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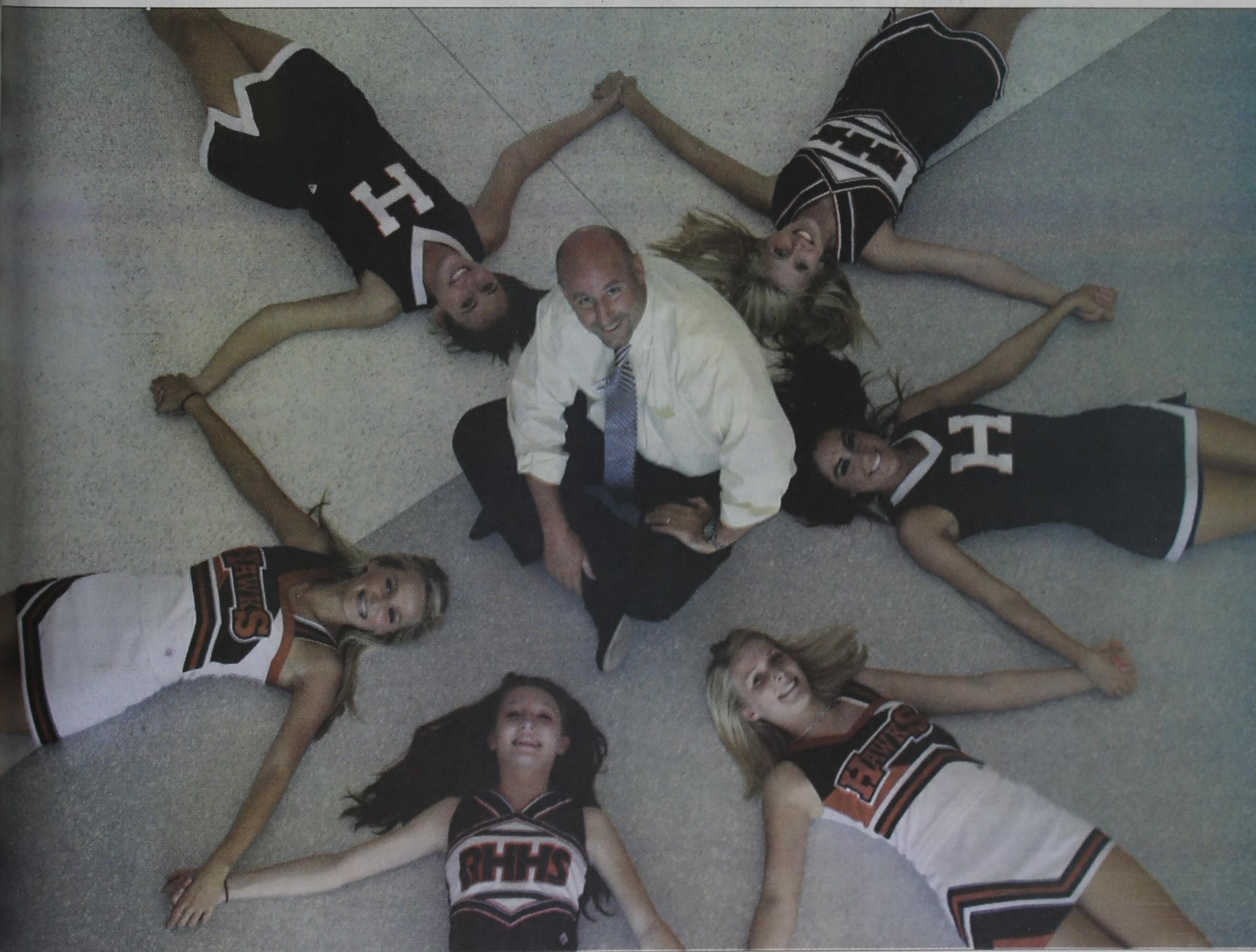
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## Space available for Sept. 12 Downtown 'Rib Rub'

Taking a break from their preparations for the Sept. 12 Downtown Rockwall Rib Rub contest are event sponsors and downtown Rockwall business owners (standing from left) Tim Sharp of T&T Color Supply, (kneeling) Larry Blacketer of Candlelight & Lamposts, (far right) Robert Cook of Awards & Creations, (seated left) Bethany Golden, Rockwall Main Street Manager, (middle) Lori Lawing of Bella's House, (right) Carla Hopper of Rockwall Running Center. The first-ever Rib Rub and Run will showcase the expertise of amateur and "seasoned" grilling professionals. Several downtown restaurants will offer barbecue that day, and live music will begin at 11 a.m. when the food and beer garden opens. A daylong Poker Stroll is planned, with the best poker hand winning a gift basket of goodies from downtown merchants. The day will begin with a 5K Fun Run at 8 a.m. and hosted by the Rockwall Running Center. Registration forms for the run are available at [active.com](http://active.com). To enter the Rib Rub contest, visit [rockwall.com](http://rockwall.com) (click on Happening Now.)

Photo Courtesy of Bethany Golden



Rockwall-Heath High School Principal Tom Maglisceau takes a break after a busy day to pose with the Rockwall-Heath Varsity, JV and Freshman Head Cheerleaders. The cheerleaders are

Kaleigh Loeffler and Morgan Johnson, Varsity; Tara Woessner and Jordyn Leeuw, Junior Varsity, and McKenzie Edwards and Rebekah Gerritsen, Freshman. Photo Courtesy of Krissy Edwards/Rockwall County News

## Tuesday Edition Subscriber Bonus!

## City of Rockwall closing County Line road for repairs

Weather permitting, County Line Road in Rockwall will be reduced to one lane of traffic from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily beginning Thursday, Sept. 3, for asphalt repairs. The road will reopen each day to two-way traffic after 6 p.m. The contractor will have flagmen in place through the construction process. The project will take approximately one week to complete.

