that recently signed national letters of intent to play ball at Texas State University in San Marcos next year. The player Haley Lemons (seated left) and Travis Ballew (seated right), signed the letters as their proud families looked on. Celebrating with Haley and Travis are (from left) Lady Jackets softball coach Shady Sharon, Taylor and Brad Lemons, and Sam, Cole, and Kathy Ballew and Yellowjackets baseball Jeff Payne.

Staff photo by Tim Burnett



Four members of the Rockwall Heath High School softball team signed national letters of intent to play ball in college next year as their proud families looked on. The players are, from left, Taylor Blair, her mother, Gretchen Blair; Taylor McLoughlin, with her parents, Mike and Julie McLoughlin; Eddy, with parents, Rick and Marcia Eddy, and Sarah Long, with her aunt Lori Tittle and uncle Tittle. Blair will attend Southwestern University in Georgetown; McLoughlin, Northwestern State University in Natchitoches, Louisiana; Eddy, Oklahoma City University and Long, Paris Junior College.

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Just Say You Saw It In "The County News"



Drew Verhagen, left, and Charlie Martin, right, both members of the Rockwall Heath High School baseball team, celebrated with their parents after signing national letters of intent to play baseball in college next year. Drew, with parents Margie Verhagen and Glen Verhagen, will play at Oklahoma University. Charlie, with parents, Glen and Jenny Verhagen, will play at Texas Tech.

Staff photo by Kathy Williams

Students tap wolf as Uteley MS mascot

Uteley Middle School students will be cheering for wolf the renovated school opens next fall.

Rockwall Independent School District elementary recently were given the opportunity to vote on their choice for Uteley Middle School. Although final zoning boundaries have not been determined, all current RISD sixth graders were invited to participate in the mascot selection process. selection was the Uteley Wolves, and the colors selected silver, black and white.

The Herman E. Uteley Middle School campus (former Freshman Center) is undergoing extensive renovation and is scheduled to open in the fall of 2009. Its entire student population comprised of seventh grade students.

The Uteley zoning task force has completed its work and recommended three zoning scenarios to RISD Superintendent Burton for consideration. The zoning task force was composed of representation from every RISD campus including the principal, representative from the campus improvement committee, a parent and a PTA/PTO representative and two teachers.

Burton will consider the recommendations and make a presentation to the Board of Trustees.

To see the new Uteley website, go to the main Rockwall website at rockwallisd.com, choose RISD Schools from the left-hand side, then pick Herman E. Uteley Middle School from the list of campuses.



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Rockwall County Sports

Peschell, Read lead HCA to playoff victory

Peschell's four touchdowns helped Rockwall's Heritage Christian Academy win the TAPPS 6 Man Division I playoffs Saturday with an 86-44 Bi-District victory over Marble Falls Faith Academy.

Trailing a close 16-12 lead after one quarter, the Eagles fell behind in the second. HCA then exploded for 60 points while the Flames to 12. Six-man football's 45-point mercy rule ended the game with 3 minutes, 40 seconds remaining in the fourth quarter.

Peschell's touchdowns came during that late spurt, beginning with a back Faith Academy's kickoff 60 yards to put the Eagles ahead 22-18. The senior also caught touchdown passes of 12, 15 and 20 yards.

Quarterback Zach Read completed 10 of 18 passes for 207 yards and two touchdown passes, and ran for 119 yards and two touchdowns.

HCA advanced to Saturday's Regional Final. The Eagles will face the 4 champion Bulverde Bracken Christian Academy (9-1) in the first round. The loss came against HCA, 86-44. The rematch will be at 2 p.m. on Saturday at Texas Christian School in Temple.

	Faith	HCA
First downs	15	19
Rushing yds.	40-276	28-284
Passing yds.	55	219
Passing	7-24-1	11-21-1
Punts-avg.	1-54.0	0
Penalties-yds.	2-22	4-50
Fumbles-lost	3-0	1-1

Faith – William Diamond 40 run (kick failed)
HCA – Travis Arterburn 1 run (Aaron Mateer kick)
HCA – Kevin Prater 1 run (Mateer kick)
Faith – Adrian Bryd 58 kickoff return (kick failed)
Faith – Diamond 5 run (kick failed)
HCA – Josh Peschell 60 kickoff return (kick failed)
HCA – Zach Read 62 run (Mateer kick)
HCA – Peschell 23 pass from Read (Mateer kick)
HCA – Prater 3 run (kick failed)
HCA – Peschell 12 pass from Austin Pettit (Mateer kick)
HCA – Read 6 run (Mateer kick)
Faith – Bryd 11 run (kick failed)
HCA – Josh Points 18 run (Mateer kick)
Faith – Diamond 28 run (kick failed)
HCA – Peschell 35 pass from Read (Mateer kick)

Individual statistics

Passing – Faith: Ryan Roberts 7-23-1-55, Adrian Bryd 0-1-0-0; HCA: Zach Read 10-18-0-207, Austin Pettit 1-1-0-12, Josh Peschell 0-2-1-0.
Rushing – Faith: William Diamond 33-268, Adrian Bryd 2-9, Ian Shirley 1-0, Ryan Roberts 4-minus 1; HCA: Josh Points 11-125, Zach Read 9-119, Josh Peschell 2-18, Kevin Prater 4-15, Travis Arterburn 2-7.

Receiving – Faith: Chase Penner 2-29, William Diamond 2-13, Ian Shirley 2-8, Adrian Bryd 1-5; HCA: Josh Peschell 3-70, Noah Ward 2-56, Micah Griffey 1-43, Josh Points 2-18, Spencer McAfee 1-13, Austin Pettit 1-13, Kevin Prater 1-6.



Heritage Christian Academy Zach Read (7) dives into the end zone for a touchdown during last Saturday's TAPS Bi-District game against Marble Falls Faith Academy.

Photo by William Crowe

Rockwall Ice Hockey overpowers Frisco 8-1

by Rogers

A late night game near DFW airport a home game is one of the challenges players and parents endure in Metroplex high school hockey. That didn't stop the Rockwall Varsity team from dispatching Frisco team with efficient execution at the Grapevine Star Center. Rockwall raised their record to 6-1-0 to stay in tight top of the Silver league standings.

Rockwall spent much of the game in the Frisco zone putting 30 shots on goal and scoring eight goals.

Rockwall junior netminder David White barely broke a sweat, stopping one shot in the first two periods and finished with 14 saves.

Rockwall defense led by Rockwall seniors Joey Ullman, Zack Cook, and Nick Ziebell played havoc with any offense in the neutral zone.

Rockwall coach, Mark Burack, head coach. "When the defense does that, it makes for a good night."

Senior Morgan Cook led Rockwall with four goals and an assist. Senior Chris Thirion contributed two goals and two assists.

Rockwall Heath senior Brandon Bambico added a goal and two assists. Wylie senior Stefan Skinner added a goal. Rockwall sophomore Josh Kinnear assisted on two goals. Jones and Ziebell each had assists.

There was little doubt in the outcome as Rockwall pressured Frisco from the initial face-off. The Yellowjackets put ten shots on goal finishing the first period up 3-0 with goals by Cook, Thirion and Bambico.

The middle frame continued the assault with Rockwall putting 12 more shots on net and adding two more goals, both by Cook, to the tally.

The third period was no different as Rockwall added two goals in the first two minutes, by Skinner and Thirion.

Frisco finally got on the board with a goal, but Cook quickly answered with his fourth of the night.

