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Requests for help up, donations down at Helping Hands Food Pantry

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... continues to show little sign of improvement and the as crisis as the need for relief from this summer's punishing Helping Hands Food Pantry in Rockwall continues to see an e number of residents seeking assistance to feed their families. to She Hamm, Director of Emergency Assistance at Helping Food Pantry averaged about 5,000 clients per year in 2009 and 2011 on k to at least match that number. Prior to 2009, Hamm in't ge en close to 5,000 people. 2009, 2010 and 2011 have e've re y seen the spike in the number of people that we've a."

... Pantry gave out about 24,000 bags of food to feed in 2009 and 2010. She said the agency will give out at least that . Dep ending on how many are in the household and who is in idlers, ... a family will receive about th of ... each visit. The Food Pantry serves between 30 and day.

... an increase in requests for food during the summer children who receive free lunches and breakfasts at school are eir par t, donations are usually down at this time of year. She urches d schools that usually make donations have altered summer d don't often conduct their routine food drives. out sco e don't get the donations from the schools," Hamm church that donate are doing camps or other activities so they food d as in the summer."

... the F Pantry staff encourages many families with school to take vantage of the Rockwall ISD Summer Food Service ich prov es free breakfast and lunch at three sites - Dobbs Eleme ry Schools and the Lake Rockwall Estates Community ng the amer months.

... over last couple of years, the Food Pantry staff has seen a type e person seeking assistance.

... ot of families that have two parents in the household and they're , but L don't work at very high paying jobs and they make hey ge high car repair bill or somebody gets sick, then they in for p," she said. "We're seeing a lot more people who are lp for t first time in their lives."

... se of u employment," she said. "They've gone through their used in up; they've maxed out help from family. We see ing to de crease expenses and support each other. en whe always been homemakers going to work for the first st cou rears, trying to find any kind of work just to help out."

... Pantry f also work closely with other agencies to help set up ent hel or those with long term needs. Hamm said if residents e Food ntry more than two or three times in a short period, the o the fra y get food stamps, assist with possible job placement, Medic for any health issues or make other suggestions where neede r emergencies," Hamm said. "We also know it takes od sta s, so if we know someone has been to the office but ven't a ved, we'll help them out until they get more consistent

... o recei assistance from Helping Hands - whether its food, or help ying bills - residents must fill out an application and an inte ew process. Applicants must show IDs, proof they wall City and proof of income, as well as other household Hamm id the staff assesses each situation each time a client see whe they are doing to help themselves. Hamm said the ds staff utinely checks web sites for local jobs and keeps tabs inesse s if moving in to the county and will be hiring.

... d there e no "hard and fast guidelines" for how many times y reque help, but if someone comes in two or three times in a 'we need o get them on food stamps."

... want a body to be hungry. But we just want to see if there are s that - give more help long term."

... l Pantr most immediate needs include Cereal; Hamburger-en Hel (with meat included); Peanut Butter; Jelly; Canned ed Meat hili; Dried or Boxed Rice; Dried Beans; Macaroni & ghetti; ghetti Sauce; Canned Juice; Boxed Potatoes; Canned such as ms, Peas, Beets, Potatoes, Corn, Green Beans, etc; dings; T ato Sauce and Tomato Products.

... l Pantr an also accept fresh vegetables from local gardens. rs have ven veggies from their own gardens and the Pantry gies fr the Rockwall Community Garden, church gardens and arden lo ed on the Helping Hands property.

... s are tax ductible. The agency accepts donations at 950 Williams ckwall m 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday.

... ule a fo drive or to make a financial donation, call 972-771-



Shelves that usually hold boxed food items are mostly bare at the Helping Hands Food Pantry. Items needed for these shelves include Hamburger-Tuna-Chicken Helper meals with meat included; Homestyle Bakes with meat; Macaroni and Cheese, and other boxed meals. Photo by Kathy Williams/Rockwall County News • A Rockwall County News Exclusive

Huggans earns honors at Nat'l Junior Olympics

Hannah Huggans, a third grade student at Rockwall Christian Academy, ran her way to the finals in the 45th annual USATF National Junior Olympics. Throughout the final week of July, Hannah participated in the Track & Field Championships in Wichita, Kansas, winning eighth place in the 400-meter dash.

In May and June, Hannah competed at a number of track meets in the Dallas area. She started off running the 100m, 200m and 400m dashes. By mid-season, her coaches and parents determined she was strongest running in mid-distance races, so her focus turned to the 400m and 800m runs. This proved to be a winning strategy since, from that point on, Hannah placed top five in her events and won a number of medals.

Hannah trained with the Tru Speed Track Club of Mesquite, a member of the USA Track & Field (USATF) Southwest Association, beginning intense practices in March this year.

"Since this was her first time running track, she had to learn quite a bit," said her mother and number one fan, Melanie Huggans.

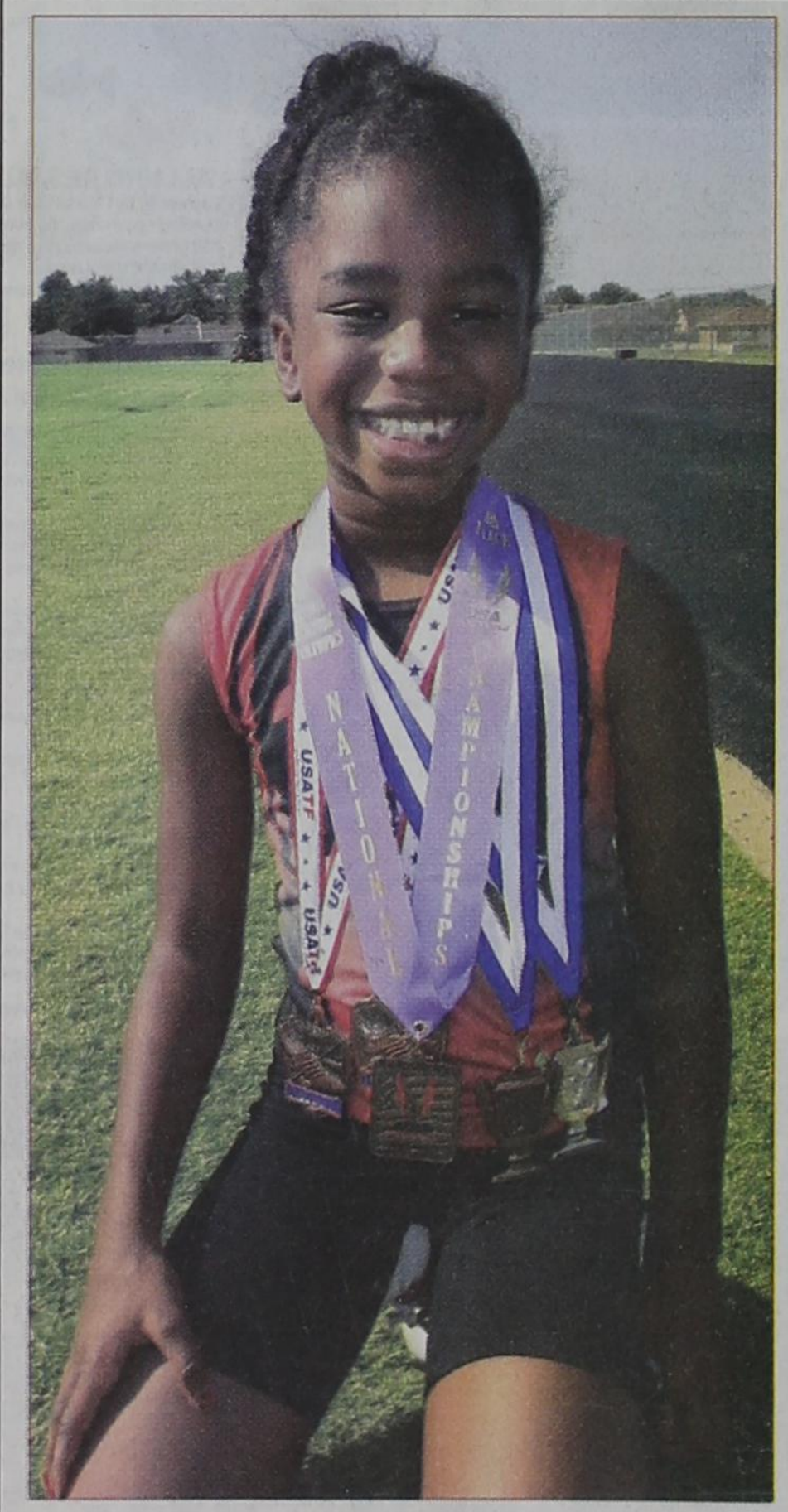
At the Southwestern Association Junior Olympic Championships June 23-25 in Hallsville, Hannah qualified to compete at the USATF Region 12 Junior Olympic Championships at UT Arlington on July 5-9. At this track meet, she ran the 400m and 800m races against athletes from all over the state of Texas. Her performance at UTA allowed her to advance and participate at the 2011 USATF National Junior Olympics in Wichita.

At the National Junior Olympics July 26 - July 31 Hannah raced against athletes from all over the United States in competition her mother described as "very stiff at this level."

Hannah's diligence continued through the 800m run and then the 400m semifinals on July 29, where she placed first in her heat and advanced to the finals. On July 31, Hannah ran the 400m finals and placed eighth overall. She

was awarded a National Junior Olympic medal and hat during a recognition ceremony.

"Practices were challenging, but her hard work paid off in the end," said her mother. "We are very proud of her hard work and discipline to achieve such success during her very first track season."



Hannah Huggans, a third grade student at Rockwall Christian Academy, recently earned a top finish in the USATF National Junior Olympics. Courtesy photo/Rockwall County News • A Rockwall County News Exclusive

Rockwall County's first green home built in Woodcreek

by Timothy Downs • A Rockwall County News Exclusive

Fate's mayor Bill Broderick directed attention to the county's first green home, located in Woodcreek, at the Aug. 1 city council meeting.

According to The U.S. Green Building Council LEED, or Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design, was developed to provide building owners and operators a framework for identifying and implementing practical and measurable green building design, construction, operations and maintenance solutions.

"To be LEED-certified, all technologies and building materials must qualify - this home does," said Broderick.

LEED for Homes is a certification system that promotes the design and construction of high-performance green homes, which use less energy, water and fewer natural resources; creates less waste; and is healthier and more comfortable for the occupants.

"One LEED home, built this year in Collin County, reports the highest electric bill at \$104," Broderick said. "The technology speaks well for itself."

Given the recent heat and drought, Fate officials initiated a Stage 2 Drought Contingency and Water Emergency Response Plan. Resident's are urged to conserve every drop of water starting immediately.

"The plan starts August 19. Odd number addresses may water odd days, even addresses - even days, but not more than twice per week," said Vicki Mikel, the city's manager.