Also weather permitting, North Country Lane will be closed to through traffic from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily beginning Tuesday, Sept. 8, for water line construction. The road will reopen each day after 6 p.m. The contractor will have detour signage in place and access to property will be maintained throughout the construction process. The project will take approximately six weeks to complete.

Contact Tim Duke, City of Rockwall Construction Inspector, with any questions regarding the construction at 972-771-7746.

## Habitat plans meeting for potential local homeowners

Rockwall County and Roysse City residents unable to qualify for a traditional mortgage still may be able to own a home for as little as \$500 per month thanks to the Rockwall Area Habitat for Humanity.

The nonprofit organization leverages donations and volunteer labor to construct homes that they sell at cost with zero percent financing to qualified applicants.

The group is seeking applicants and will provide an informational meeting from 10 a.m. to noon on Sept. 19 at the Rockwall Public Library, 1215 E. Yellow Jacket Lane.

During the meeting members of the RAHFH Family Selection Committee and a current Habitat homeowner will detail the application criteria and process. They also will conduct an initial screening of attendees, distribute application packets and arrange assistance for anyone who needs help completing the application.

The program will be conducted in English, with a Spanish translator present.

"Given the recession, more families than ever are in need of affordable housing," said Larry Wells, vice president of the RAHFH. "Our goal is to raise awareness throughout the community that the Rockwall Area Habitat for Humanity can make home ownership a reality for qualified applicants."

Applications are available online at [rockwallhabitat.org](http://rockwallhabitat.org) or by calling 972-771-6909.

### Attention Rockwall Area Realtors...

**Rockwall County Abstract and Title Co. is offering 2 MCE approved courses in our office on Tuesday, September 15<sup>th</sup>!**

Legal Update MCE - 3 hrs - \$25  
9:00 am to 12:00 am

and  
What about the Earnest Money? - 2 hrs - \$15  
1:00 pm to 3:00 pm

- Lunch provided by Rockie & Sheri Martin @ Superior Lending Mortgage \*

For more information or to reserve your spot call 972-771-5336 or email [training@rockwalltitle.com](mailto:training@rockwalltitle.com).

## 1<sup>st</sup> ANNUAL Rib Rub and Run downtown Rockwall



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For More Information Call Bethany Golden, Main Street Manager at 972.772.8400 or email [bgolden@rockwall.com](mailto:bgolden@rockwall.com)

admission is free



### In a Pig's Eye!

Kelly Romack's fifth grade students at Amy Parks Elementary suited up to dissect pigs' eyes as part of their science curriculum. They identified the different parts of the eye and discovered the detrimental effects the exposure to harsh chemicals can have on the eye. Showing various degrees of excitement and apprehension about the assignment are (left to right) Baylee Hawkins, Cole Smith, Kenden Pruitt, Chase Elliott, and Carmen Castleberry.

Photo Courtesy of Mary Thacker/Rockwall County News



The Rockwall County Historical Foundation Board met recently to address invitations to their Annual Cotton Pickin' Party, which will be held at 7 p.m., Sunday, Oct. 4, at the Museum in Harry Myers Park. This fun family event includes a Bar-B-Q dinner, entertainment, a desert auction and Cotton Pickin' Calcutta. \$15.00 Tickets/reservations are required and may be obtained at [cplagens65@aol.com](mailto:cplagens65@aol.com). Plans were also announced for the first Brown Bag Lecture to be held at noon, Friday, Sept. 11, at the Historic Courthouse. The topic is "Team Players" and is free and open to everyone. Helping with the invitations were (front row from left) Jan Self and Carolyn Francisco, (back row from left) Leigh Plagens, Jan Johnson, Cliff Cardwell, Linda Cardwell and Billye Wood.

Photo Courtesy of Leigh Plagens/Rockwall County News

## Library anniversary to be feted with week of celebration

The Rockwall County Library is planning to celebrate its one-year anniversary in September with a week of fun activities for families. The celebration will take place Tuesday, September 8 through Friday, September 12, 2009.

Children ages two through 12 can register that week for a chance to win a cuddly Fatchdog stuffed "Jack" and Ludwig, along with a bag of books. The drawing will be held at 4 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 12. The winners will be present to win.

While the library will be closed on Monday, Sept. 7, for Labor Day, the rest of the week will be jammed packed with activities, shows and surprises to celebrate the library's first birthday.

The activities planned so far are:

Tuesday, Sept. 8, 11 a.m.: Our dear friend and popular puppeteer Sandy ShROUT is back with the story of "How the Dragon Got His Fire." For good listeners ages four and up.

Wednesday, Sept. 9, 11 a.m.: The Creature Teacher brings live animals for show-and-tell for good listeners ages three and up.

Thursday, Sept. 10, 7 p.m.: Stories with Head Children's Librarian Doreen Miller about scavenger hunt. Children under the age of seven will need adult assistance.

Friday, Sept. 11, 11 a.m.: Massai Maggie will be here presenting "Wild about Reading." The show of stories, puppets, and surprises is fun for good listeners ages three and up.