Rockwall will next face Grapevine (2-5-0) Nov. 20 at the Grapevine Star Center.

The Rockwall Ice Hockey Club competes in the AT&T Metroplex High School Hockey League and is composed of young athletes from Rockwall, Royse City, and Wylie ISD's.

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Rockwall Ice Hockey J.V. to Coppell

by Rogers

Rockwall Junior Varsity Ice Hockey team battled Coppell (5-1-1) tie in regulation only to lose in overtime Nov. 16 at the Star Center. The loss is the first in seven starts.

Rockwall eighth grader, Cole Daseke, logged 24 saves in the game. Coppell eighth grader, Zack Cook, got the lone goal for Coppell off a pass from John Burack.

"It was the best team effort we've seen to date," said Mark Burack, Rockwall head coach.

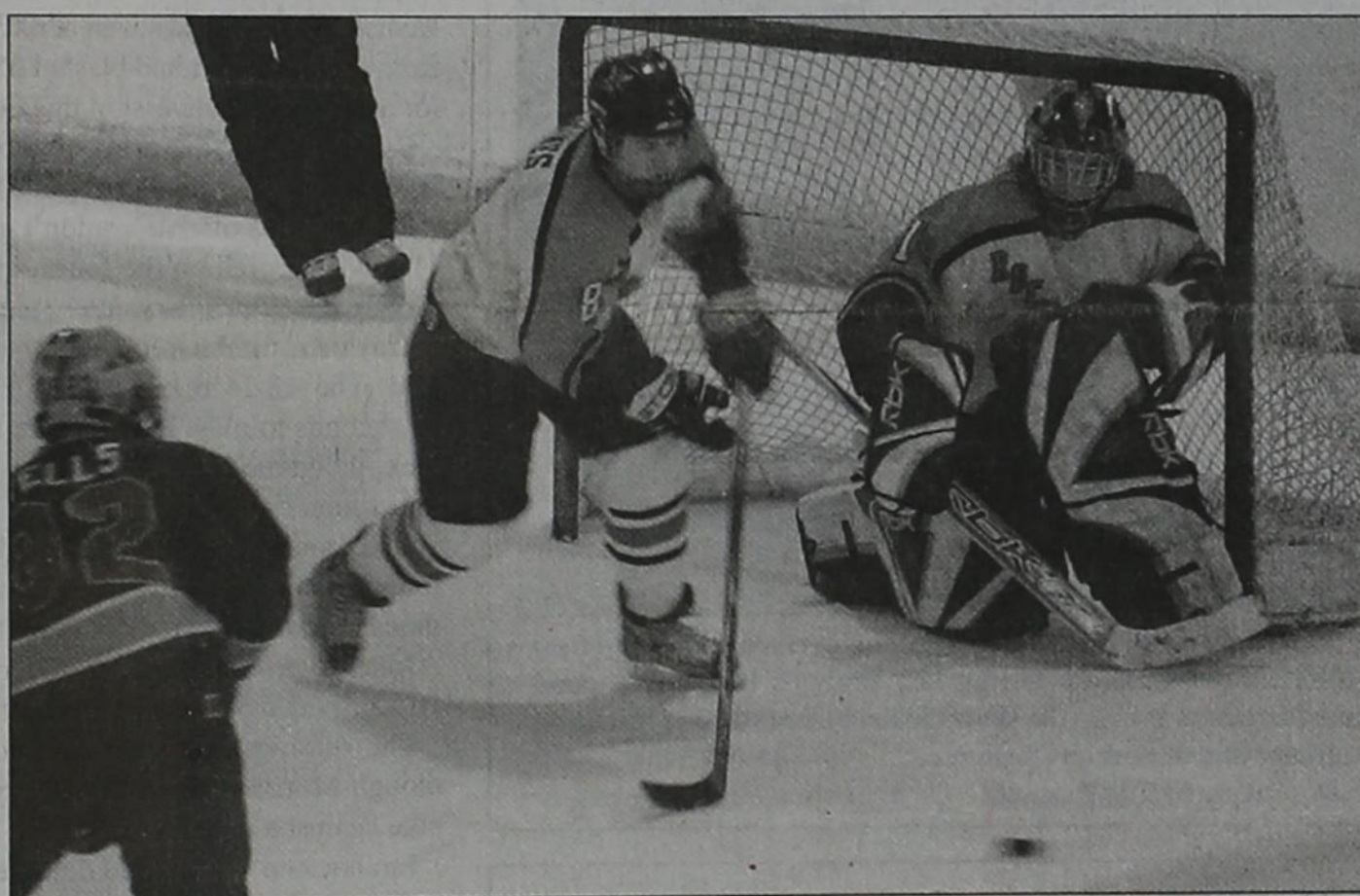
The game was evenly matched in the first three periods as defense kept both teams from scoring sustained attacks.

The first period ended with no goals. Coppell out-shooting Rockwall 7-3.

In the second period, Coppell scored several attacks that were blocked by goalie Burack.

In the third period, Rockwall defense held up, allowing Coppell to score the lone goal.

Rockwall responded in the third period with a strong attack yielding several scoring chances. Midway through the period, Daseke



Rockwall senior defenseman Zack Jones and junior goalie David White defends the Rockwall zone during last Thursday's game against Coppell.

Photo by Shawn Rogers

drove deep into the Coppell zone and passed to the slot where Barham was positioned for a wrist shot that sailed between the goalie's pads to tie the game.

The overtime period saw both teams gain scoring chances but with less than a minute remaining, Coppell put three players in the crease and overpowered the Rockwall defense to get the game winner.

"I am very happy with the way we played," said Burack. "To be 6-1-0 at this point in the season is a great place to be."

Rockwall will next face the Dallas Stars AAA Girls Hockey team in an exhibition game Nov. 23 at the Valley Ranch Star Center.