Rockwall Council votes to allow development senior living facility

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... night's Rockwall City Council meeting lasted until 9:40 p.m. and full agenda that included public input on the proposed special use a congro e care facility within a General Retail district. The site the south it side of Yellow Jacket Lane east of Kyle Drive.

... position allow this facility - referred to as a "dorm room for y a rep ntative from the Planning and Zoning Commission - a topic of discussion at previous council meetings and two public ted by the proposed facility's architecture firm, The Lenity Group, of the Waterstone neighborhood and HOA. At previous zoning e ge had not been approved citing concerns of safety and es, but the coup had planned to bring the request back after further council concerns.

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Census 2010: A look at state and county redistricting

by Mark Russo • A Rockwall County News Exclusive

The 2010 Census is now complete and the results will change Rockwall County for the next 10 years.

Some of the changes will not affect Rockwall County itself but, some of its current government leaders.

Redistricting on the federal level will see little change in Congressional District 4. Congressman Ralph Hall will continue to have Rockwall County and loses some population in Collin County. However, his district gains two additional counties in Upshur and Marion County.

The State of Texas redistricting, however, will impact Rockwall County. The county will be included in a newly created Texas House District 33, which includes Collin and Rockwall counties. The new district loses Representative Jodie Laubenberg.

The district will be oddly shaped and will flow through Farmersville, across Celina and Prosper, then head into parts of Frisco.

The new district already has captured the attention of three candidates -- Rockwall lawyer Jim Pruitt, former Air Force pilot Capt. Scott O'Grady and former NFL player Scott Turner.

The Texas State Senate District 2 has some changes by losing Smith County and portions of Dallas County, but Rockwall stays in the district. The major change is even though the Texas State Senate seat is a six-year term Senator Bob Deuell

will have to run again this cycle because of the redistricting. The biggest changes Rockwall County will see is redistricting in its precincts. The county will go from 10 districts.

Precinct 1 will get some additional portions of Rowles and a portion of Old Town. Precinct 2 will some change as it goes to Heath and claims Yellow Jacket Lane and the southern portion. Precinct 3 may be the most affected portion. It will go to area and extends into the southern portions of Royse City. Precinct 4 decreased because of population, but will still have a portion of Old Town.

The 17 voting districts have not yet been decided and some on where they will be voting, depending on the results of the increased population we will see two additional congressional districts and two additional justice of the peace posts added to Rockwall County.

The changes in Rockwall are pretty significant. It opens up opportunities for residents to get involved in their communities.

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Rockwall YMCA Angel Camp had some special visitors earlier this month. Mayor Councilman Cliff Sevier and Rockwall Pre-School Association members Melanie Orchar and Tomasino paid a visit to the campus. Angel Week is a four-week summer camp for youth with special needs. Angel campers shoot bb guns and bow and arrows, canoe, attend chapel, play games and more. They also go on field trips that include horseback riding and sailing on Lake Ray Hubbard. Above are campers Kristin Kyles, left, and Haley Welch. The camp is provided at no cost to the campers. The Partners Campaign is the annual YMCA fundraiser that allows the camp to offer financial assistance to families who cannot afford YMCA memberships or programs. The camp is supported by several community groups and agencies, including the Rockwall Kiwanis, to provide a safe and fun environment for the campers.
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Jenny Rogers Earns Top Honors at Georgia University

Jenny Rogers, Rockwall High School valedictorian for the class of 2007 and daughter of Mayor Cliff Sevier and Brenda Shaw, recently graduated from Georgia Institute of Technology with a Bachelor of Science degree in English. Jenny will attend graduate school at Columbia University where she will study Journalism beginning this fall.

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Daniel Barrow of Rockwall will leave Aug. 2 for basic training at Lackland Air Force Base near San Antonio where he will undergo U.S. Air Force basic training. Barrow is a 2010 graduate of Cedar Hills High School who has been residing in Rockwall with Ivy and Weston Long.

Courtesy photo/Rockwall County News



First "Green" home in Rockwall County ...

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In review of the fiscal budget, Mikel explained the revenue cycle. The first quarter is low because of unreceived property taxes, reduced building permits, and courts not receiving payment. Second quarter activity shows the highest revenue with 85 percent of property taxes paid and higher court and building activity.

"By the end of May, we get an accurate forecast for the year and know where to make major cuts ... and learn the errors of your ways," said Mikel. "Previously, we hired contract labor, but now we have staff in place for better control; however, since we do not have a city engineer, we must finish projects that are started."

The council discussed sign ordinances providing consistency, along the Interstate 30 corridor, with Rockwall and Roysse City. According to building official David Ellis, pole signs require minimums of 300 square feet per side and 14 feet height from ground to bottom of cabinet for emergency vehicles. Wall signs require 10 percent of wall facade minimum and are restricted to one sign per building side.

"Presently, signs cannot be read traveling at higher speeds," he said. "We are establishing continuity between the cities for number of signs per site, maximum surface area and safety."

Provisions for residential wind energy systems establish a \$250 fee and Special Use Permit. Commercial requirements remain at \$1,000 fee and SUP.

(See the video recording @ www.RockwallTexasOnline.com)

Sweet, explaining that he wants to recognize sports, academic and team achievements during the year, presented the team with their official proclamation.

Portions of the meeting can be found on video at rockwalltexasonline.com.



Bailey Bridges, left, and Shaina Brown represented the Rockwall Independent School District at the National Family, Career and Community Leaders of America meeting July 15 in Anaheim, Calif. Bridges, a Rockwall-Heath High School senior and president of the FCCLA, received a gold medal in the Teach & Train competition that allows participants to explore the field of education through research and hands-on experience. Brown, a senior at Rockwall High, was elected the Region III vice president of service learning and attended the national meeting to explore ways to enhance her leadership skills. Later this year, Brown will be responsible for planning the annual FCCLA Fall Leadership meeting conducted at the RISD Administration Office for more than 300 students from local and surrounding schools.

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Hungry Harry

Hungry Harry says goodbye to Old, hello to new

• A Rockwall County News Exclusive
This week I wanted to say goodbye to an old friend of Rockwall. Dear Old Timers, We never really had the chance to say goodbye. You were a unique restaurant in every way. You went away rather quietly and quickly even though you have provided Rockwall with 50 years of memories. You were a place where some political coups were planned. If your walls could talk some locals would have asked them to remain silent. You helped keep a sense of old Rockwall alive. Your personalities that worked there were unique and special in their own right. Where else could someone get stuck in a restaurant not realizing that they didn't have any cash and you didn't accept credit cards? You were a hotspot for conversation and treated everybody including outsiders like locals.

The food you served was simple yet tasty. Your breakfasts were legendary and hearty. Though healthy would be a word that was a stretch but, you would never let a patron leave hungry for sure. Your prices were a bargain. Your décor was like walking into a time machine.

I wanted one last chance to say goodbye to a restaurant that helped create memories and now Rockwall has lost a restaurant that helped make Rockwall special. You will be missed.

Now with that off my chest, 112 E. Rusk St. is getting a fresh look with The Fatted Calf moving in.

The hours are pretty much the same, but the place gets a whole new look and menu. The menu is a more upscale breakfast, but fairly priced. The restaurant continues success with the ownership of Chef Grieb.

The food is great and may I recommend the biscuit sliders. However, you can never go wrong with farm fresh eggs.

The one unique thing The Fatted Calf will do is every first and third Thursday they will have FM Suppers for \$25 per person. It is much cleaner environment than it used to be. The service seems a little slow and they seem to be still getting their feet on the ground, but that isn't unusual for new restaurants. It isn't as polished as Zanata's, but definitely worth a trip to downtown.

The Fatted Calf looks like it will become another Rockwall staple.

Service: Slower but Fair
Food: Excellent
Price: \$-\$\$
Overall: Three out of four smiles
Location: 112 E. Rusk, Rockwall

(EDITOR'S NOTE: Hungry Harry is a local resident who enjoys dining out. The writer receives no compensation or benefit from any food establishment.)

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all City Council ...

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Roach the facility is not an apartment building or building will consist of 118 suites that do not have independent seniors. All residents will dine together restaurant-style in this non-smoking facility.

All fit the area and blend in with the neighborhood landscaping to screen areas of parking. Traffic flow, even deliveries, is estimated to be low, according to a traffic

study, the economic impact of building and operating the property taxes collected, would be beneficial to the city. Bill Andrews, the property's owner, addressed the council with his recommendation that would be of "highest and best use" for the property. A local commercial real estate developer, said even if the project is primarily develop commercial retail as this area is not the best fit for the project.

from the Waterstone neighborhood, many of the homes within 200 feet of the site, said that although few if any two informational meetings hosted by Lenity, that the petitioning of their neighborhood yielded several requests for further information. Council had concern that been expressed earlier. Other neighborhood residents part of the project and urged the council members to order

citizens weighed in on the hearing, council voted to finance. Among those that changed their initial vote, Council Sweet said she felt that her initial concerns of address with the presentation denoting a non-smoking on of a two hour firewall built into the construction to late evening

at 506 N. Goliad, location of Sterling Tea, with a variety of organic coffees and baked goods from Fresh Life all as well as golf products from Life Disc Sports.

council agreed to set a goal of a 90 percent live Rockwall's Animal Adoption Center. Councilmember Animal Services staff provide a euthanasia selection the 6 council meeting. New signage to direct traffic in production and will go up in September, pending

TXD. It was decided that documentation from executive city council will consist of an agenda of topics that will be each councilmember, as is also standard practice in Commissioners Court. The decision was made not to equipment since the recordings would not be available only in case of subpoena and then destroyed after two

that a certified and sealed agenda was appropriate as a requirement.

at the meeting was a proclamation citing Aug. 15 Texas Sports Championship Day. The team, made up of boys aged 10-12 from Rockwall, Roysse City and Caddo Mills areas, were shared with council how the team came back from a streak and were one game from elimination to win and advance to the final round where they ultimately were up in the World Series tournament.



is 7-year-old Gracie Walsh of Rockwall, winner of Outstanding Performance of the Day awards at the 2011 Texas Association of Performing Arts Competition. Gracie, a student at Grace Hartman Elementary, she earned a first place in a twirling routine to "Race Car Medley," which included batons during the performance; a single-baton dance. She is the daughter of Wendy and Todd Walsh.

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Rockwall County Obituaries

Michael Jay Dennis



Michael Jay Dennis, 53, died at 3 p.m. Aug. 16, 2011, in the Rest Haven Memorial Park. The Rest Haven Funeral Home-Rockwall Chapel was in charge of arrangements.

He was born Feb. 2, 1935, in Pittsburg, Penn., to James Todd Davis II and Mary (Klema) Davis. He worked as an assistant director at a funeral home. He married Eddie J. Heimann on Aug. 24, 2000, and was a member of the St. Phillips United Methodist Church in Garland.