Saturday, Sept. 12, 2 p.m.: Local storyteller Leslie Buie tells a delightful story of the pleasures of summer, friends, and blackberries. After the story, join us as we say good-bye to summer with a picnic. The library staff invites patrons to bring the whole family to this memorable event.

## Rockwall HS Cheerleaders Cabaret show coming September 19 & 20

The Rockwall High School Cheerleaders invite the public to attend their 23rd Annual Cabaret on Saturday, Sept. 19 and Sunday, Sept. 20. This year's theme is "YOU TUBE."

The show will take place at Williams Middle School, 625 East FM 552 in Rockwall. Tickets are \$10 per person.

The first show of the day on Saturday Sept. 19 show is a 1 p.m. matinee, with a dinner and show on Saturday for \$15 per person. The Sunday, Sept. 20 show will begin at 3 p.m.

The cheerleaders will perform dances to music from "High School Musical," Miley Cyrus' "You Think You Can Dance," the Jabawaki's and a tribute to Michael Jackson, among others.

The money raised will go towards the Rockwall High School Cheerleaders Nationals Travel expenses.

The Rockwall High School Cheerleaders appreciate your support.

## Rockwall County Obituaries

**Rev. B.V. Blackwood**  
The Rev. B.V. Blackwood, 80, died Saturday, Sept. 5, 2009, at Rockwall Chapel with Brother officiating. Burial followed in the cemetery.

**Don Lovell**  
Don Lovell, 72, of Rockwall, died Sunday, Sept. 7, 2009, at the Chisholm Baptist Church with Dr. Rocky officiating. Burial followed in the Rest Haven Funeral Home with Rockwall Chapel.

He was a peace officer in Rockwall and served as a city councilman for the Chisholm Baptist Church. He was an active, lifelong member of the Rockwall Renegades. He is survived by his daughters, Cynthia and Rhonda, and his wife, Rhonda.

**Justina 'Tina' Fay Sledge**  
Justina "Tina" Fay Sledge, 58, died Saturday, Sept. 5, 2009, in the Lakewood Cemetery. The Rest Haven Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

She was born in Pocatello, Idaho, to Isak and Grace Sledge; her husband, Jerry Edward Sledge, died in 1951. She was a Rockwall resident who enjoyed going to church and devoted to her family. Her husband, Jerry E. Sledge, and daughter, Tiffany Sledge, preceded her in death.

**Mrs. Alan (Cecile) White**  
Mrs. Alan (Cecile) White, 84, of Rockwall, died Saturday, Sept. 5, 2009, at the Lakeside Cemetery. Burial followed in the Lakeside Cemetery.

She received a master's degree from the University of Colorado. She returned to Rockwall in 1968 where she worked for the Methodist Hospital in Dallas. She was a member of the Methodist Church and the Rockwall Baptist Church.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Alan White, and her husband, Todd Rynne White, and three great-grandchildren. She is survived by her husband, Alan White, and her husband, Alan White, and her husband, Alan White.

**Rockwall County**  
Twice as often on Tuesday & Thursday

# Rockwall County Obituaries

## Rev. B.V. Blackwood

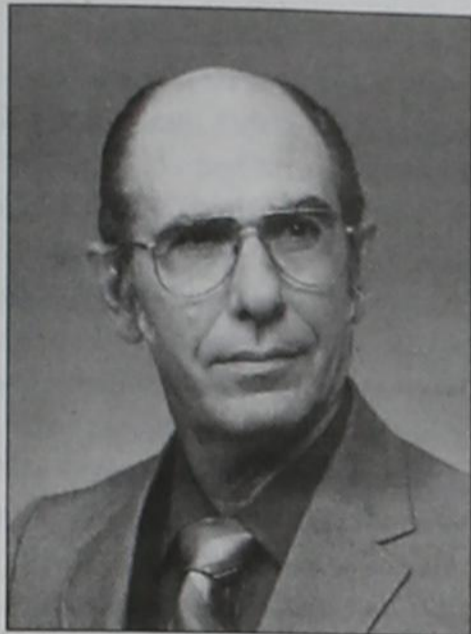
Services for the Rev. B.V. Blackwood, 89, of Roysse City were held at 10 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 5, 2009, in the Rest Haven Home-Rockwall Chapel with Brother Al Clark and Brother Ginn officiating. Burial followed in the Oak Grove Memorial Home in Irving.

He was born March 6, 1921, in Paul's Valley, Okla., to Harm and Mary Blackwood. He served in the U.S. Army during World War II and was a carpenter and member of the Full Gospel World Church in Caddo Mills.

Survivors include his wife of 62 years, Lula "Lou" Blackwood of Roysse City; his children, Janice K. McDonald of Roysse City and G. Holbrook of Wylie; his grandchildren, Carla Phifer, Marlene Wilson, BeVee Spears, Taffany Watkins, Candice McTracena Colunga; and 17 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents and 15 brothers and sis-

## Don Lovell



Services for Don Lovell, 72, of Rockwall were held at 3 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 6, 2009, in the Chisholm Baptist Church with Dr. Rocky Holbrook officiating. Burial followed in the McLendon-Chisholm Cemetery under the direction of the Rest Haven Home-Rockwall Chapel. He died Sept. 2.