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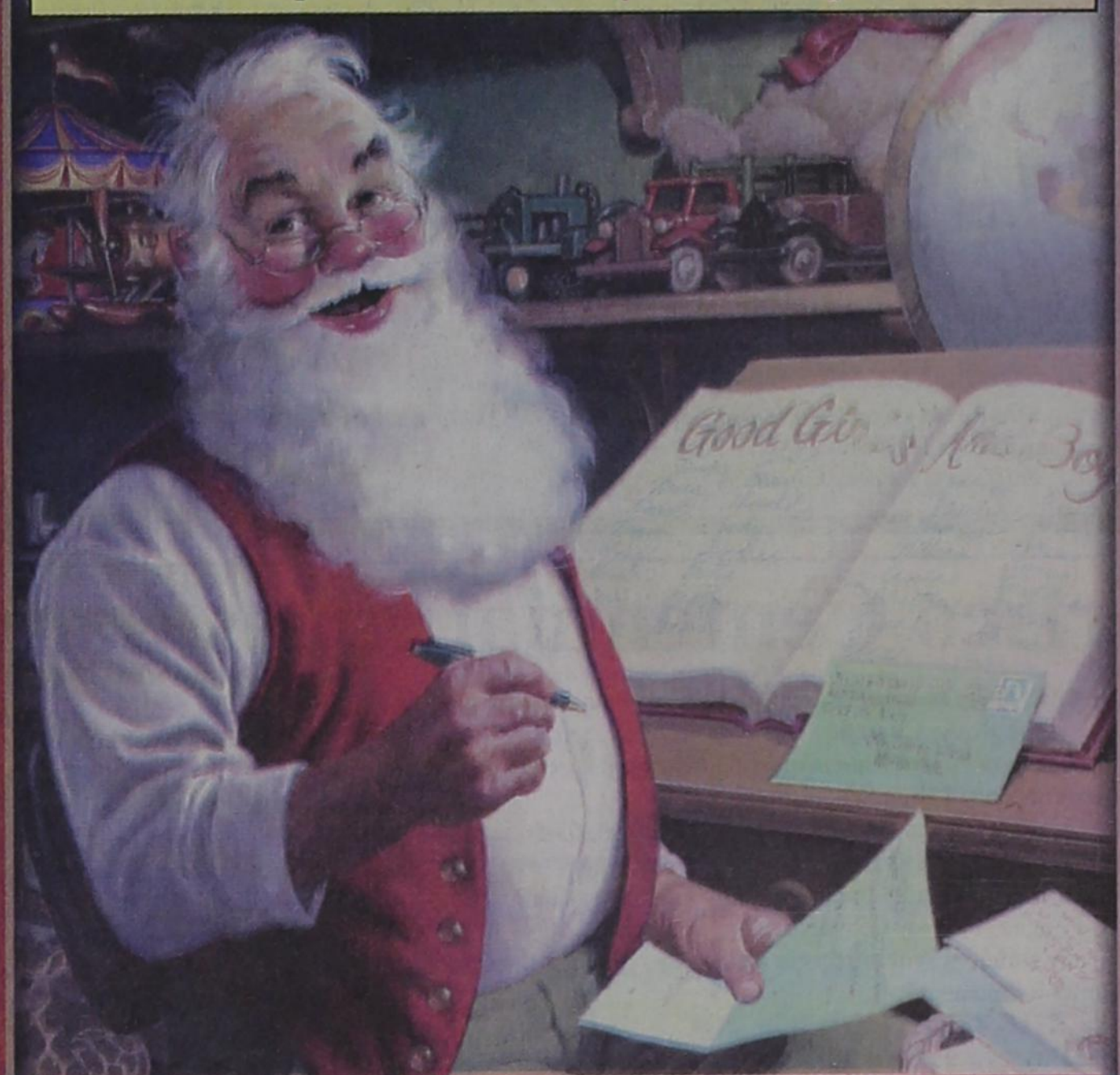
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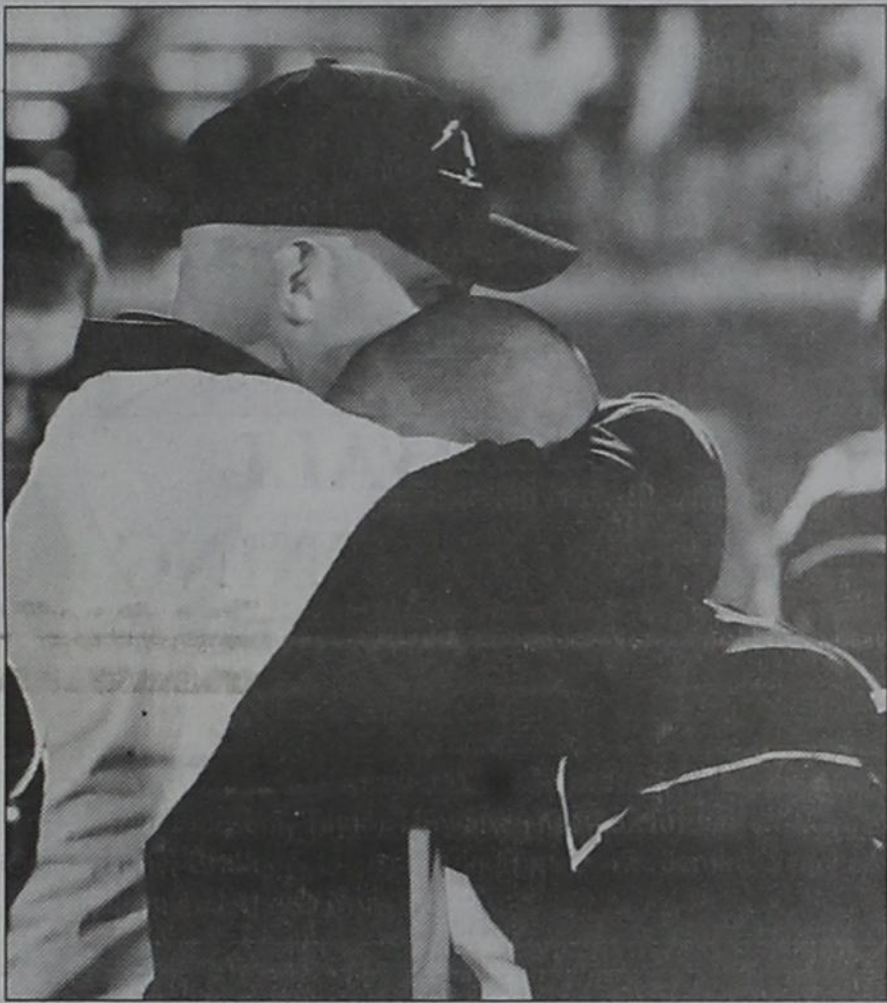
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Royse City Bulldogs finish stellar season



Bulldogs senior quarterback Richard Morrison (5) races into the end zone for a Royse City touchdown during last Friday night's Bi-District game against Denison in SMU's Ford Stadium.
Staff photo by Roy Heath



RCHS head coach Greg Strahm embraces the Bulldogs senior class football players after their final football game held last Friday in SMU's Ford Stadium against Denison.
Staff photo by Tim Burnett



The Mighty Bulldogs Marching Band performs to proud fans in SMU's Ford Stadium during last Friday's Bi-District game against Denison. During the show the drill team stood at attention in anticipation of their performance.
Staff photo by Tim Burnett



The Bulldogs varsity cheering squad endured the cold with the fans while leading cheers throughout last Friday's Bi-District game against Denison in SMU's Ford Stadium.
Staff photo by Tim Burnett

by Lary Bump
The end wasn't abrupt, but it wasn't what the Royse City expected.

But there they were on the turf at SMU's Gerald J. Ford Friday night, fighting back tears and hugging their Papa Bear. "The kids call me Papa Bear because I get so emotional," coach Greg Strahm, misty-eyed himself after Denison eliminated Bulldogs from the playoffs 41-24.

"These kids invested so much. I'm so proud of them. It's difficult to finish a season, but ever more when you've got 36 seniors invested so much into the program and are so much of what we are."

"One thing these seniors did is they took the jump from sophomore to senior. A lot of people said they couldn't do it. It's not the initial season. I'll remember this group. This is my senior class," said Strahm, his first season as Royse City's head coach.

The Bulldogs finished third as rookies in District 10-4A, and the season 7-4. They pushed Highland Park to the limit before the playoffs. Three of the teams that defeated RCHS are in the playoffs, with a combined 32-1 record.

Strahm said of his seniors, "They put everything they've got into it. Everything they had wasn't enough to stop Denison (11-1). Yellowjackets came into the game averaging almost 50 points per game with running back T.J. Jones accounting for 220-plus yards per game on the ground."

Royse City held Jones without a yard in the first quarter – trailed 6-0.

Neither team's high-powered offense generated as many as in that quarter, when each side proved it had a defense. The offense came when RC quarterback Richard Morrison fumbled on the play. Denison's Aaron Morrison scooped up the ball and ran for a touchdown.

In fact, the Jackets managed just three offensive touchdowns in the first half on their fumble recovery, when Shalamar Traylor picked up a misfired/mishandled lateral and ran 25 yards to the end zone.