Survivors include her husband, Eddie J. Heimann of Garland; her daughters, Mary Jane Guillory, and her husband, Mark, of Rockwall, Lisa Lynch and her husband, David, of Marion, Ky., and Cheryl Jablon and her husband, Matt, of Spring; her stepsons, Eddie J. Heimann II and his wife, Toni, of Greenville, Jimmy Heimann of Quitman and David Heimann and his wife, Lisa, of Rowlett; her stepdaughters, Debra Heimann of Kansas City, Mo., and Mary Skoritowski and her husband, Edward, of King George, Va.; 20 grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

A daughter, Barbara Alexander, preceded her in death on Aug. 11, 2011.

The family has suggested memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society, P.O. Box 560089, Dallas, TX 75356-0089 or cancer.org.



Jane Heimann

Graveside services for Jane Heimann, 76, of Garland were conducted at 10 a.m. Aug. 16, 2011, in the Rest Haven Memorial Park. The Rest Haven Funeral Home-Rockwall Chapel was in charge of arrangements.

She died Aug. 13.

Born Feb. 2, 1935, in Pittsburg, Penn., to James Todd Davis II and Mary (Klema) Davis, she worked as an assistant director at a funeral home. She married Eddie J. Heimann on Aug. 24, 2000, and was a member of the St. Phillips United Methodist Church in Garland.

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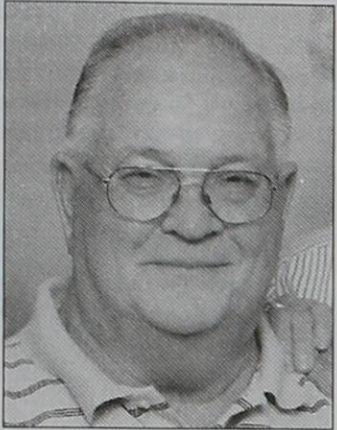
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Henry "Buddy" Dowell



Henry "Buddy" Dowell, 80, died at 11 a.m. Aug. 16, 2011, in the Rest Haven Memorial Park with Pastor Rick Donaho officiating. The Rest Haven Funeral Home-Rockwall Chapel was in charge of arrangements.

He was born Feb. 6, 1947, in Huron, S.D., to Marvin Ray Wiles and Faye Rita (Fisher) Wiles, she was a test technician in the computer industry and a Baptist.

Survivors include her daughters, Rita Faye McGuire of Josephine and Marty Thomas and her husband, Rusty, of Farmersville; her sons, Bruce Edward McGuire of Miami, Fla., and Raymond Houston McGuire Jr. and his wife, Katherine, of Nevada, Texas; her sisters, Mickie Silverton of Parkers Lake, Ky., Sheela Matthia of Pleasant Grove, Utah, and Carol Eisenstaedt of Parker County; five grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Her husband, Raymond Houston McGuire Sr., preceded her in death.

The family has suggested memorial may be made to the American Cancer Society, P.O. Box 560089, Dallas, TX 75356-0089 or cancer.org.

Patricia McGuire



Graveside services for Patricia McGuire, 64, of Farmersville were conducted at noon Aug. 17, 2011, in the Rest Haven Memorial Park with Pastor Rick Donaho officiating. The Rest Haven Funeral Home-Rockwall Chapel was in charge of arrangements.

She died Aug. 14.

Born Feb. 6, 1947, in Huron, S.D., to Marvin Ray Wiles and Faye Rita (Fisher) Wiles, she was a test technician in the computer industry and a Baptist.

Survivors include her daughters, Rita Faye McGuire of Josephine and Marty Thomas and her husband, Rusty, of Farmersville; her sons, Bruce Edward McGuire of Miami, Fla., and Raymond Houston McGuire Jr. and his wife, Katherine, of Nevada, Texas; her sisters, Mickie Silverton of Parkers Lake, Ky., Sheela Matthia of Pleasant Grove, Utah, and Carol Eisenstaedt of Parker County; five grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Her husband, Raymond Houston McGuire Sr., preceded her in death.

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Margaret T. Figliulo

Margaret T. Figliulo, 80, of Rockwall will be cremated. She died at 11 a.m. Aug. 16, 2011, in the Rest Haven Funeral Home-Rockwall Chapel with Pastor Izak officiating.

She was born March 3, 1930, in Chicago, Ill., to William and Clara (Scott) Tyrrell, she was a graduate of the Chicago public school district, retiring after 25 years of teaching. She was married for 23 years and was a Catholic.

Smith earns degree from TAMUCC

Kalen Lewis Smith of Rockwall was among graduates participating in the Aug. 6 commencement exercises at Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi, according to a university news release.

Smith received a Bachelor of Science degree from the university's College of Science and Technology.

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PUBLIC NOTICE
 The City Council of the City of Rockwall will hold a public hearing to hear comments regarding the proposed 2011-2012 budget. The hearing will be held on Tuesday September 6, 2011 at 6:00p.m. in the Council Chambers, City Hall, 385 South Goliad Street. All interested parties are encouraged to attend.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON TAX RATE

The City of Fate, Texas will hold a public hearing on a proposal to increase total tax revenues from properties on the tax roll in the preceding tax year by .00 percent (percentage by which proposed tax rate exceeds lower of rollback tax rate or effective tax calculated under Chapter 26, Tax Code). Your individual taxes may increase at a greater or lesser rate, or even decrease, depending on the change in the taxable value of your property in relation to the change in taxable value of all other property and the tax rate that is adopted.

The public hearing will be held on August 29, 2011 at 6:00 p.m., at the Fate Community Center, 104 South W. E. Crawford, Fate, Texas, 75132.

The members of the governing body voted on the proposal to consider the tax rate as follows:

FOR: Mayor Broderick and Council Members Erwin, Skipworth, Garber, Ryan, Stacy, and Wiemokly

AGAINST: None
 PRESENT and not voting: None
 ABSENT: None

The average taxable value of a residence homestead in the City of Fate, Texas last year was \$174,862 (average taxable value of a residence homestead in the taxing unit for the preceding tax year, disregarding residence homestead exemptions available only to disabled persons or persons 65 years of age or older). Based on last year's tax rate of \$.2469 (preceding year's adopted tax rate) per \$100 of taxable value, the amount of taxes imposed last year on the average home was \$431.73 (tax on average taxable value of a residence homestead in the taxing unit for the preceding tax year, disregarding residence homestead exemptions available only to disabled persons or persons 65 years of age or older).

The average taxable value of a residence homestead in the City of Fate, Texas this year is \$174,295 (average taxable value of a residence homestead in the taxing unit for the current tax year, disregarding residence homestead exemptions available only to disabled persons or persons 65 years of age or older). If the governing body adopts the effective tax rate for this year of \$.2466 per \$100 of taxable value, the amount of taxes imposed this year on the average home would be \$429.81 (tax on average taxable value of a residence homestead in the taxing unit for the current tax year, disregarding residence homestead exemptions available only to disabled persons or persons 65 years of age or older).

Members of the public are encouraged to attend the hearing and express their views.

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CITY OF FATE PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE PROPOSED BUDGET

The City of Fate Council will conduct a public hearing at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, August 29, 2011, at the Fate Community Center, 104 South W. E. Crawford, Fate, Texas 75132, to consider the proposed City budget for the Fiscal Year beginning October 1, 2011, and ending September 30, 2012. This budget will result in more total property taxes than last year's budget by \$72,172. Five percent of that amount, \$3,912 is tax revenue to be raised from new property added to the tax roll this year.

Any resident may attend this public meeting and may participate in the public hearing. The proposed budget is available for inspection by any resident at the City Hall, 104 E. Fate Main Place.

For more information, contact TRMC at 972-415-4451.

Secretary

Rockwall County News Briefs

MOW has shortage of volunteers

Meals on Wheels is experiencing a "drastic shortage of volunteers," according to a recent news release. Anyone interested in delivering meals to Rockwall's senior citizens should call 972-771-9514 or visit rockwallmow.com for more details.

No Habitat workday this week

There will be no Habitat for Humanity workday Aug. 20, according to a news release issued earlier this week. Habitat officials have arranged for some professionals to come in and tackle some specific tasks. Volunteers should watch for next week's update to determine if volunteer workdays will resume Aug. 27.

First Baptist plans workshop

The First Baptist Church in Rockwall, 610 S. Goliad, will host a workshop, How to Win Jehovah's Witnesses to Christ, from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Aug. 20. Pizza will be served at noon, and a PowerPoint presentation and handouts will be included. Retired Baptist pastor Joe B. Hewitt will lead the workshop.

Fundraising car wash planned

The Roysse City Band Boosters will host a fundraising car wash from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Aug. 20 at Taco Casa in Rockwall. All donations will benefit the RCHS band program.

RCRW planning Aug. 20 tea

The Rockwall County Republican Women are planning a tea from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Aug. 20 at Holy Trinity by the Lake Fellowship Hall. Special guests will include Rep. Jodie Laubenberg, speaker, and Nancy Beatty, who will give a one-woman show, "Rosemary Memories." Congressman Ralph Hall also will be a guest speaker. Tickets will cost \$25 and may be purchased at rcrw.org, at GOP headquarters or by calling 972-771-3574.

Final VIP day of the year planned

The final Volunteer in Parks (VIP) summer workday in the City of Rockwall will be Aug. 27 at Harry Myers Park, 815 E. Washington. The volunteer effort will run from 9 a.m. to noon. Individuals and groups are welcome. For more information contact the Parks & Rec Department at 972-771-7761.

Some animal adoption rates reduced

All cats and dogs that have been at the Rockwall Animal Adoption Center

for 60 days or more will see their adoption fees reduced by \$60 during the Summer of Love event at the Rockwall Animal Adoption Center, 1825 Airport Rd., through the month of August. Dogs will cost \$25, cats will be free. Rockwall Pets will underwrite adoption fees. For more information visit rockwallpets.com.

Registration open for YMCA cheerleading

Registration is under way for YMCA cheerleading for children ages 4-12. Cost is \$35 for YMCA Family members and \$90 for non-members. The season will begin Sept. 10. Additional details and registration information is available at rockwallymca.org.

CASA volunteer info sessions slated

CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocate) Volunteer Information Sessions will be conducted at 7 p.m. Sept. 8 at the CASA offices, 108 Kenway, in Rockwall and at 6:30 p.m. Sept. 12 at C/Life Church, 204 FM 1641, Forney. For more information call 972-772-5858, email director@lonestarcasa.org or visit lonestarcasa.org.

Aspasians arts, crafts fair slated

The Aspasians Fall Arts and Crafts Fair will run from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sept. 17 in the Historic Downtown Rockwall Square. The event will feature jewelry, gifts, fine artists, fashion apparel, purses, food, children's games and more. All proceeds from booth rentals will help fund scholarships for Rockwall and RHHS graduated seniors. For vendor information call 214-712-0212 or visit aspasians.com.