He was born June 12, 1937, in Terrell, Texas. He was a member of the Buren Lovell and Marjorie Blaise (Caughran) Lovell, and served in the U.S. Air Force. He was a peace officer in Rockwall, Heath and Chisholm. He served as a city councilman for Chisholm. A welder and member of the Chisholm Baptist Church, he had a passion for motorcycles and was an active, lifelong member of the Misfits of the Rockwall Renegades. He enjoyed racing cars and flying a pilot.

Survivors include his daughters, Cynthia Sartain and her husband, Doug, of Rockwall and Gina Dionne of San Jose, Calif.; one son, Philip Lovell and his wife, Rhonda, of Rockwall; a brother, Don Lovell and his wife, Mindy, of Rockwall; his grandchildren, Doster and her husband, Bobby, Amanda Roberts and her husband, Ryan, Brian Sartain and his wife, Michele, Ashlie Anders, Chanceller, Emma Chanceller, William Beamish III and Halie and his great-grandchildren, Ethan, Tyler, Makenzie, Kaleigh and Bryse; and his father-in-law and mother-in-law, Deron and Louise Boren of Fate.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Pat, and his parents.

## Justina 'Tina' Fay Sledge

Services for Justina 'Tina' Fay Sledge, 57, of Rockwall were conducted at 10 a.m. Sept. 2, 2009, in the Lakeside Church with Pastor Watson officiating. The Rest Haven Funeral Home-Rockwall Chapel was in charge of arrangements.

She was born Oct. 3, 1951, in Pocatello, Idaho, to Ernest Howard and Alta (Bourquin) Isaak, she was a Rockwall resident for 22 years. She was married to Jerry Edward Sledge. She was a member of Lakeside Church who enjoyed going on mission trips. She was a sign language and devoted to her home and family.

Survivors include her husband, Jerry E. Sledge of Rockwall; her daughters, Patti Rene Sledge and Tiffany LeAnne Culmo, both of Rockwall; one son, Jason Sledge of Texas; her father, Howard Isaak; her grandchildren, David Allan Fouse, Dallas Lee Frasier, C.J. and Grace Chandler and Grace Sledge; her sisters, Mable Pierce and Anna Ware, both of California; her brothers, Richard and Wesley; and numerous cousins, aunts, uncles, nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her mother.

## Mrs. Alan (Cecile) White



Services for Mrs. Alan (Cecile) White of Texarkana, Ark., were held at 10 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 5, 2009, in the Texarkana Home with Dr. Walter Ginn officiating. Burial followed in the Lakeside Cemetery in Stamps, Ark.

She was born to Forest "Jack" and Loretta Stephenson of Rockwall, Texas. She graduated from Rockwall High School and earned a Bachelor of Science degree in nursing from Texas Christian University in 1955. She worked at Harris Hospital in Fort Worth. She received a master's degree in nursing in 1965 at the University of Colorado. She returned to Dallas where she was appointed director of the Methodist Hospital School of Nursing. Her husband died at Methodist Hospital in Dallas where some of her happiest and most productive. In 1968 she was tapped for the position of chairperson of the Dallas Baptist College of Nursing, where she helped develop the program until her marriage later that year.

She was actively involved in the family furniture manufacturing business, Alan White, and enjoyed showroom design. She developed and nurtured the company's Deming quality management program. Survivors include her four sons and daughters-in-law, Dave and Cheryl White of Hot Springs, Ark., Doug and Sue White of Dallas, and Cheryll White of Decatur and Robin and Jeanie White of Hot Springs, Ark.; seven grandchildren, Chris White, and his wife, Shelley White and her husband, Brendon Gaffey, Heather and her husband, Todd, Ryne and Chase White and Russell and Julia White; and three great-grandchildren.

Her parents and her husband, Alan White, preceded her in death.

The family has suggested memorial contributions be made to the Anderson Cancer Center, 1515 Holcombe Blvd., Houston, TX 77030.

Online registration may be completed at [textarkanafuneralhome.com](http://textarkanafuneralhome.com).

## Lela Grace Willess

Services for Lela Grace Willess were conducted at 1 p.m. Friday, Sept. 4, 2009, in the Rest Haven Funeral Home-Rockwall Chapel.

She died in the arms of her family members on Aug. 31 in Dallas following a lengthy illness.

Born Jan. 30, 1924, in Dallas, she was a Navy Wave who served in World War II. She worked for more than 20 years in the banking industry. She enjoyed art, architecture and antiques and had a green thumb. She also enjoyed visiting new restaurants and was generous to a fault.

Survivors include her twin brother, Nicholas Aden Combs and his wife, Shelia, of College Station; and her son, James L. Willess Jr.; her daughter, Teresa Phillips and her husband, Larry; one grandchild, Tammy Tyree and her husband, A.G.; one great-granddaughter, Courtney Tyree; and a great-grandson, Alan Tyree, all of Roysse City.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Lela Ada and Nicholas Alexander Combs; her brothers, Major Gen. Cecil Edward Combs and Paul Alexander Combs; and her husband, James L. Willess Sr.

The family has suggested that in lieu of flowers, donations be sent to the North Texas Food Bank, 4306 Shilling Way, Dallas, TX 75237.

## Youth softball clinics to help Burkett towards Gold Award

Shannon Burkett, a senior at Rockwall-Heath High School and a member of the Lady Hawks softball team, is conducting two softball skills clinics to complete her Girl Scout Gold Award project. The clinics are designed for girls ages 10 to 12 or 4th grade to 6th grade.

The clinics will be from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 19 or Saturday, Sept. 26 at the Heath City Softball Field behind Amy Parks Elementary School. Check-in will be at 8:30 a.m. The camp fee is \$3.