In the second quarter, Jones broke loose, carrying nine times the yardage and a 9-yard touchdown. The Bulldogs hung close, trailing 13-10 because Kollin Padon kicked a 39-yard field goal and ran 5 yards for a score.

The Yellowjackets moved in to RC's 2 yard line with the clock winding down on the first half. Jacob Powell kicked an apparent field goal, but confusion as to whether Denison would kick or not led to a touchdown left too many Jackets on the field. They were penalized 10 yards, but Powell then made good on a 34-yard kick to end the half.

After the second-half kickoff, the Bulldogs had a chance to take the lead on third and seven at its 35 yard line, but Jones took a sack from Jordan Taylor and blasted 65 yards for a touchdown. Jones' two-point conversion that put the Jackets ahead 24-10.

By the end of the third quarter, Jones' 56-yard touchdown pass to Powell's 19-yard field goal gave Denison a 34-10 lead.

Royse City's offense couldn't get moving until the end of the third quarter. The Dogs scored on the fourth quarter's first play, a 10-yard pass from Morrison to Devin Bryant.

Traylor's fumble-recovery touchdown restored Denison's lead. The 41-24 result resulted from Frank Dave's 1-yard scoring drive in the fourth quarter. Even before Denison recovered the ensuing kick, the game was over except for the shouting and the hugging and crying.

"Denison deserves a ton of credit," Strahm said. "They're a great football team. We rallied as well as we could rally to them but times I would have liked it if we tackled a little better."

Jones, who finished with 181 rushing yards, and Taylor, who finished with 101, provided a ground-based offense that was difficult to stop.

The Yellowjackets' defense held Royse City to 75 yards rushing and 100 passing. Morrison threw for 280 yards, passing was a difficult task against a strong north wind. Denison intercepted two of his passes.

Strahm said, "The wind definitely played a little factor. Field position was a big key. We couldn't get some things working. They were in tough situations."

According to the coaches' statistics, Cameron Nichols, T.J. Hernandez and Oscar Hernandez each had 12 total tackles, and Scotty Arterberry had 11. In addition, Nichols caused a fumble, which Hardy recovered. Hernandez had a tackle for a loss, Hernandez broke up a pass and Arterberry combined with a teammate to make a tackle for a loss.

For the season, Hernandez led the defense with 117 total tackles (89 assists, 29 unassisted). Arterberry and Padon each had 3 and Arterberry led with 9.5 tackles for loss and 8 quarterback sacks. Nichols' 38 solo tackles were the team high. B.J. Farrar led the Bulldogs with 32 solo tackles, 13 passes broken up, 4 interceptions and 2 blocked kicks. All of those players are seniors.

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Total
Royse City	0	10	0	14	24
Denison	6	10	18	7	41

Den – Aaron Morrison 31 fumble return (kick failed)
RC – Kollin Padon 39 FG
Den – D.J. Jones 9 run (Jacob Powell kick)
RC – Richard Morrison 5 run (Padon kick)
Den – Powell 34 FG
Den – Jones 65 pass from Jordan Taylor (Jones run)
Den – Jones 56 run (Powell kick)
Den – Powell 19 FG
RC – Devin Bryant 10 pass from Morrison (run failed)
Den – Shalamar Traylor 25 fumble return (Powell kick)
RC – Frank Dave 1 run (Justin Jacobs pass from Morrison)

	Royse City	Denison
First downs	19	16
Rushing yds.	25-75	43-277
Passing yds.	280	143
Passing	23-37-2	9-11-0
Punts-avg.	3-24.3	3-40.7
Penalties	6-58	9-86
Fumbles-lost	5-2	2-1

Individual statistics
Passing – Royse City: Richard Morrison 23-37-2-280; Denison: Jordan Taylor 9-11-0-143.
Rushing – Royse City – Richard Morrison 14-50, Lewis Mapp 6-10, Frank Dave 6-10, Kris Smith 1-minus 3; Denison – D.J. Jones 9-11, Taylor Jordan 20-101, Team 1-minus 5.
Receiving – Royse City: Justin Jacobs 9-111, Kris Smith 5-54, Devin Bryant 2-30, Lewis Mapps 2-19, Frank Dave 1-10, Denison – D.J. Jones 2-68, Jimmay Mundine 2-59, Hudson 4-13, Cody Reeves 1-4.

Frisco Centennial edges Lady Bulldogs

Raven Alexander scored 17 points and Tayler Young 16, but it wasn't enough, as the Royse City Lady Bulldogs suffered their first loss of the season, falling to Frisco Centennial 63-55 in a non-district game Nov. 18 at Frisco Centennial High School.

After opening the season with wins over Garland, 63-56, and Honey Grove, 61-36, Royse City stands 2-1 for the year. Alexander poured in 28 points her team's win over Garland and also scored 17 against Honey Grove.

The lady Bulldogs will next be in action Nov. 20-22 at the Carrollton RL Turner tournament.

Royse City	9	18	15	13 – 55
Frisco Cen.	11	18	13	26 – 63

Scoring
RC: Raven Alexander 17, Tayler Young 16, Kellie Wyrick 8, Ashlei Jordan 5, Ariel Freese 5, Taylor Howard 3, Taylor Jordan 1.
FCEN: Katie Brakner 23, Brittanie Barton 13, Jenika Sanchez 10, Carlee Johnson 10, Alyssa York 7.

Royse City	16	15	14	18 – 63
Garland	7	18	8	23 – 56

Scoring
RC: Raven Alexander 28, Tayler Young 13, Taylor Howard 9, Ariel Freese 6, Kellie Wyrick 4, Amanda Boudreaux 3.
GAR: Taylor 18, Johnson 12, Azore 12, Wilkett 8, Brigham 4, Wilkins 2.

Honey Grove	12	14	2	8 – 36
Royse City	10	25	12	14 – 61

Scoring
HG: Deasha Mackey 12, Shambreika Beard 7, Regan Rickman 4, Kandace Martin 4, Chelsea Edwards 4, Raven Finney 2, Jessica Brigham 2, Chanda Foster 1.
RC: Raven Alexander 17, Ariel Freese 14, Taylor Howard 9, Kellie Wyrick 8, Tayler Young 4, Shayla Wright 2, Alyssa Null 2, Ashlei Jordan 2, Shelby Brown 2, Taylor Jordan 1.

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Hawks rout Centennial 49-14 in first-ever playoff game; rematch with Hillcrest next

By Matt McGillen
When there were 32.
In their first postseason football game in school history, the eighth-ranked Rockwall-Heath Hawks barely got their high-powered offense going before they had to shut down the Big Black-and-Red Machine, out to a 42-0 halftime lead on the way to a 49-14 win over the Frisco Centennial Titans in Region II bi-district playoff action at Wylie's Pirate Stadium.

The original field of 64 teams vying for the Division II 4A state title was sliced in half after the first round, the Hawks (11-0) will face the Panthers (7-3) Nov. 21 at 9 p.m. at Texas Stadium in the second round where another 16 teams will be eliminated.

The game will be a rematch of a non-district game played Sept. 19, when the Hawks won 35-17 after pulling out their starters with a 35-3 lead through the third period.

Again making the spectacular routine, Heath's Kendial Lawrence, why he may just be the best running back in the state.

The 10, 180-pound senior gained 241 yards on a mere 14 carries, and he had more touchdowns against the Titans, the last one coming with 1:11 left in the second quarter on a 55-yard explosion that gave the Hawks a 42-0 lead.