Volunteer park cleanup set Sept. 30

The Rockwall Parks & Rec Department is organizing a volunteer-led cleanup of Hickory Park at 1910 Walnut Ridge from 9 a.m. to noon on Sept. 30. Anyone interested in participating is welcome to join the effort.

Texas Night Out set Oct. 4

The anti-crime campaign Texas Night Out will be observed from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Oct. 4 in Rockwall. To schedule an event in your neighborhood call 972-771-7765.

RHS groups needs vendors for craft fair

The RHS Band/Senior Class will host a craft fair Oct. 8. Vendors of all types are needed for the event, which will run from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Plenty of parking also will be available. The fair also will include a senior class fundraiser - a haunted house game booth event. Contact Liz Tarter at 972-772-1846 for more details.

Rib Rub & Run slated Oct. 15

Rockwall's 3rd Annual Rib Rub & Run, which will feature a barbecue competition, 5K run, music, a poker stroll and a food and beer garden, is set for Oct. 15. For more details visit mainstreetrockwall.com.

Roysse City Trick or Treat on Main Street set

Roysse City's Trick or Treat on Main Street will run from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Oct. 26, according to information in the RC Chamber's e-newsletter. The event is hosted by local merchants, civic organizations and RC Main Street and is free to the public; no pets will be allowed.

UMW Bazaar, Craft Fair set Nov. 5

The annual UMW Bazaar and Craft Fair is set for Nov. 5 at the First United Methodist Church, 1200 E. Yellow Jacket Lane (across from the new library). Handmade crafts and home décor items, baked goods and baking pecans will be available. A café also will offer specially prepared lunch and dessert items. Proceeds from the bazaar and vendor booth rental fees and the \$1 admission charge will benefit local and international missions of the United Methodist Women. For booth info call Susan Bernal at 972-772-9476; only 50 booths will be available. For general information call Kathy Lane at 972-977-3922.

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Rockwall County Entertainment

Philharmonic to offer Aug. 20 concert

Rockwall MusicFest, now in its ninth year, will present the Rockwall Philharmonic Orchestra in its End of Summer Concert at 8 p.m. Aug. 20 at The Harbor. The program will feature Rodgers and Hammerstein classics directed by Dr. Stephen Rodgers. The Dallas Baptist University Chorale will join the orchestra in performance of popular Broadway tunes. The performance is free to the public with no admission charge.

'Yogi Bear' planned for Sept. 9 park event

"Yogi Bear" will be the movie screened at the Sept. 9 Family Fun Friday set at Myers Park. Activities will begin at 6 p.m., followed by dusk. Family Fun Fridays are organized by the City of Rockwall Parks & Rec Department.

'Toy Story 3' set for Family Fun Friday

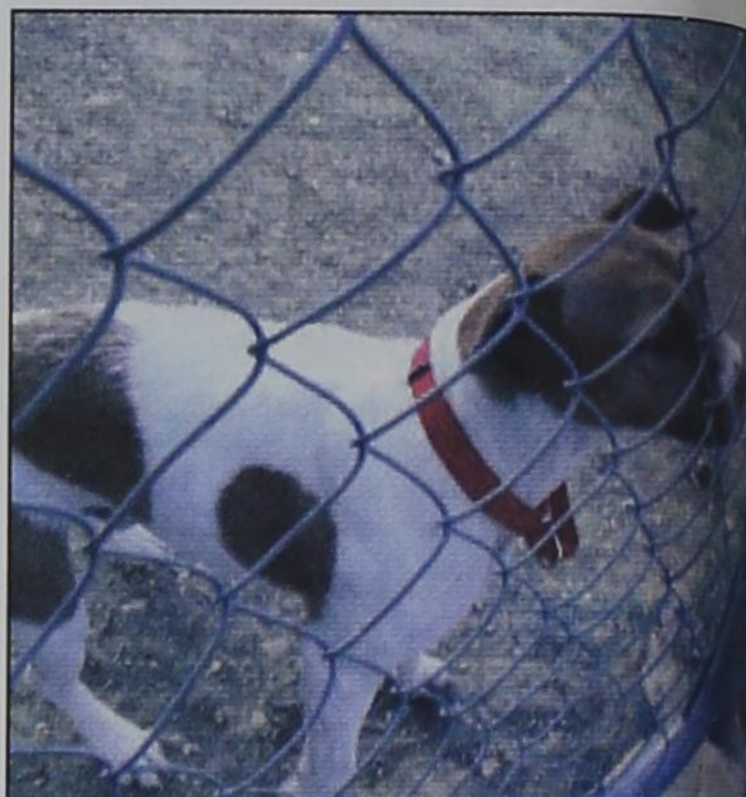
"Toy Story 3" will be the movie screened at the Sept. 16 Family Fun Friday set at Hickory Ridge Park. Activities will begin at 6 p.m., followed by movie at dusk. Family Fun Fridays are organized by the City of Rockwall Parks & Rec Department.

Northshore Park to host family event

Northshore Park will be the site of the Sept. 23 Family Fun Friday set at Northshore Park. Activities will begin at 6 p.m., followed by the movie, "Shrek Forever After."

Family Fun Friday feature is 'Tangled'

The movie "Tangled" will be featured at the Sept. 30 Family Fun Friday event at the Lake Rockwall Estates. Activities will begin at 6 p.m., followed by the movie. The event is hosted by the City of Rockwall Parks & Rec Department.



Happy Endings Dog Rescue in Hewitt, a no-kill rescue organization, partnered with Camp Diggy Bones, a Lavon boarding facility, to train rescue dogs at the Paws of Hope Training Program. The MTC Sanders Estes Unit Correctional Center in Venus has a 12-month program that awaits them upon program completion. The dogs, with both using the program as a rehabilitation program to re-enter society. The offenders work their way back to the facility, while the dogs earn a loving environment. The adoption process that awaits them upon program completion. The first group of these dogs will graduate this week and be available for adoption. Each animal has been spayed/neutered, its shots, is potty-trained, kennel-trained and knows some basic commands. See the available dogs, like the one pictured above, visit pawsofhopewebsite.com; visit campdiggybones.com or call 214-299-1111 for more information on Happy Endings, visit happyendingsdogrescue.com.

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Mrs. Rockwall County 2012 contestants sought

Contestants are needed for the upcoming crowning of the 2012 Mrs. Rockwall County.

Women who are residents of or work in Rockwall County, married and between the ages of 21 and 56 as of July 2, 2012, are eligible. Applications now are being accepted.

Contestants compete in interview, fitness wear and evening gown. There are no talent or swimsuit competitions, and no previous pageant experience is necessary.

The woman selected for the title will become an ambassador for Rockwall County, receiving the title and a sash. Mrs. Rockwall County will represent the area at the Mrs. Texas International Pageant set for April 2013 at the Selena Auditorium in Corpus Christi.

The winner of the Mrs. Texas title will receive a prize package worth more than \$20,000 and the opportunity to compete at the Mrs. International Pageant in Chicago.

The American Heart Association is the official charity of the Mrs. Rockwall County International Pageant.

To become a contestant, request a bio form from Mrs. Texas International Pageant, 14427 Brookhollow, Suite 197, San Antonio, TX 78233. Call 214-403-0589; or email kristin@texasinternationalpageants.com. The bio form also is available by visiting mrtexasinternational.com.

Rockwall Police Blotter

Compiled by Jana Edwards • A Rockwall County News Service

Aug. 9

Public Intoxication, 1900 block S. Goliad, 12:59 a.m.
Burglary of Motor Vehicle, 900 block W. Yellow Jacket Lane, 1:32 a.m.
Theft-Forgery, 700 Block I-30, 7:12 p.m.

Aug. 10

Possession of Drug Paraphernalia, 2600 block Champions Dr., 1:32 a.m.
Possession of Controlled Substance, 1900 block E. I-30, 1:32 p.m.
Delivery of Marijuana, 200 block W. Rusk, 2:15 p.m.
Public Intoxication, 1000 block E. I-30, 9:21 p.m.
Public Intoxication, 2800 block Ridge Road, 8:24 p.m.

Aug. 11

Aggravated Assault, 2100 block S. Goliad St., 6:45 a.m.
Public Intoxication, 2000 block Summer Lee Dr., 10:25 p.m.

Aug. 12

Assault, 800 block Midnight Pass
Theft, 500 block of Shadow Oaks Court, 11:35 a.m.
Possession of Marijuana, 1100 block E. I-30, 11:32 p.m.
Public Intoxication, 2000 block Summer Lee Dr., 2:34 a.m.

Aug. 13

Burglary Motor Vehicle, 1600 block Laguna Dr., 7:30 p.m.
Assault, 300 block Tubbs Road, 9:30 p.m.
Theft, 2900 block Village Dr., 4:12 p.m.

Aug. 14

Assault, 3600 block Juniper Hills Dr., 9:52 a.m.

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Royse City News

This Week in Royse City

A Rockwall County News Exclusively

Baker County News Correspondent
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Hope everyone had a great week. How 'bout that rain Saturday? Clouds rained overhead, teasing us for several days. When we had a downpour. A sight for sore eyes. The rain poured down periodically.

Welcome, teachers

We extend a friendly welcome to all new teachers. An important part of a child's life, in all of our lives here in Rockwall County News want to make sure we acknowledge

at Davis Elementary are Wendy Bessel, life skills, and teaching bilingual pre-K and kindergarten. Merrill is the school suspension aide.

Shrek has joined the office staff as the new receptionist at Davis. We have two new additions in the Special Education Department and Elizabeth Smith. They will be aides in

at May Vernon is Cherise Nichols.

Preschool within First United Methodist Church will be from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Aug. 24 for parents to tour classrooms. Registration packets will be available. We have a good year.

Royse City Club hosts special guest

Royse City Rotary Club hosted the club's district governor, Bud Bird, at a meeting at 7 a.m. Aug. 11. McBrayer spoke and helped with, such as the Louisiana water project. It was a meeting. Thanks for coming to our fair city.

Club is live and active in our community. The club was spotted conducting a meeting. Pretty efficient, wouldn't you

as chartered in our town January 2008. When asked about the most important aspect of the club, President Andrea Chandler said, "Our community first and we are hands-on workers."

Club is eradicating blindness, organizing youth programs, and diabetes. Another important project spotlights diabetes. Club is willing to answer any questions you may have about this worthwhile cause and these kinds of clubs as well as make one feel good and useful.

Club will have a fundraiser from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. Aug. 25. The 7th Annual Tournament will be at Luigi's. A donation of \$35 of poker, entertainment and dinner and a raffle. The event starts at 7 p.m. with no seats after 7:15 p.m. What could be

Caesar's entertainment, which includes a three-night run in Tunica, Miss. That would be so cool. Contact Andrea Chandler at andreachandler@yahoo.com.