Participants will improve skills, make new friends and meet professional coaches and skilled players. Players should bring their gloves, bats and a sack lunch. Catchers should bring their gear if they have it.

Camp organizers will provide water, snacks, helmets and other equipment as needed.

Parents must fill out a permission form and are encouraged to stay and watch. An appropriate adult/child ratio will be maintained at all times.

To attend either day, RSVP by Wednesday, Sept. 16 to Shannon Burkett at 214-695-6963 or [sburkett@classicnet.net](mailto:sburkett@classicnet.net).

Come out and be a part of a something fun and help Shannon earn her Gold Award. The Gold Award is the highest award given in Girl Scouts after a candidate has completed certain requirements and has given many years of service to her troop, family and community.

## RHHS Class of 2010 schedules fundraisers for prom and events

Upcoming events sponsored by the Rockwall-Heath High School Senior that will benefit prom and after-prom events in the spring include:

**Pansy Sale:** The RHHS class of 2010 is selling locally grown pansies for \$16 per flat just in time for fall planting. Ask your neighbors, church, friends, to support the class of 2010 and beautify Rockwall at the same time! To receive an order form, contact: Susan Morris at [susan.morris@kcc.com](mailto:susan.morris@kcc.com) or Nancy Beck at [nancy.kim.b@gmail.com](mailto:nancy.kim.b@gmail.com).

**RHHS Senior Night at Joe Willy's,** Friday, Sept. 25: Seniors earn tips and a percentage of your ticket during the 5th quarter (after the game). There are no big tailgaters planned for this year as in the past, so plan on heading over to Joe Willy's after the game to celebrate football. Student workers can sign up with Sharon Simms Howell at [ssimms@fkmagency.com](mailto:ssimms@fkmagency.com).

**Golf Tournament and Auction,** Saturday, Sept. 26: Join in the golf, sponsor a hole, take the dinner-only option and stay for a fabulous silent auction. To sign-up, contact Don or Gina Allen at [DKACOM@aol.com](mailto:DKACOM@aol.com).

**RHHS Open House and Class 2010 Chili Dinner,** Monday, Sept. 29:

Why rush and try to cook for the family before the RHHS Open House? Instead enjoy a heart-warming chili dinner with all the fix'ns to be served at 5:30 p.m., prior to the Open House at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$5 per person. For tickets contact Margie Halloran at [margiehalloran@aol.com](mailto:margiehalloran@aol.com).

## Rockwall County News Readers' Choice in Rockwall County!

### Yellow Jacket Barber Shop

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**214-771-0450**

# News Briefs

## Girl Scout recruiting events scheduled

The Rockwall County Girl Scouts have scheduled a pair of recruiting events - one set for 7 p.m. Tuesday at Cain Middle School in Heath and another set for 7 p.m. Wednesday at Williams Middle School, Rockwall. Come find out what Girl Scouting is all about. For more details contact Becky Kmak at 214-349-2440, 1-800-442-2260 or visit [gsnetx.org](http://gsnetx.org).

## Rockwall FFA chapter meeting slated

The Rockwall FFA chapter meeting will be at 7 p.m. Tuesday at the RISD Agriculture Facility, 875 Riding Club Road. Membership is open to Rockwall ISD students in grades 3-12; students in grades 3-8 are considered junior members. For more details call FFA advisers Casey Jones or Bobby Fowler, RHS ag teachers, at 972-771-7339.

## Library's Birthday Bash set

The Rockwall County Library's Birthday Bash will run Sept. 8-12. Puppeteers, scavenger hunts, storytellers and live animals with the Creature Teacher will be on hand to help celebrate. Story times begin the following week. For more details visit [rocklib.com](http://rocklib.com).

## Newcomers plan first fall meeting

The Rockwall Newcomers will observe the first meeting of the 2009-2010 year beginning at 10 a.m. Thursday at Occasions at Stone River, 1250 FM 2453, Roysse City. The event will begin with a social, followed by a meeting and luncheon. For reservations or more information about the group, call Kitty Colquhoun at 972-722-5569.

## Knowwhat2do program scheduled

Rockwall County Emergency Management will present a Knowwhat2do program, a plan to help prepare the community for potential local hazards, from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Thursday at the Rockwall County Public Library Community Room. For more details call 972-772-6625.

## Seminar to focus on allergies, sinusitis

The Lake Pointe Health Network will offer an interactive one-hour seminar on the causes and treatment options associated with sinusitis, as well as information on allergic rhinitis, allergy shots and sublingual immunotherapy at 7 p.m. Thursday at the Lake Pointe Medical Center's café, 6800 Scenic Drive, Rowlett (use north entrance portico). For more details or to register call 1-866-525-5762.

## Ron Jones to give concert

Ron Jones will perform at the free City of Rockwall Concert by the Lake Series event beginning at 7:30 p.m. Thursday at The Harbor Amphitheater, 2047 Summer Lee Drive. For more information visit [rockwall.com/parks](http://rockwall.com/parks).

## Brown Bag Lecture opens new season

The first Brown Bag Lecture of the new year will begin at noon on Friday at the Historic Courthouse. Topic will be "Team Players." The event is free and open to any interested individual.

## Farmers Market open Saturday

The Farmers Market in downtown Rockwall will be open from 8 a.m. to noon Saturday, offering fresh produce, toffee, salad dressings, gourmet food mixes, roasted coffee, local honey, plants and herbs. The market will be open each Saturday this month. For details call 972-772-6400.