Lawrence's last touch in a game where he also scored on runs of 31 and 31 yards, and now has 2,311 yards on the ground, an average of 165 yards per game.

With his season TD total to a mind-boggling 40 for the year, Lawrence is well away from the leading scorer in the DFW area with 242 points.

He has eight more touchdowns and almost 300 more rushing yards than any 3A, 4A or 5A player in the Metroplex.

Quarterback Drew Hollingshead had a perfect — if brief — night, throwing all five of his passes for 45 yards, including an 11-yard score to Lawrence's backfield mate, Everett Gilbert, that made the score 49-0 with 5:22 to go in the third period.

Gilbert's 10th touchdown this season, and even though he only carried for just 13 yards and just the one reception against the Titans, the 5-9, 175-pound senior now has 1,256 yards of total offense for the season, 600 rushing, 534 receiving and 122 return yards.

The starters went to the side line, the future of the Hawks' program again put on display, doing a nice job of eating up the clock in the final half.

Jesse Irokwe piled up 100 yards on 14 carries, while backup quarterback Rodgers rushed for 23 yards on five carries, including a well-timed 14-yard TD scamper off the option to end an 80-yard drive that made the score 49-0 with 5:22 to go in the third period.

The 12 junior was also completed the only pass he threw, which was a 13-yard gain to junior wide receiver Cameron Wilson.

On the defensive side, the Hawks starters yielded just 56 yards of total offense in the first half before giving way to the Class of 2010 and beyond.

Centennial finished with just 204 yards of offense compared to the Hawks' 464.

	21	21	7	0-49
Final	0	0	0	14-14

	Kendial Lawrence	36	run	(Brad Howes kick)
	Lawrence	30	run	(Howes kick)
	Lawrence	6	run	(Howes kick)
	Everett Gilbert	11	pass from Drew Hollingshead	(Howes kick)
	Lawrence	31	run	(Howes kick)
	Lawrence	55	run	(Howes kick)
	Kevin Rodgers	14	run	(Howes kick)
	Tyler Maxey	17	run	(Brenden Grimley kick)
	Antwan Mitchell	14	run	(Grimley kick)

	RH	FC
First downs	22	11
Yards	46-406	33-145
Plays	58	59
Avg	6-6-0	7-20-0
Time of possession	2-28.5	5-30.6
Penalties	4-35	2-10
Fumbles-lost	3-2	6-1

Individual statistics
Heath — Lawrence 14-241, Gilbert 2-13, Hollingshead 1-(5), Irokwe 14-100, Rodgers 5-24. FC — Dorian Lawry 10-33, Christian 13-(7), Imoh Edohouka 5-19, Kenneth Huggins 1-4, Tyler Maxey 1-4, Chris McMurray 2-7, Antwan Mitchell 7-51, Bryan Singer 1-4.
Heath — FC — Mitchell 7-20-0-59, Hollingshead 5-5-0-45, Rodgers 1-1-13-0.

Game notes: Heath — Matt Bielski 1-7, Gilbert 4-38, Cameron Wilson 1-3, Dominique Carroll 1-4, Emmanuel Duchane-Carroll 1-11, Mike 2-3, Singer 2-42, Maxey 1-(1).



The RHHS Hawks defense swarm a Centennial ball carrier during Friday night's game against Frisco in Wylie's Patriot Stadium. In on the play are Hawks defenders Alex Hart (42), Drew Benefield (41) and Chase Bell (62).
Staff photo by Carl McClung

Panthers unlikely to slow down Big Hawks Machine in second round game

By Matt McGillen

Having waltzed through their first-ever playoff game by blowing out the Frisco Centennial Titans 49-14, the eighth-ranked and undefeated Rockwall-Heath Hawks will face the Hillcrest Panthers for the second time this season in an Area game Nov. 21 at 9 p.m. at Texas Stadium.

The winner will advance to the round of 16 in the Class 4A Division II state tournament.

And while the Panthers will likely offer more resistance than the Titans, who trailed 42-0 by halftime, the District 12-4A co-champions may not fare all that much better.

The Panthers (7-3) were an early season victim to the Hawks, falling 35-17 on Sept. 19 after trailing 35-3 before Heath coach Mickey Moss took his foot off the gas.

And while both teams may have improved, the eighth-ranked Hawks are on a huge roll, winning all 11 of their games, including a 38-31 overtime win over previously undefeated Highland Park. The victory not only snapped the Scots' run of 47 regular season wins, but their 45-game district winning streak as well.

The Panthers, meanwhile, are riding a much more modest three-game win streak, including a narrow 20-13 comeback win over Pinkston (6-5) in their bi-district playoff game Nov. 7.

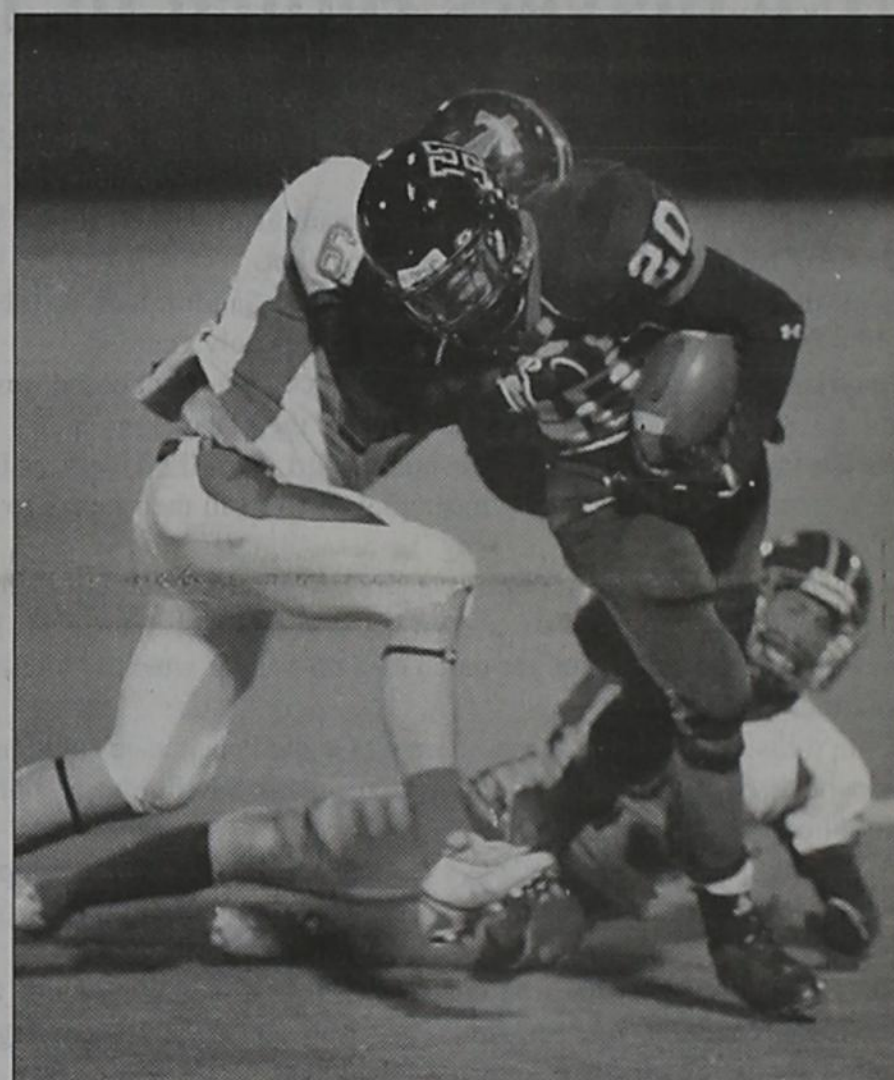
And although they bring in the seventh-best defense in the DFW area, yielding just 238 yards and only 17.3 points a game, the Panthers will most definitely have their hands full trying to slow down a Heath offense that averages 418 yards — including 211 rushing yards per game by the Hawks' star running back Kendial Lawrence — and 40.6 points.