Upcoming library programs

Library has set up some new programs to begin in August. Mainly Movie Monday, which will be the second beginning Sept. 12. Every third Saturday, beginning Sept. 17, the club will meet. Quilters will be happy to hear Block-Tuesdays, 6 p.m. Preschool Storytime will begin Sept. 26. Wednesdays, 11 a.m., along with Family Storytime, 10 a.m. Last, but certainly not least, Books and Babies starts at 10 a.m.

should prove to be lots of fun.

Betting on Casino Night

What was the Chamber of Commerce looking for and a Casino Night was held Aug. 12 at Stone River Occasion Center. Upon entering the silent auction items were on display. Items offered in the silent auction, a set of crescent wrenches, gift cards and baskets. Sports packages were also a big hit. The room was filled with slot machines, poker tables and folks in lay bets among those were John and Pam Benedetto, the Lions Club mayor, Jerrell Baley, and Jo Nell Melloy. The time was had by all.

Upcoming nuptials to Thomas Shelton and Jessica Byrd who are to be married Sept. 24 at the Royse City Methodist Church.

Love in motion.

That's all, folks

What is it for this week. I hope your weekend is a relaxing one. (What ever the possibility?)

Questions, suggestions and comments. I am pretty sure you will want to share. You may contact me at rcn.paula@gmail.com. 972-8735.

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Royse City Police Blotter

Aug. 5-11

- Friday, 5 August: Disorderly conduct arrest, 300 block N. Arch Street
- Saturday, 6 August: Driving while license invalid arrest, Corner of Main Street and Elm Street; Suspicious vehicle, 500 block Rowdy Drive; Criminal mischief, 1500 block Verandah Boulevard; Theft, 200 block Santo Drive; Accident, 200 block Elm Street; Suspicious activity, 2300 block E. I-30 NSR; Alarm, 1200 block Live Oak Street
- Sunday, 7 August: Driving under the influence minor arrest, Corner of W. Main Street and Rustic Meadows Drive; Reckless driver, I-30 at the 75 mile marker; Welfare check, 100 block W. I-30 SSR; Reckless driver, I-30 at the 79 mile marker; Suspicious activity, Walker Hawk Fields
- Monday, 8 August: Criminal mischief arrest, 700 block Cooper Lane; Criminal mischief, 400 block Sandy Lane; Medical assistance, 400 block E. Church Street
- Tuesday, 9 August: Possession of marijuana arrest, 700 block FM 2642; Assault, 100 block S. Erby Campbell Boulevard; Theft, 100 block E. Main Street; Medical assistance, 500 block Welch Road
- Wednesday, 10 August: Public intoxication arrest, 100 block W. I-30 SSR; Suspicious person, I-30 at the 77 mile marker; Suspicious vehicle, 1400 block Evergreen Street; Medical assistance, 300 block N. Arch Street; Welfare check, 500 block Ame Lane; Noise disturbance, 1700 block Kelly Lane; Accident, I-30 at the 76 mile marker
- Thursday, 11 August: Graffiti, 900 block Pullen Street; Royse City warrant arrest, 200 block N. Sorrels Road, Driving while intoxicated arrest,

Diagnosing, treating hernias

A hernia occurs when there is a weakness or opening in the wall of a muscle, tissue or membrane. This can allow an internal organ or fatty tissue to squeeze through into another area where it should not be located.

Hernias usually cause only a bulge under the skin. But sometimes there also may be discomfort and pain that may worsen when standing, straining or lifting heavy objects.

Hernias can stay the same or slowly increase in size over time. Common activities or medical problems that increase pressure on the abdominal wall tissue and muscles and could contribute to a hernia include straining to have bowel movements, chronic cough, cystic fibrosis, additional weight, heavy lifting, poor nutrition, pregnancy, smoking, overexertion, enlarged prostate and undescended testicles.

Hernias can be present at birth or they develop during adulthood. The different types and causes of hernias include the following:

Inguinal hernias occur when part of the intestine or bladder protrudes through a weakness in the inguinal canal, which is a natural passageway through the abdominal wall in the groin. Inguinal hernias account for approximately 75 percent of all hernias and are more common in men.

Femoral hernias appear more often in women. In femoral hernias, the intestine enters the canal that carries the femoral artery into the upper thigh.

Epigastric hernias happen when a small amount of fat bulges through a weakness in the abdominal muscles between the navel and breastbone.

Incisional hernias occur when intestine comes through a weakness in the abdominal wall where there has been previous surgery.

Hiatal hernias happen when the stomach slips upward through an opening in the diaphragm and goes into the chest.

Umbilical hernias are bulges of fat or intestine that come through the abdominal wall under the navel. They are common in newborns and may disappear gradually over time.

Hernias are often discovered by people when they notice a bulge or swelling in their groin, abdomen, scrotum or thigh. A doctor can confirm the presence of a hernia during a physical examination. Smaller hernias may not require treatment except to be watched. Hernias that are getting larger or causing pain could require surgery, which is the only treatment that can permanently fix a hernia.

The kind of surgery necessary to repair a hernia will depend on the type, size and location of the hernia. Options include standard surgery, which involves making an incision over the hernia site and closing

the hole with sutures, or a combination of sutures and a plastic mesh.

I-30 at the 79 mile marker; Welfare check, 300 N. Houston Street; Suspicious activity, 3100 block Spruce Street; Suspicious activity, 300 block Hidden Court; Solicitor, Hardy Drive; Noise disturbance, 1100 block Hidden Creek Drive

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Heath News



Volunteers from the First United Methodist Church in Heath conducted a vacation Bible school program, Shake it Up Café, earlier this month. Children ranging from 18 months to fifth grade participated in the event, which included crafts, games, science class, singing and Bible stories and lessons. Pictured is volunteer Carrie Forester, FUMC Heath pastor Scott Holdcomb-McLain as Chef Basil and Kate King, one of the event's co-coordinators. Video of the program's final day is available for viewing on the Rockwall County News website at rockwalltexasonline.com.

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Rockwall County Sports Notes

RACE Swim Team tryouts slated

Tryouts for the Rockwall ISD Aquatic Center's RACE Swim Team will run from 4 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. Aug. 24-25 (participants can come either day; no need to attend both days). Each participant should bring a swimsuit, towel and, if already available, cap and goggles. There is no cost associated with tryouts. RACE is a year-round competition team led by Olympic gold medalist and head coach Neil Walker. To try out, a swimmer must be able to swim 25 yards of freestyle and backstroke. For more details contact the Aquatic Center at 469-698-7410 or visit rockwallaquatics.com.

Triathlon set Oct. 2 at The Harbor

The Toyota U.S. Open Triathlon, the final event in the Race to the Toyota Cup series, will be hosted by the City of Rockwall Oct. 2 at The Harbor. The three-event race will feature a swim event, followed by a cycling and a running event. The swim event will begin at 7 a.m., and the last runner should finish at about 2 p.m. To avoid traffic problems experienced last year, a new bike route has been designed. More than 1,000 athletes competed last year.

Baseball signups

Rockwall County baseball players aged 10u, 12u and 13u are urged to call the Baseball Academy of Rockwall to participate in the upcoming Fall Baseball Season. Contact Damien Gooch at 972-533-1132.

Wesley Arts debuts lecture series Oct. 20

The First United Methodist Church of Rockwall will present the first of its Wesley Arts Lecture Series with Dr. Robert A. Hunt, director of global theological education at SMU Perkins University in Dallas.

Hunt is an expert on world religions, including Islam, and has served as a consultant for numerous Washington, D.C., officials, including President George W. Bush. An author of several articles and research books, his publications serve as an authority on global religion and its impact on the modern world.

Hunt will open the Wesley Arts Lecture Series at 7:30 p.m. Oct. 20 at the church, which is located at 1200 E. Yellow Jacket Lane, Rockwall.

Tickets will cost \$5 and may be reserved in advance by calling 972-771-5500 or online at fumcrockwall.com. Reserved tickets will be held at the door.

The Wesley Arts Lecture Series is an educational service of the church created to provide an alternate format of faith/biblical education that compliments the interests of the church members and the local community. A guest speaker will be presented every three to four months.

The next speaker scheduled to participate is Dr. Mark Chancy, chair of religious studies at SMU.

This Week in Heath

It's easy being green in Heath; city in recycling community input

by Darcy Rocha • A Rockwall County News Exclusive

Les Horvath of Heath knows the value of recycling and the natural resources that can be saved from ending up in a landfill. Horvath is the environmental and recycling coordinator for the City of Heath, and to hear him talk about the city's stellar recycling program is to get a sense of his passion and dedication to the cause.

Most of us in Heath use our blue rolling recycle carts. So that Heath falls in the top 10 of all cities in North Texas for recyclables separated from the total trash collected. Horvath says we can do even better.

"I would love to see Heath as the number one recycler in Texas," he said. "We currently collect on average about 90 percent of our trash each month. Considering that greater than 50 percent of what we collect is actually recyclable material, with a little coordination we could easily take the top spot. What an environmental steward we would be."

One way the city's overall recycling rates could improve is if citizens work together to increase efforts throughout the city. To help encourage action, the City of Heath is inviting residents to City Hall at 6:30 p.m. Sept. 22 to discuss their recycling initiative. Those interested will help provide ideas to their neighbors to increase and streamline recycling efforts.

After sitting down with Horvath, I learned just how easily we can increase our recycling as a community. To clear up any confusion, here is a list of exactly what can be tossed into your recycle bin.

- Plastic containers #1 through #7, including lids
- Aluminum, tin and steel containers
- Glass bottles and containers
- Newspapers
- Corrugated cardboard and boxboard
- Paper (office paper, junk mail, magazines and the like, paper towels or anything with food residue)
- Wax-coated paper drink containers

If there's any question as to what can and cannot go in the bin, available to answer questions via phone at (972) 961-4883 or detailed information on the city's website.

"Recycling has always been second-nature in our family. My wife, Boyle who lives in the Highlands of Heath neighborhood, says the bin that the city provides for us really does make it easy to recycle each week. But I think we can always do better and I think a meeting is a great way to jump start action."

Apart from considering not only the benefits responsible for the environment, sending less trash to the landfill is a fiscal benefit for the city. Our combined recycling efforts save the city money and with enough volume in recyclables regularly being processed could potentially control future increased rates for the solid waste program.

But let's not forget about hazardous waste. Sounds like hazardous sludge, when in actuality regular, everyday items like AA batteries, a serious threat to the quality of our groundwater and soil, as well as of waste disposal employees. According to the EPA, "Leaking products that contain corrosive, toxic, ignitable or reactive materials are considered to be household hazardous waste." Products such as cleaners, oils, batteries, automotive fluids and pesticides contain hazardous ingredients and require special care when you dispose of them.