## Rockwall Rib Rub set Saturday

The Rockwall Rib Rub is set for Saturday on the downtown square beginning with cooks firing up their grills at 6 a.m. There will be plenty of music and food vendors, as well as children's activities and a Poker Stroll. For cook-off applications visit [rockwall.com](http://rockwall.com); click on Happening Now. For details call Bethany Golden at 972-772-6400.

## RHS seniors plan fundraiser

The Rockwall High Class of 2010 will host a pancake breakfast fundraiser from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. Saturday at Applebee's. Tickets may be purchased at the door at a cost of \$6 per person. Contact Dawn Defebaugh at 972-722-6984 for details.

## Babysitting Class offered

The Rockwall Parks & Rec Department will offer a Babysitting Class for future sitters ages 11 to 14 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday at The Center. Through video, activities, hands-on training and discussion, participants will learn the knowledge, skills and confidence needed to care for infants and school-age children. Training will include dealing with emergency situations, first aid, rescue breathing, making decisions under pressure, communication, safety and hygiene issues and infant care. Cost will be \$80 for Rockwall residents, \$120 for non-residents.

## NAMI Support Groups to meet

Two free NAMI Support Groups - one for individuals with mental illness in Room 121 and another for their families in Room 123, B Building - will run from 1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. Saturday at the First United Methodist Church, 1200 E. Yellow Jacket Lane. Call Hal or Dee Whitfield, 972-412-6030, for information.

## Hawaiian Ballroom Dance Party set

The Rockwall Parks & Rec Department will host a Hawaiian End-of-Summer Ballroom Dance Party from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday at The Center, 108 E. Washington. Costumes will be welcomed, but not required. Light refreshments will be served. Door prizes will be given away and a mini-lesson offered. For more details call 972-771-7740.

## Relay For Life committees forming

Relay For Life, the signature fundraiser for the American Cancer Society, is now forming committees for the 2010 event. Last year Rockwall County raised more than \$100,000. For details contact Carla Brooks at 214-762-6851.

## Food Pantry needs items

The Helping Hands Food Pantry currently has a shortage of staple food items: oil, flour, peanut butter, jelly, sugar and canned goods. Items may be dropped at Helping Hands' Building A on Williams Street or the Rockwall County Library food drive box in the lobby.

## Church to host Sunday blood drive

The Carter BloodCare mobile unit will be in the First Christian Church Rockwall parking lot from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Sept. 13. Appointments are encouraged, but drop-ins are welcome. To make an appointment, contact the church office at 972-771-5526 or visit [carterbloodcare.org](http://carterbloodcare.org) (click on Donate Blood, then Mobile Blood Drive - use 75032 for the ZIP code, SPON039110 for the sponsor number).

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# Rockwall County Sports

## Hawks rally but Sherman wins 40-31 in season opener

by Matt McGillen

SHERMAN – Although it hadn't been a particularly impressive debut for the 2009 Rockwall-Heath Hawks, after sophomore Dorian Lowry bolted into the end zone from 11 yards out with less than five minutes to play, they had retaken the lead, 31-27, over Sherman Sept. 4 at Bearcat Stadium.

At that point, all the defending District 10-4A champions had to

do was make sure the Bearcats didn't get another long kickoff return and they could probably still escape with a sigh-of-relief, can't-wait-to-get-out-of-town, non-district win.

Didn't happen.

The Bearcats' Nathan James took the ensuing kickoff 60 yards up the left sideline to give Sherman a first down at the Hawks' 30. Four plays later Madison Carter went airborne for a four-yard score to

put Sherman up 33-31 with 2:07 to go and it was Heath that

for the win, Heath quarterback Kevin Rogers' deep throw

That didn't happen either.

On third and 10 at their own 47, and needing just a field goal for the win, Heath quarterback Kevin Rogers' deep throw in the middle was picked off by Geoff Hooker at the 25 and the Bearcats were able to get a spirit-crushing touchdown which set the Hawks' lead at 40-31.

The way the Hawks (0-1) started out, it looked like they would repeat last year's effort when they raced out to a 43-14 victory over Bearcats (1-1) before settling for a 43-27 victory.

This time around Heath led 14-0 after Jesse Irokwe scored on a second touchdown with 3:53 left in the second quarter. The Hawks were dominating the smaller Bearcats on the way to rolling up 300 yards in first-half offense to just 39 for Sherman.

But another big kickoff return, this one for 79 yards by Heath's Dorian Lowry who was forced out at the Heath one, led to a short field goal by Sherman on the next play by Carter to make it 14-7. A 22-yard field goal by Sherman's Pinkston made it 17-7 Heath at the half.

Except for one play, it was all Bearcats in the third quarter. Following a 37-yard kickoff return, Sherman needed just one play to score the first of three third-period touchdowns.

On second and seven at midfield, Carter underthrew Greg Jackson at about the 20, but the six-foot senior out jumped the defender to make the reception, landed on his feet and completed the 50-yard play to make it 17-14.

After a three and out by the Hawks, Carter connected with Sherman on a 29-yard out to put Sherman up for the first time in the game.

Heath's next drive lasted just four plays before they were forced to punt the ball away from their own 32.

Hawk punter Clark Pope, however, mishandled the snap instead of just falling on the ball, the sophomore instead carried it up and run.

A swarm of Sherman rushers knocked Pope out of the game. J.J. Floyd scooping up the loose ball and returning it for a touchdown to give the Bearcats a 27-17 lead after a missed field goal.