The Panthers did hold Lawrence, who has rushed for 2,311 yards and a scored a DFW-area leading 40 TDs, to only 129 yards on 13 carries and a mere three touchdowns in the first meeting between the two teams.

Lawrence, and most of the rest of the Heath starters, however, played just two and a half quarters, as the Hawks rolled out to that 35-3 advantage half way through the third quarter.

Offensively, the Panthers, who had just 179 yards of total offense in their win over Pinkston, average almost 200 yards less the Hawks, with a combined passing and rushing total of 238 and are scoring at just a 20-point-per-game clip.

Hillcrest is led by QB Jake Sherrington, who has completed 102-of-206 passes (49.5 percent) for 1,663 and 12 touchdowns but has also been picked off a dozen times. He was 13-for-21 for 165 yards with two interceptions in the first meeting between the two schools.



Hawks freshman running back Dorian Lawry (20) muscled his way through Centennial defenders during last Friday's Bi-District playoff action against Frisco in Wylie's Pirate Stadium.
Staff photo by Carl McClung

Heath quarterback Drew Hollingshead, meanwhile, has hit 97-of-141 attempts (69 percent) for 1,336 yards and 10 scores, including a 12-for-23-for-172 yards performance in the first matchup, and has yet to throw a single interception this season.

As a team, the Hawks have committed just nine turnovers, but have only forced 13 themselves. Middle linebacker Austin Moss leads the Hawks with 135 tackles, but has been on the sideline with the rest of the starters for the equivalent of a game and a half because of the lopsidedness of the scores.

His two outside linebackers George Bamfo, with 111 tackles and Ryan Moseby, with 80, are second and third on the team in stops.

Defensive lineman David Tanner leads Heath with nine sacks, while cornerback Charlie Wilson has a team-high two interceptions and is fourth in tackles with 72.

Lady Hawks fall to Richardson and Frisco Liberty

Held without a field goal and to just four point total in the third quarter, the Rockwall-Heath Lady Hawks remained winless on the season, falling to Richardson 48-45 Nov. 18 at Rockwall-Heath high school.

Coupled with a 54-41 loss to Frisco Liberty on Nov. 14, the Lady Hawks are now 0-3 for the year, in stark contrast to last season when the rolled out 11 straight wins to start the season and were at one point 21-2 and ranked as high as seventh in the state.

Already without Sequeena Thomas, one of the best players in District 10-4A and their leading scorer and rebounder from last year, who moved out of state in September, Heath had two players leave the Richardson game with injuries.

Lyndsey Renta took an elbow to the face and may have suffered a broken nose, while Aly Coughlin went to the sideline with sprained ankle.

Neither players' availability for the Lady Hawks' next action at the Allen tournament Nov. 20-22 was

known at press time.

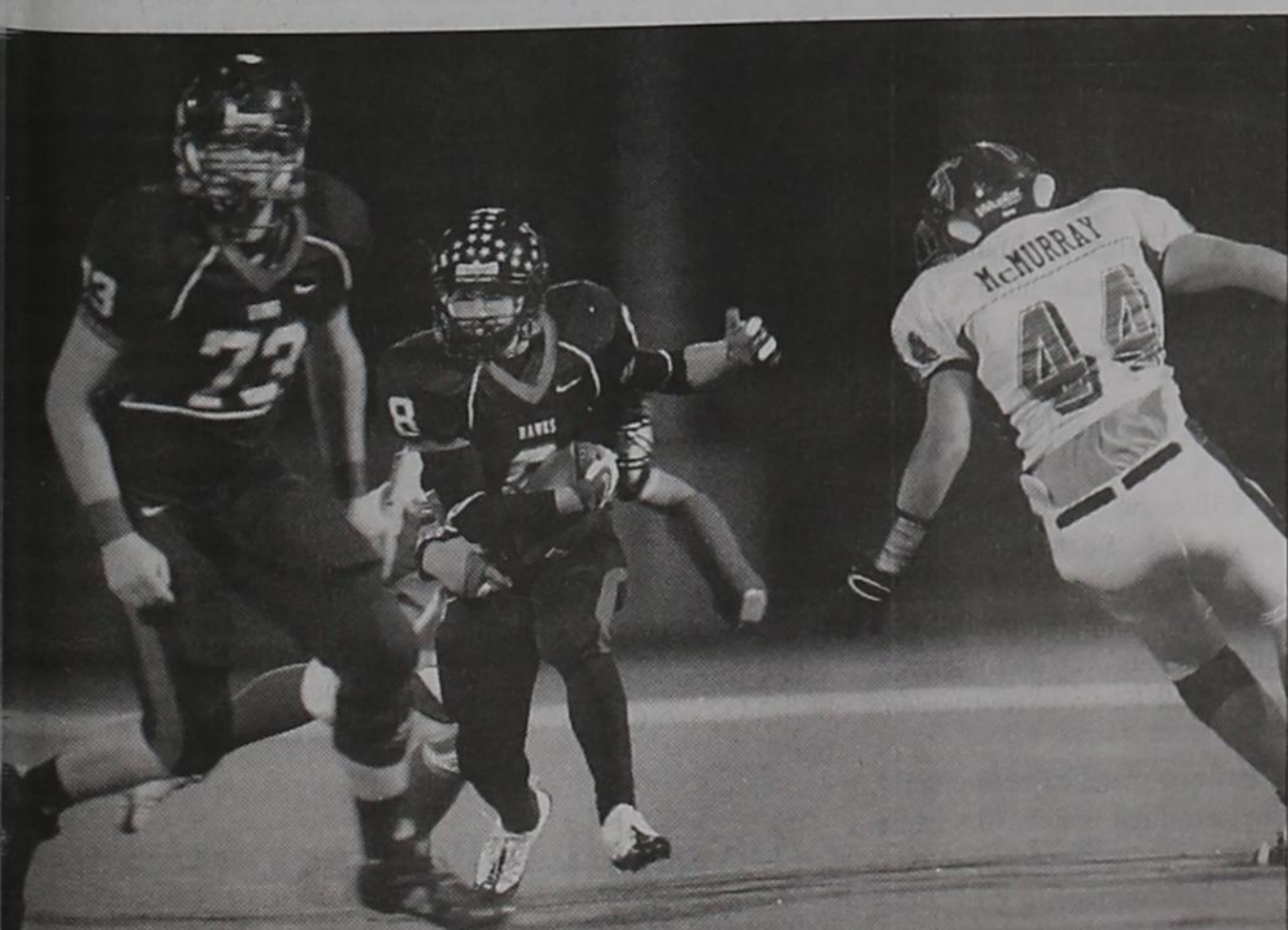
Against Richardson, the Heath took a 27-22 lead into the locker room but managed just four free throws in the third period. After Shanae Lowrance hit a pair of foul shots to give the Lady Hawks a 29-24 lead, Heath didn't score again until the final 30 seconds of the period.