Find complete instructions about how to recycle these materials on the City of Heath's website or by calling Heath's hazardous waste line at 961-4883 and asking Horvath directly.

Rockwall, Heath and Rockwall County also offer a hazardous waste collection day each spring in Rockwall to collect all of these items. Heath residents are invited to participate by obtaining a voucher.

"I spoke with a resident recently who was 80 years old and had recycled," said Horvath. "After explaining how easy recycling is, how to integrate it into every day life, this woman is now recycling. It's never too late to start."

Darcy Rocha is the Heath community correspondent for Rockwall County News. To share your news and events about Heath, contact darcyrocha@gmail.com or call (214) 771-1035.

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The purpose of the Youth Council is to provide participating youth in municipal government programs or benefit local youth through positive community involvement.

For more details or to obtain an online application visit www.rockwalltexas.com/youthcouncil.

Applications are due August 15th. Kristy Ashbery, city manager, can be reached at 972-771-5500 for more information.

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Rockwall Christian Academy Warriors

Palmer adds new dimension to his new sport with Warriors

Palmer on Figueireo has been a football star only in his friends' front yards. Rockwall Christian Academy head coach Caleb Palmer says Figueireo could be an All-State performer in the snap of football, but he has the ability to be All-State this year as a junior. I don't know if it's defense," Palmer said excitedly.

Palmer's experience with the Warriors' football team thus far consists of acting as a water boy for a game last year. His girlfriend goes to our school. He came to a football game last year, and I saw him on the field this summer with his parents and he said he thought he might want to play football. I asked if he'd be schooled before this fall. His athletic activity consisted of playing soccer. Palmer said, "He's fast, and it gave him good foot. That's what he's done for him as an athlete." He's very smart. He's picked schemes it usually takes somebody a full season to learn. He's physical, and he pushes everybody. Nobody outworks him in drills. He's 200 pounds, and he looks like a linebacker. He's really strong."

Palmer said Figueireo playing guard on offense, but it's as a defensive nose guard that he really has stood out. "If you're not getting double-teamed, you're just not doing your job." Palmer said he'll begin scouting home schoolers' yards if Figueireo and sophomore Caleb Bowers play as well as they can this season.

Figueireo, a formerly home-schooled student, also has not played organized football but is scheduled to start on the defensive line with Figueireo. "And I'm not saying they're starting there because we're bad."

We're not," Palmer said.

Four of the Warriors' offensive line starters could be newcomers. Dalton Stewart played middle school football for Rockwall Christian before transferring to Sachse, and has returned to RCA for his senior year. Jordan Williams, a 220-pounder who played first base for the Warriors' TAPPS 1A/2A state runners-up in baseball, decided to go out for football this year.

Palmer said, "He has been doing cross-fit workouts for baseball. I've noticed the difference in his feet, and he's cut off some pudge."

RCA fans had a chance for their first look at the Warriors Thursday night, when they scrimmaged Fort Worth Calvary Christian at Fort Worth Lake Country Christian. They will open the regular season Saturday, Aug. 27, against the Dallas Home School Athletic Association at Rockwall High School.

HSAA could be wondering how some potential star players got away.

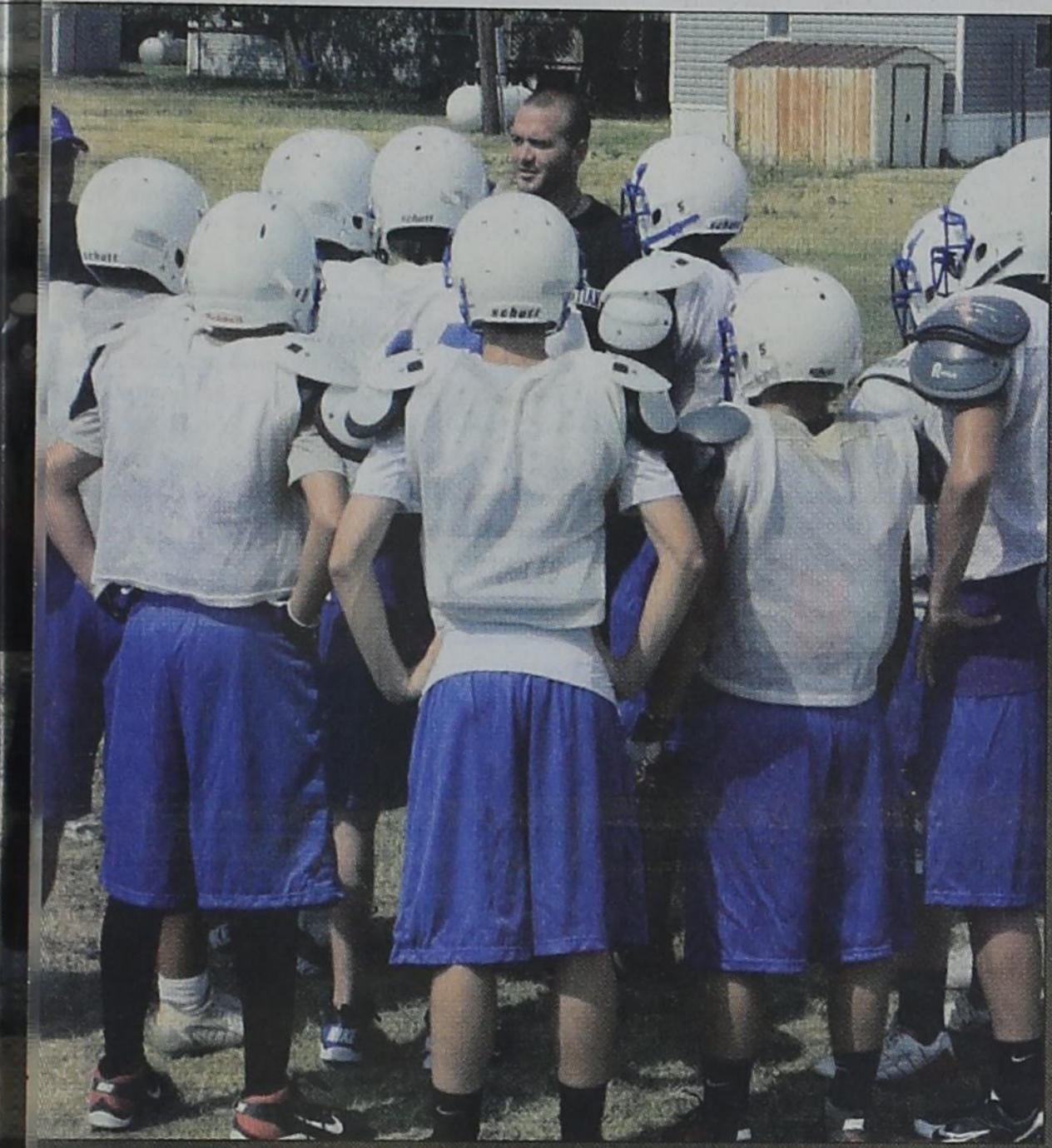
Rockwall Christian Academy schedule

Day, Date	Opponent	Site	Time
Fri., Aug. 19	Fort Worth Calvary Christian (scrimmage)	@ Fort Worth Lake Country Christian	6:30 p.m.
Sat., Aug. 27	Dallas HSAA	@ Rockwall High School	7:30 p.m.
Fri., Sept. 2	Cumby	@ Cumby	7:30 p.m.
Fri., Sept. 9	Open		
Fri., Sept. 16	Open		
Fri., Sept. 23	Irving The Highlands School	@ Irving The Highlands	7:30 p.m.
Fri., Sept. 30	Fort Worth Lake Country	@ Fort Worth Lake Country	7:30 p.m.
Fri., Oct. 7	*McKinney Christian Academy	@ Rockwall High School	7:30 p.m.
Fri., Oct. 14	*Dallas Lakehill	@ Dallas Lakehill	7:30 p.m.
Fri., Oct. 21	*Garland Christian Academy	@ Garland Christian	7:30 p.m.
Fri., Oct. 28	*Richardson Canyon Creek Christian	@ Rockwall High School	7:30 p.m.
Fri., Nov. 4	*Waco Texas Christian	@ Rockwall High School	7:30 p.m.
Fri., Nov. 11	TAPPS IV Bi-District Playoff		

*-TAPPS District 2-IV games

Rockwall Christian Academy hosting Honor Before Victory program

From the Rockwall ISD, Rockwall Christian Academy will present an inaugural Honor Before Victory program on Friday evening. Rockwall Christian Academy Head Coach Caleb Palmer said all athletes and parents from Rockwall Christian, Heritage Christian and Rockwall Christian School are urged to attend the presentation. Palmer said he has seen some things that have happened between the schools in the past. We want to bring



Rockwall Christian Academy Head Coach Caleb Palmer talks to the Eagles football team during practice at the RCA field. Photo by Brittany Williams/Rockwall County News



Rockwall Christian Academy Coach David Hall (left) prepares team members Jordan Williams (front) and Michael Henderson (back) with blocking drills during recent preseason practice at the RCA field. Photo by Brittany Williams/Rockwall County News

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Rockwall-Heath Hawks Football Preview

Hawks figure to bounce back behind juniors, defense

by Lary Bump

There was a silver lining to the dark cloud of injuries that led to Rockwall-Heath's starting an abnormally high number of sophomores last football season.

Those same sophomores are now juniors. And not juniors just coming up from the junior varsity, but second-year varsity starters.

It helps that two of those starters, 235-pounder Jay Arnold and 255-pounder Justin Points, would have started on the defensive line as sophomores in any case.

Those two are back to lead a defensive line that should be the Hawks' strength in 2011 and the biggest reason why they should improve on last year's disappointing

5-5 record.

"The kids understand the standard that was set here several years ago," said head coach Mickey Moss. "They want to raise the bar back to where it needs to be. We feel we've got a chance to be as good as anybody in our district. I expect us to compete our tails off."

"The kids had an awesome

summer. Their work ethic and commitment were really. They're lean and stronger and a lot faster. I credit Coach (Todd) Nunnally and Coach (Kevin) Napier for the workouts they ran in the weight room."

The defense, with eight starters returning, is the biggest reason for optimism.

Joining Arnold and Points on the line is Davonte Walker, who led the team with four sacks last season. "He's built like Hercules. He's one of our strongest players and one of our fastest," Moss said.

The linebacking corps is deep. Raaquan Davis is another talented junior who, according to Moss, is not just a likely NCAA Division I recruit, but a recruit for a BCS conference team. Timbo Duncan, Seth Nunnally and Gentry Rogers also bring experience at linebacker.

Free safety Parker Wood was a key sophomore in 2010, and the Hawks suffered after he too was injured. Also in the secondary is cornerback Mario Henderson, whose five interceptions last season included two returned for touchdowns.