The Hawks came right back, however, when Lawry returned the following kickoff 99 yards for a TD to slice the lead to 27-24. Irokwe led the Hawks on the ground with 95 yards in the first half. The senior running back, who was the Hawks' final preseason scrimmage Aug. 28 after suffering a concussion, did not play in the second half.

The Bearcats were also without their top runner, Sherman's rushing leader from 2008, did not play in the game, suffering an ankle injury while chest bumping a teammate during the Bearcats' season-opening 43-27 loss to Lake Dallas.

For Hooker, his back-breaking interception was his first of the season, following the two he had against Lake Dallas.

The Hawks host Arlington Seguin at Wilkerson-Sammons Sept. 11.



Rockwall-Heath Hawks sophomore Dorian Lawry (20) outruns the last Bearcat would-be tackler as he finishes a 99 yard kickoff return for a touchdown at Sherman last Friday. Lawry also rushed for 63 yards on 10 carries and another touchdown. Photo by Carl McClung

## Fulton Falcons lose running back and quarterback to injury in 47-0 loss to Mineral Wells

by Matt McGillen

Losing two-thirds of their backfield to injury before halftime, the Fulton School Falcons were no match for Mineral Wells Community Christian, losing to the Warriors 47-0 in six-man football action Sept. 4 at Rockwall-Heath High School.

The loss drops the Falcons to 0-2 for the year while Mineral Wells improved to 2-0.

"You lose one kid in six-man and that can be devastating," said Fulton coach Matt Burgy, who had two key players leave the game by the end of the second quarter.

First, running back Milan Rabah pulled a hamstring on defense and went to the bench in the first quarter and could be out for two weeks.

Then quarterback Brett Steffen fell to the ground awkwardly on a running play in the second period, bending his thumb back to his

wrist. His status is unknown, pending an x-ray on Tuesday.

To make matters worse, the Falcons pitchback, Brain Tiffiee, re-injured his already sprained ankle, limiting his effectiveness.

"With Brett and Milan and Brian hurt, that is the entire triangle of my offense," said Burgy. "That's pretty tough to overcome."

Steffen tried to help Burgy by offering to return to the game.

"That kid is so tough; he just wanted to tape it up," said Burgy. "I said 'no.'"

For Community Wells, Kade Cole, who had seven carries for 160 yards, and Daniel Hollingsworth, who had 13 for 121, led a ground attack that gained 294 yards.

Cole also passed for 75 yards, completing 6 of 10 passes. Cole and Hollingsworth scored three touchdowns each.

"Had Brett and Brian not got hurt, I think it would have been a much better game. They pretty much torched us," Burgy said.

Fulton travels to Weatherford Christian Sept. 11.

## YMCA helps families with healthy lifestyles

For the fourth year, the Rockwall YMCA has partnered with the America On the Move Foundation to inspire Americans to simple steps to healthier lifestyles.

The YMCA and the AOM Foundation, a national nonprofit dedicated to improving health and quality of life, are working to encourage individuals to take small steps to achieve and maintain healthier lifestyles. During America On the Move Week, which the YMCA is observing Sept. 20-27, families and individuals can participate in various activities that promote moving more and making smarter food choices.

Each day, participants can count their steps while engaging in any form of physical activity: swimming, biking, dancing and other family activities.

According to research, the addition of two small daily changes – taking 2,000 more steps (the equivalent of about a mile) and eating 100 fewer calories – can prevent the annual weight gain of about one to two pounds. This year's goal is to reach 20 million steps in Rockwall and 10 billion across the country during the AOM Week.

The YMCA recognizes that maintaining a healthy lifestyle is critical to the nation's efforts to combat the crisis of chronic diseases such as heart disease, cancer and diabetes – the leading cause of death in the U.S. While such diseases are prevalent and costly, they also are often preventable through healthy eating and physical activity.

For more information, contact Lindsay Smith at 972-772-9622 or visit rockwallymca.org.

Heath	7	10	7	7-31
Sherman	0	7	20	13-40
Heath – Jesse Irokwe	3 run (Brad Dunavant kick)			
Heath – Irokwe	2 run (Dunavant kick)			
Sherman – Madison Carter	1 run (Eric Hosek kick)			
Heath – Trevor Pinkston	22 FG			
Sherman – Greg Jackson	50 pass from Carter (kick failed)			
Sherman – Jackson	29 pass from Carter (Hosek kick)			
Sherman – J.J. Floyd	13 fumble return (Hosek kick)			
Heath – Dorian Lawry	99 kickoff return (Pinkston kick)			
Heath – Lawry	11 run (Pinkston kick)			
Sherman – Carter	3 run (run failed)			
Sherman – Geoff Hooker	75 interception return (Hosek kick)			

	Heath		
First downs	21	7	7
Rushing	36-211	7	7
Passes	16-35-1	7	7
Passing yards	216	10	10
Punts-ave	3-43.7		
Penalties	5-50		
Fumbles-lost	4-1		
Rushing: Heath – Jesse Irokwe	13-95, Dorian Lawry 11-63, Sherman – Madison Carter 1-13, Kevin Rogers 12-42, Sherman – Madison Carter 1-13, Nathan James 6-9,		
Passing: Heath – Rogers	15-35-1-216, Sherman – Madison Carter 1-13, Sherman – Madison Carter 1-13,		
Receiving: Heath – Tyler Harding	4-54, Irokwe 1-40, Sherman – Madison Carter 1-13, Clark Pope 3-34, Cameron Wilson 3-30, Sherman – Madison Carter 1-9, Geoff Hooker 1-5, Greg Jackson 5-106, Tyler Perkins 3-15, John Welborn 3-19,		