After trailing by as many as six, 43-37, with three minutes remaining in the game, the Lady Hawks rallied back to within one, 44-43 on a basket by sophomore McKenzie White with 47 seconds to play.

A pair of missed free throws by Richardson's La'Tisha Hearne gave Heath the ball back but a steal and a layin by Hearne moments later allowed the Lady Hawks to hold off the Lady Hawks.

Lowrance had game highs in point and rebounds with 11 each, while McCall Smith added 10 points.

Against Frisco Liberty, the Lady Hawks led 30-15 at the half, but fell apart in the final two periods, including being outscored 27-6 in the fourth quarter. Lowrance led the Heath with 11 points with Katelyn Morris chipping in 10.



Hawks offensive lineman David Abercrombie (73) assists in paving the way for wide receiver Matt Bielski (8) during last Friday's Bi-District playoff game against Frisco Centennial in Wylie's Pirate Stadium.
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Horn hands Lady Jackets first home loss in four years

by Lary Bump
A 2-1 start to a season isn't bad. Really.
It just seemed that way Monday night for fans of the Rockwall girls' basketball team because they hadn't seen the Lady Jackets lose at home since Feb. 10, 2004, when Plano defeated RHS 44-41.

Since then, 44 teams – including last season's state semifinalists from Garland Naaman Forest – had come in and gone home with a loss. If that streak meant anything to Mesquite Horn, it didn't show in the Lady Jaguars' going-away 65-47 victory. Nor did the District 11-5A team seem impressed with Rockwall's number eight ranking in the TABC state poll.

Horn did what no one else had done during the second Bush term by pounding away at the Lady Jackets' defense inside and hounding their best offensive threat, Peyton Adamson, outside.

A minute into the second quarter, Rockwall fell behind by 10 points at 21-11, but that was no big deal. The Lady Jackets had trailed at home many times.

Sure enough, RHS was within three points at halftime, 32-29. Within a minute and a half, Adamson had made a traditional 3-point play and a 3-point basket to turn the lead Rockwall's way at 35-32.

That wouldn't last. When Raven Turner put the Lady Jackets ahead 38-37 with a foul shot 2 minutes, 20 seconds into the second half, that was the last time they would lead.

And Adamson – who entered the game averaging 33 points a game, second in the state, and already had 22 against Horn – would score just two more.

The Lady Jaguars' Brittany King put in a rebound for a 40-38 advantage, which grew to 46-39 after three quarters.

Adamson scored her final points on a drive with 6:37 to play that brought RHS back within seven at 50-43. Horn then went on an 8-0 run that stretched the lead to 15 points.

Already in foul trouble from having to guard the Lady Jags' one-two punch of King and Kelsi Baker inside, the Lady Jackets resorted to fouling to try to get the ball back. Baker made seven consecutive foul shots to finish with 24 points.

"It was disappointing," said Rockwall head coach Jill McDill. "I was disappointed not really with our effort, but we didn't hit our shots."

"Everybody was in foul trouble. We had a lot of trouble giving up offensively boards. They had those big old girls jumping around in there."

Five players return to Jackets' basketball team

Kyle Sandlin banked in a 3-point shot at the buzzer to give Rockwall an exciting, emotional, improbable 56-55 victory in the boys' basketball season opener Tuesday night.

The only complaint from his coach and teammates was a joking "You didn't call backboard" on the game-winning shot.

With the Yellowjackets trailing Terrell 55-53, Sandlin took a dribble and fired up the shot from the right side while closely guarded.

Even he had to say, "That shot was pretty lucky. The backboard wasn't even in my mind. I heard him call a foul, and then I saw it go in."

As the Jackets celebrated on their home court, Terrell's Tigers, as if in shock, gathered up their belongings and walked from their bench to the locker room.

An official was insisting that the game wasn't over – and it wasn't. He wanted Sandlin to take a foul shot because he had been fouled. The senior missed that shot, but not much else on a night when he totaled a game-high 24 points.

Even if his shot hadn't gone in, there was a good chance he could have made the three foul shots he would have received. Sandlin made 9 of 10 before his anticlimactic miss.

As in any good story, the game's ending didn't come without a path seeming to lead in many directions. For the Jackets, the direction was mostly uphill.

They led for most of the first quarter, by as many as five points. But after Luke Wardell's foul shot put Rockwall ahead 14-13, the Tigers scored the quarter's final basket for a 15-14 lead.

Then came a nightmare second quarter, during which Terrell went ahead by 12 points at 30-18. The Jackets rallied, but still trailed 37-29 at halftime. That's when head coach Alan Simmons did his best coaching.

He said, "We made a couple of adjustments. Our press didn't work well in the first half. We were getting too far upcourt, so they were beating us and our post man had to step up. Then they were shooting layups behind us. I said, 'Don't put so much pressure on the ball.'"

Sandlin was the offensive star, but he said proudly, "We held Terrell to 18 points in the second half. We had great team defense."

Of Adamson, McDill said, "She had some open looks. We have to have some other people help out."

Turner was the biggest helper, with 12 points. Vertashia Dean, the second-leading scorer over the first two games, played little before she and Alyssa Lang fouled out, and scored six points.

On Adamson's open looks, some shots spun in and out of the basket. But much of the time, Horn sophomore Brianna Hall was taking up the space where Adamson wanted to be and not letting the Rockwall junior past her.

Perhaps the Lady Jackets were just tired. Their game started more than an hour behind schedule because the freshman A game went long, with Rockwall pulling out a fourth-quarter victory, and RHS' junior varsity rallied to win in two overtimes 50-47.

The JV team, which finished fourth in the Duncanville Tournament over the weekend, trailed 24-15 at halftime. The junior Lady Jackets came back within five points at 30-25 after three quarters, and tied the game at 40-40 with 4.6 seconds remaining in regulation play.

It wasn't a lost night, and hardly a lost season for the varsity. Winning two of every three games would get the Lady Jackets back into the play-offs, with a win or two there.

"Thankfully, it's non-district," she said of the loss to Horn. "I have to remind myself we're a young team. By the time district starts, we should be at the point where we're about where we want to be."

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Total
Sachse	8	5	7	17	37
Rockwall	19	16	16	18	69

Sachse – Williams 12, McMillan 7, McCready 4, Goss 4, Puckett 2, Penick 2, Little 2, Gilliam 2, Followwell 2; Rockwall – Peyton Adamson 29, Alyssa Lang 10, Kayla Kimmons 10, Aimee Coleman 6, Raven Turner 5, Vertashia Dean 5, Katy Mueller 2, Sarah Hinton 2.

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Total
Mesquite Horn	17	15	14	19	65
Rockwall	11	18	10	8	47

Horn – Kelsi Baker 24, Brittany King 15, Arielle Carter 6, Kenya Price 2, Marqui Hodges 2, Dominique Fischer 2; Rockwall – Peyton Adamson 24, Raven Turner 12, Vertashia Dean 6, Alyssa Lang 3, Jordan Anterhaus 2.

But, Simmons pointed out, "If we play defense in the second half like we did in the first half, Kyle doesn't get a last-second shot to win the game."

Even with RHS playing good defense, that last-second shot seemed to be only a dream to Jackets fans. Rockwall cut the deficit to 45-41 entering the fourth quarter, but it was back up to six points at 53-47 with 3 minutes, 44 seconds to play.

The Jackets moved within a point for the first time since the first quarter at 53-52 with 1:24 to play. Sophomore Taylor Oden drove for a basket, Tim Yeager made a foul shot and Oden passed underneath to junior Hunter Jorgensen for another basket.