Likely to be scoring most of the offensive TDs are senior running back Jovan Hernandez, who ran for 11 scores last year, and wide receiver Amaris Fields, who caught just 25 passes but took nine of those to the house. Moss said junior wide receiver Shyon Motlagh "has been looking great out there."

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He's likely to have plenty of help carrying the ball. Moss noted senior Ray Todd, juniors Brendan Young, Jeffery Irokwe and Jeremy Armstrong and freshman Rico Henderson as

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Hawks' quarterback Cody Court (10) hands off to Jeremy Armstrong (22) during Tuesday's preseason practice on the RHHS field. The players worked on team drills against the defensive. Watching at back are defensive back Jhacquez Warren (41), wide receiver Jacob Granstaff (7), Hayden Compton (84) and offensive line coach Todd Nunnally.

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Hawks' offensive tackle Matt Mahoney (60) blocks on defensive end Devonta Walker, Nunnally (9) follows the play, during recent Rockwall-Heath football practice at the RHHS. Closely watching the team practice the inside running game, at back is Hawks' Head Coach Moss.

Photo by Tim Burnett/Rockwall County News

Rockwall-Heath varsity football schedule

Day, Date	Opponent	Site	Time
Fri., Aug. 19	Rowlett (scrimmage)	@ Rockwall-Heath High School	7 p.m.
Thu., Aug. 25	West Mesquite (Heritage Honor Before Victory Classic)	@ Wilkerson-Sanders Stadium	7:30 p.m.
Fri., Sept. 2	Frisco Wakeland	@ Pizza Hut Park	7:30 p.m.
Fri., Sept. 9	Garland Lakeview Centennial	@ Wilkerson-Sanders Stadium	7:30 p.m.
Fri., Sept. 16	Open		
Fri., Sept. 23	*Richardson Pearce	@ Eagle/Mustang Stadium	7:30 p.m.
Fri., Sept. 30	*McKinney	@ Wilkerson-Sanders Stadium	7:30 p.m.
Fri., Oct. 7	*McKinney North (Homecoming)	@ Wilkerson-Sanders Stadium	7:30 p.m.
Fri., Oct. 14	*Rockwall (RHHS visitors)	@ Wilkerson-Sanders Stadium	7:30 p.m.
Fri., Oct. 21	*Wylie	@ Pirate Stadium	7:30 p.m.
Fri., Oct. 28	*Highland Park (Senior Night)	@ Wilkerson-Sanders Stadium	7:30 p.m.
Fri., Nov. 4	*Wylie East	@ Pirate Stadium	7:30 p.m.

*- District 10-4A games

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Rockwall Yellowjackets Football Preview

Quarterback again holds the key for Yellowjackets

went with a number of backs, led by Baylor Black. There's Jared Farrow, Alex Ntchobo, Garrett Fikes, Zach Berryman, Josh Bell and Jack Barnett.

That depth is a big improvement over last year. After All-District running back Josh Broach suffered a season-ending knee injury there was little experience behind him.

Reed had all 37 Rockwall carries in a 52-51 victory over Rockwall-Heath. Black, who had been playing linebacker, came to the fore late in the year. His 280 yards and two touchdowns are the most of any returning Jacket.

For help in the receiving corps, Smith, who played quarterback and safety at Baylor, turned to the defense. Thus, you can expect this year's leading receivers to include safety Hinckley and cornerback Coan Calabrese.

The 2010 team received a lot of mileage from them and from linebackers Black, Fikes and Farrow in a new philosophy that stressed players who could perform on both offense and defense.

That approach will continue this year.

"You can control the skill positions more," Smith said in discounting the offense's inexperience. "The line is where you need to build up depth."

That has appeared to happen during preseason practices. Four starters return from last year's offensive line — center Collin Way,

guards Cameron Rose and Garrett Lilly and tackle Nick Noble. "Other kids are coming on, like Matt Akins and Michael McKnight," Smith said. Lilly is expected to be a key performer on the defensive line as well.

Smith said, "We'll be a team with multiple offensive formations. Two wideouts or three, occasionally four. The defense will be a 4-2-5 defensive coordinator David Norris installed for last year's game at Highland Park.

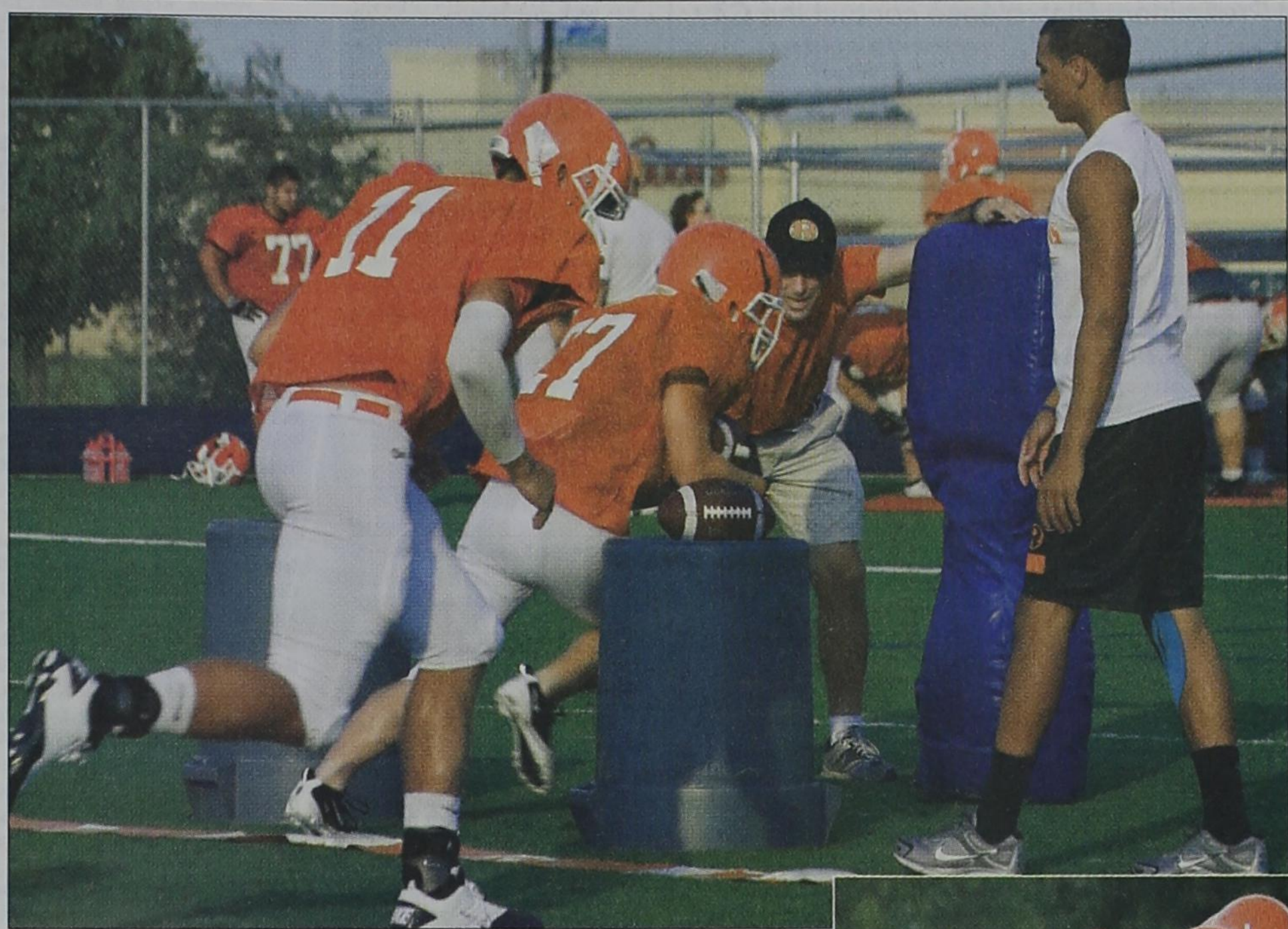
"It will be an opportunistic defense. We can make big plays on defense. We want to force turnovers and not give up big plays," Smith said.

All of those positives will be important to maintain. 10-4A again could be one of the most competitive 4A districts in Texas. Rockwall went into its final game not knowing whether it would be in the playoffs and came out in second place.

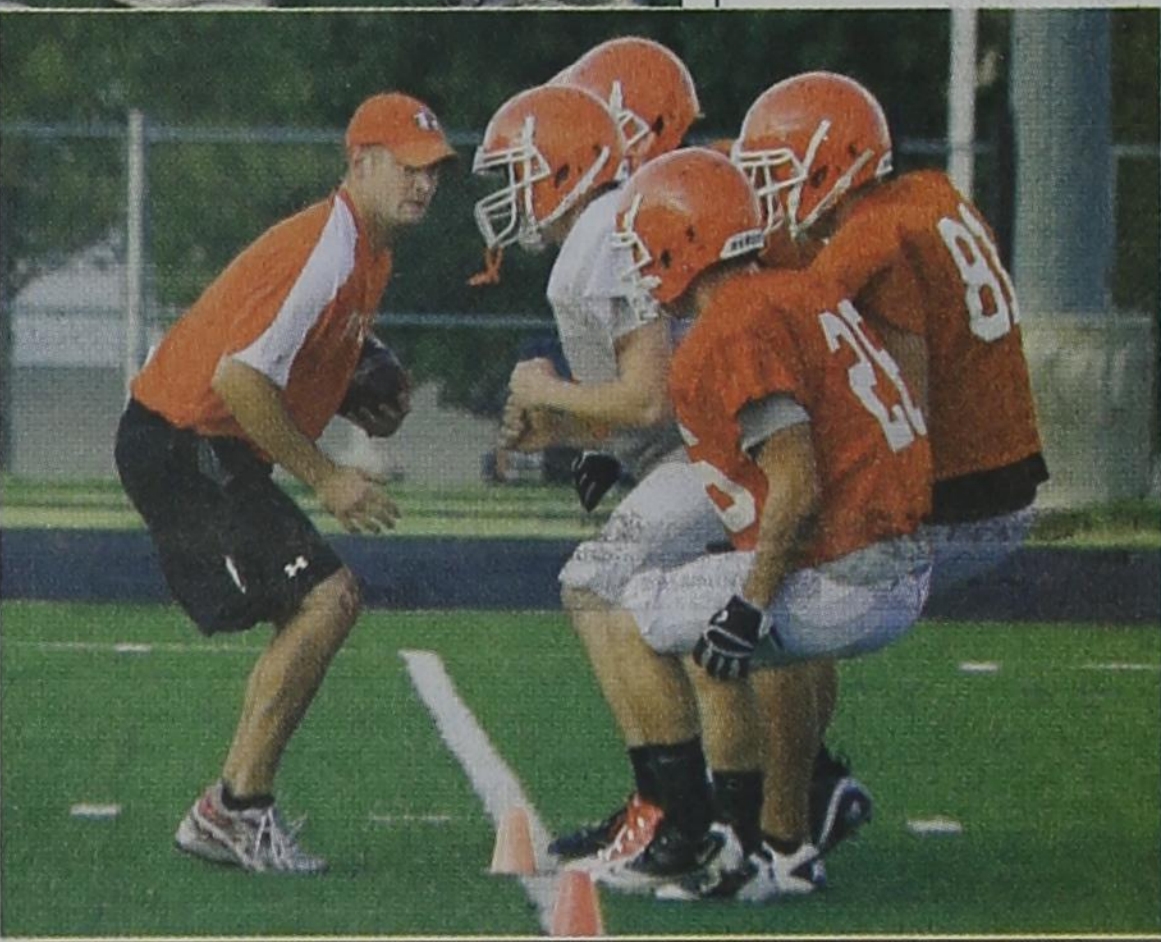
Smith said, "We were 5-2, but we could have been 0-7. Every one of our (district) games was seven points or less. That's why we've got to play one game at a time this year."