With 55 seconds left, Terrell went back up by three points at 55-52. Blake Sandlin, Kyle's sophomore brother, then made one foul shot but missed the second. The Jackets hustled to tie up the rebound, and kept the ball because the possession arrow pointed Rockwall's way.

RHS held the ball into the closing seconds, but missed a shot. Yeager scrambled to take a rebound – "without fouling," Simmons noted, and the ball found its way to Kyle Sandlin.

Simmons said, "We had a timeout left, but Kyle was moving into a position where I felt he had a chance. If it was part of a play, he'd probably be the guy who was shooting the ball anyway."

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
Terrell	15	22	8	10	55
Rockwall	14	15	12	15	56

Terrell – Herndon 17, Jones 12, Stiggers 11, Ferguson 6, Manlyott 5, Wren 2, Kennedy 2.

Rockwall – Kyle Sandlin 24, Hunter Jorgensen 12, Luke Wardell 5, Tim Yeager 4, Taylor Oden 4, Blake Sandlin 4, Adam Dingwell 2, Jarron White 1.

Jackets run 8th in regional meet

The evenly matched Rockwall boys' country team had a new leader in the Region II 4A meet, with senior Jack Hammond finishing first in 16 minutes, 48.35 seconds to place 28th.

The top two teams, Mesquite Poteet and Forney, advanced to the state championships, so the season ended for RHS' District 10-4A champions. The Yellowjackets were eighth among 23 teams with 302 points.

Also running Saturday, Nov. 8, at Vandergriff Park in Arlington was the Rockwall girls' team. The Lady Jackets were in the middle of the 23-team event, placing 12th with 319. Freshman Marissa Valenzuela was the first RHS runner across the line, 38th in 12:48.61.

In the boys' race, senior captain Corey Miller, who placed second in the district meet, and sophomore Joel Gibbs followed Hammond closely. Miller was 31st in 16:49.71 and Gibbs 32nd in 16:50.16. Rockwall's other scorers were freshman Thorne Pettigrew, who continued his late-season improvement with a time of 17:01.06 for 45th place, and junior Jacob Phillips, 67th in 17:25.27.

The girls' team showed a bright future, with three freshmen and sophomore Nicole Salom the first four Lady Jackets to finish. Salom (55th in 13:12.45) and Hannah Krueen (56th in 13:16.34) ran virtually together, and Hallie Elledge was 84th in 13:51.44. Senior Michelle Conomos was 86th in 13:53.46.

Next year, the young Lady Jackets will try to challenge Highland Park, which placed second behind Forney to advance to the state meet.

RHS fall tennis to end Friday

Rockwall High School's tennis team will hold its annual Turkey tournament Friday, but in two different locations.

With construction going on to renovate Wilkerson-Sanders Stadium, the Utey Freshman Center courts will be unavailable. So the tournament, which will end the fall tennis season, will be played at the Rockwall-Heath High School and Chandler's Landing courts.

In their most recent competition, the Yellowjackets' varsity took third place in three of five events at the Kaufman Fall Festival Tournament Nov. 7.

In girls' singles, Alex Phillips won her first two matches before splitting two sets and losing a tiebreaker in the semifinal match. She came back to defeat her opponent for third place.

Shelby Taylor and Karly Lunday teamed for third place in girls' doubles, also winning two of three matches. In mixed doubles, Josh Miller and Samantha Haight lost in the quarterfinals but came back to finish third.

Also in mixed doubles, Drew Bryson and Katie French reached the quarterfinals before losing.

In boys' singles, Kyle Greer lost his first match but came back to win three before losing 9-8 in the consolation final.

Kirk Jones and Greg Nelson won two matches and lost two in boys' doubles. RHS' second team in the girls' doubles, Sarah Meacham and Victoria Constant, split two matches.



Lady Jackets junior Peyton Adamson launches the ball for three points as RHS took on Mesquite Horn Tuesday in Rockwall. Assisting in the play is teammate Raven Turner (15).
Staff photo by Tim Burnett

Rockwall girls eighth in Hebron

Plano West and Flower Mound's Laura De Leonardis both won strokes, but the Rockwall girls' varsity golf team finished back in eighth place at The Hebron Tribute on The Tribute Golf Course in The Colony.

De Leonardis smoked the individual field by shooting 77, and Wolves totaled 346 to finish ahead of Highland Park's 352.

In the season's last competition, Rockwall totaled 406 – Breanna Clark 101, Sara Clark 101, Katie Lamond 102 and Courtney Crawford 115.

In the Central Texas Shootout at Creekview Golf Club in Waxahatchee, Ariel Tidwell and Brittany Stansbury each totaled 174 for 18th place. Rockwall's sixth-place finish.

Tidwell opened the tournament with an 85 and followed it with an 89. Stansbury was even more consistent, with an 86 Friday and a 90 Saturday.

The Southlake Carroll A team won the event with 638, paced by Donovan's low individual score of 150, with a 75 each day.

The Lady Jackets totaled 724. Their other scorers were Bingham 94-89 – 183 and Taylor Bond 93-100 – 193. Dana Bond also competed and shot 110 and 106 for a 216 total.

Head coach Matt Claborn said, "The girls played well on a really difficult course."

Varsity golfers finish fall season fourth at The Tribute

Rockwall's varsity and freshman 1 boys' golf teams both finished fall season by placing fourth in tournaments Tuesday.

Ari Lara shot 76 to lead the Yellowjackets to a 315 total in The Tribute at The Tribute Golf Club in The Colony. Gabe Anthony closely with 77, and Jake Claver and Andrew Waldie were scorers at 81. David Duncan also competed and shot 76.

Legacy Christian won the event with 294, followed by Flower Mound at 308 and Frisco with 309.

In the Rowlett JV Invitational at Waterview Golf Course, a week because of rain, Teal Willis shot 78, the fourth-best in score, to help the Jackets' freshmen score 330, behind junior teams from Allen (319), McKinney (325) and Rockwall-Heath (336). Rockwall's JV also competed, and scored 376.

Other freshman scorers were Christian Rang with 81, Nick Zand Landon Rochon. Chad Taylor also competed, and posted a 90. The Jackets' junior varsity, just four golfers competed: Austin B. with 82, Matt Crawford 90, Andrew Lewellen 92 and Zach H. with 112.

In earlier competition, Anthony's ninth-place individual finish helped the varsity 1 to place sixth in the Lakewood Fall Cup hosted by Lakewood Country Club Monday, Nov. 3. Anthony followed with a 71 for a 36-hole total of 149.

The Yellowjackets totaled 639 – which put them behind Hebbronville 595, host Highland Park a shot back at 596, Mansfield 607, Rockwall 612 and Jesuit 620.

The other scorers for RHS were Duncan 85-78 – 163 and Willis 86-163, and Claver with 90-79 – 169. Lari shot 80 in the first round but slipped to 95 for a 175 total.

Rockwall Yellowjackets' schedule

Saturday, Nov. 22 – Varsity and JV girls' basketball: Tournament
Monday, Nov. 24 – Freshman A girls' basketball: at Garland I Centennial, 4:30 p.m.
Girls' basketball: at Plano West, JV 6 p.m. and varsity 7:30 p.m.
Freshman B girls' basketball: at Forney, 6 p.m.
Tuesday, Nov. 25 – Varsity and JV wrestling: at Jesuit, tri-n
Lewisville, 4 p.m.
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