Highland Park finished the 2010 regular season as district champion and ranked fifth in the state. Wylie, which placed third in the district, went the farthest in last year's playoffs. RHS might be ninth in the Metroplex rankings, but HP is No. 2 and Wylie No. 3.

Davis, Calabrese and Fikes are this season's captains. They'll go out for their first coin toss Friday, Aug. 26, when the Jackets take on Garland Naaman Forest as part of the Heritage Honor Before Victory Classic at Wilkerson-Sanders Memorial Stadium.



Yellowjackets' Head Coach Scott Smith (back) pushes the players through the "hose drill" to practice running with the ball. Running back Camron Ryals (27) is shown running with the ball as quarterback Wesley Davis (11) at left. Also assisting in the drill is Baylor Black (right).
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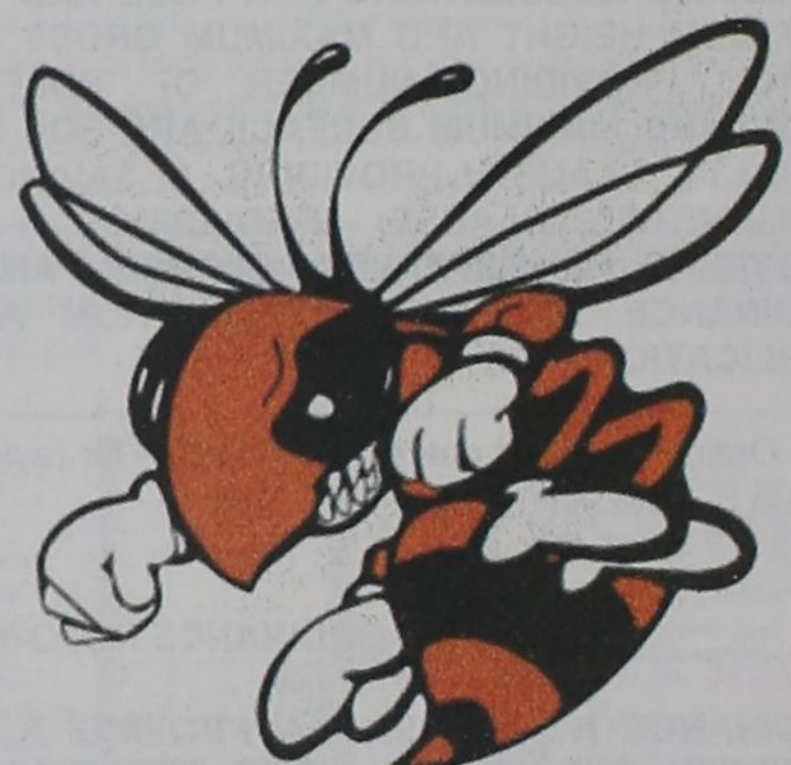
Rockwall Yellowjackets' Coach Jordan Simmons (left) helps the players work on cover drills. Among the players shown are Zach Farrow (26) and Ryan Bray (81).
Photo by Tim Burnett/Rockwall County News

RHS varsity football schedule

Opponent	Site	Time
19 Dawson (scrimmage)	@ Munson Stadium	7:30 p.m.
26 Garland Naaman Forest (Heritage Honor Before Victory Classic)	@ Wilkerson-Sanders Stadium	7:30 p.m.
2 Relett	@ Wilkerson-Sanders Stadium	7:30 p.m.
9 Rye City	@ RCISD Stadium	7:30 p.m.
16 OMI		
23 Highland Park (Homecoming)	@ Wilkerson-Sanders Stadium	7:30 p.m.
30 Lie Pirate	@ Stadium	7:30 p.m.
7 Kinney	@ Ron Poe Stadium	7:30 p.m.
4 Rockwall-Heath (RHS home)	@ Wilkerson-Sanders Stadium	7:30 p.m.
21 Lie East	@ Wilkerson-Sanders Stadium	7:30 p.m.
28 Kinney North	@ Ron Poe Stadium	7:30 p.m.
4 Hardson Pearce (Senior Night)	Wilkerson-Sanders Stadium	7:30 p.m.
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Royse City Bulldogs Football Preview

Defense could carry Royse City past tough early schedule

by Lary Bump

A hundred years ago, Royse City played its first high school football game, defeating Lone Oak 5-0.

Current RC head coach Greg Strahm wouldn't mind if his team won games by similar scores as it celebrates the Bulldogs' 100th anniversary.

"We're strong on the defensive side," he said. "We just learned the 4-3 system last year, and we're leaps and bounds ahead of where we were. We should be a little more stingy. In many games last year we played a solid defensive game if you take away two big plays. We were victimized because we really didn't know the system yet."

"We have five returning defensive starters from last year's team that made great improvement — Ryan Phillips, J.R. Arredondo, Damion Foster, Josh Martinez and Cayn Pence. Vince Jones and Darrien McQueen and Elijah Huntley played a

lot, and James Gilbert started five games when Ryon Phillips went down with an MCL tear. James didn't just start. Three of those five games we won. He did a remarkable job."

"Our depth chart on the defensive side has only two positions where guys we have there didn't have a lot of quality (playing) time. You could almost say we're returning nine starters."

Another factor indicating that the Dawgs could play low-scoring games this season is an offense with far less experience at skill positions.

With running back Jon Burns graduated and quarterback Taylor Corbin not returning after starting in his sophomore and junior years, more than 1,500 yards are gone from RC's rushing game.

That leaves senior Saul Garcia and junior Samuel Rushing, who totaled fewer than 100 yards last season, as

the leading running backs.

Strahm said, "Between the two of them we'll have a running game, but probably not to the degree of what Jon was able to give us."

As compensation, Royse City does have some experienced pass receivers coming back. Torrell McQueen caught 32 passes, three for touchdowns, and Jake Horbacz grabbed 40 with two TDs in 2010. McQueen is fast, but Strahm called another wide receiver, Jared Tumbleson, "the fastest kid on the team." Michael Webb also has pass-catching experience.

But who will throw the ball to them?

Strahm didn't have an answer to that question going into Friday's home scrimmage against Little Elm.

The candidates are junior Wes Brookshier and senior Aaron Disrow, who moved back to Royse City after playing as an option quarterback in an Illinois high school.

"They are two quality athletes," Strahm said. "Aaron's got some talent but he's moving to a Spread, which is a completely different offense. He has not missed a summer conditioning workout. There's a lot of teaching to do, and we're only a week into it."

The Bulldogs' greatest offensive strength, literally, is their line. The starters are 295-pound guards Clay Damron and Nic Gillis, 230-pound tackle Cameron Cleveland, 220-pound center Jerrad Dooley and the tackle Strahm called "the shrimp of the line," 6-foot, 175-pound Tyler Harper. "He's little, but he plays with heart."

This year's early schedule is stacked against a team that didn't know its starting quarterback a week before the first game.

Playing in the seven-team District 13-4A, Royse City has four non-district games. Three of those are against teams the Dallas Morning News has ranked among 4A's top 13 in the Metroplex — Mesquite Poteet, Rockwall and Frisco Liberty. After that, the Bulldogs would open the 13-4A season against Texarkana

Texas, the team Strahm said is "the most athletic and should be the best team in the district every year."

Without liking it, RC has become accustomed to slow starts. They were 0-5 after five games in each of the last two seasons. But where the 2009 squad finished 1-9, the 2010 Dawgs came back to win three of their last five regular-season games to reach the playoffs before losing in the Bi-District round.

Signs point toward a season rather than years ago.

Strahm said, "They have been there. They understand. We may not be the best people, but we can play. That should play a role. We're as solid as we should be. That's the low-scoring game."

Royse City varsity football schedule

Day, Date	Opponent	Site	Time
Fri., Aug. 19	Little Elm (scrimmage)	@ RCISD Stadium	
Fri., Aug. 26	Mesquite Poteet	@ Mesquite Memorial Stadium	
Fri., Sept. 2	Frisco	@ RCISD Stadium	7:30 p.m.
Fri., Sept. 9	Rockwall	@ RCISD Stadium	7:30 p.m.
Fri., Sept. 16	Frisco Liberty	@ FISD Memorial Stadium	
Fri., Sept. 23	*Texarkana Texas	@ RCISD Stadium	7:30 p.m.
Fri., Sept. 30	Open		
Fri., Oct. 7	*Denison	@ Munson Stadium	7:30 p.m.
Fri., Oct. 14	*Sherman (Homecoming)	@ RCISD Stadium	
Fri., Oct. 21	*Greenville	@ T.A. Cotton Ford Stadium	7:30 p.m.
Fri., Oct. 28	*Mount Pleasant (Parent Night)	@ RCISD Stadium	
Fri., Nov. 4	*Sulphur Springs	@ Gerald Prim Stadium	7:30 p.m.

*-District 13-4A games



Royse City Bulldogs' Coach Greg Strahm throws to Linebacker Deonte Reed during a pass defending drill. Photo by Tim Burnett/Rockwall County News



Royse City student trainer Leslie Ahl (front, left) helps senior Jeremy Homan cool off during a recent varsity football practice. Also assisting at back are Caimin Blanks (left) and ... as. According to head Trainer Alan Gill, the heat index is constantly monitored. If it ... degrees, the team moves practice into the indoor practice facility. Sponges are used to ... over the players' heads and backs, and they drink plenty of water. In a typical practice, ... approximately 150 gallons of ice water. Photo by Tim Burnett/Rockwall County News



Emeritus at Summer Ridge residents celebrating Rockwall County football teams (left to right) Fritz Van Doran with his dog "Rusty," Joyse Jackson, Clarence Benton, Margaret Owens and Lois Ihfe (front).

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