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# Rockwall County Sports

## Broach's 3 TDs, Edwards' interception help Yellowjackets edge Rowlett 31-28

**Every Bump**  
 The night dominated by offenses, Rockwall's defense came up as the game's only takeaway to preserve a 31-28 victory over Rowlett Friday night at the renovated Wilkerson-Sanders Stadium. Broach gave the Yellowjackets a 2-0 record for the first time in his five seasons as RHS head coach. The Jackets will put their record on the line Friday in their last non-district game. Rockwall will travel to Allen to play the Eagles (1-1, but the defending Division I state champions).

The Yellowjackets knocked off another flock of Eagles Friday night with a nearly full house watching. It was the Jackets' second win over a 5A opponent, following a 31-26 opening-game victory over Rowlett Aug. 28. The game also marked Rockwall's third win in three years over Rowlett, by three points each time.

Rockwall's star of stars again was junior running back Josh Broach, who carried 27 times for 106 yards and three touchdowns. Broach's scores meant that Broach has scored seven of the Jackets' 39 TDs this season.

Broach also caught four passes from Adam Dingwell for 51 yards, one of those on what Smith called "one of the biggest plays." Broach led Rowlett leading 21-17 in the third quarter, Dingwell threw a pass to Broach behind the line of scrimmage on the left side of the field. He started running that way, then cut back to the right to gain 20 yards to Rockwall's 35 yard line.

On that bubble screen, Josh made an outstanding individual effort. Smith said, "It was big because of the momentum of the game. We had just taken the lead, and we were able to go down and

... to that pass, Broach carried seven times for 29 yards on a 12-yard drive. It ended with Broach's 1-yard touchdown. The Yellowjackets appeared to keep the momentum after kicking off to Rowlett. On their third play, needing eight yards for a first down, Rowlett quarterback Blake Taylor had to run for it but came up short on the Eagles' 44. However, Rockwall sophomore safety Spencer Edwards drew a personal foul for hitting Taylor out of bounds, giving the Eagles a first down.

On the next play, game rushing leader Treyvon Green (127 yards) scored on a 12-yard touchdown, putting Rowlett ahead 28-24 with 9:45 seconds to play.

Rowlett's defense held on downs, the Jackets took over at their 44 yard line with four minutes remaining. This time, Dingwell played a key role. He hit Will Beasley, who caught 10 passes for 150 yards and a 27-yard gain, and ran 12 yards for another first down. A pass interference penalty gave RHS a first down at Rowlett's 5 yard line. Broach only one play for Broach to score.

With 1:47 remaining, Rowlett's offense still had a chance. It generated a first down, but on third down Taylor threw deep down the field. The pass was intercepted - by Edwards.

Smith said, "Definitely penalties hurt us. We should have been off on that hit out of bounds. What I tell our players is 'Don't let yourself.' After that, Spencer Edwards came back and made a interception was his."

Most of the great plays were on offense. Dingwell completed 20 passes for 286 yards. Broach continued to be the Jackets' scoring threat.

"He's deceptively fast," Smith said, "and a great competitor." The original game plan would have had Broach, and possibly Del Williams, carrying the ball more often. Smith said, "We lost our tight end Kyle Crawford early, so we went almost all Spread (formation). We didn't want to throw that much, but our kids did a good



Josh Broach breaks through two defenders with the game-winning touchdown in Rockwall's 31-28 victory over Rowlett. Broach carried the ball in from five yards out for his third touchdown of the game, and seventh in two games this season. Photo by Roy Heath/Rockwall County News

## Royse City Bulldogs fall to Atlanta 27-26 after two-point conversion comes up just short

by Matt McMillen  
 ATLANTA - Even before the situation presented itself, Royse City coach Greg Strahm knew exactly what he was going to do should his Bulldogs be faced with the option of kicking an extra point for a tie or going for a two-point conversion for a win, in their season-opening game at Atlanta last Friday.

"When we got together before our final drive, I already knew what we were going to do," said Strahm. "I told them, 'We're taking it in now. And when we score, we're going for two.' I had all the confidence in the world that we could do it."

The Bulldogs did score, as Ryan Fedric scooted in from six yards out to cut the Rabbits' lead to just 27-26 with under two minutes to play.

And the Bulldogs (0-1) did go for two, with Strahm calling the all-purpose Fedric's number again.

But the talented senior was stopped just short of the goal line, allowing Atlanta (1-0) to hang on for the non-district win.

"They submarined us at the point of attack and Ryan lost his momentum when he had to step over a guy," Strahm said. "He lost his speed a little bit. It was close, but it just didn't happen."

Given the same scenario, the second-year coach said he wouldn't change his approach despite the unsuccessful attempt.

"It wasn't even a question," said Strahm, after his team had rushed for 327 yards against the Rabbits. "As frustrating as it was, I would do it 100 times."

Despite their relative youth, with only a handful of players with much varsity experience, the Bulldogs played well in certain parts of the game and after seeing themselves on film the day after the game should continue to get better.

"The coaches would run a play and then stop the film and explain what they should have done," said Strahm. "Our guys are very inquisitive, they want to be right and they want to know what to do. They are going to get better each and every day. It was a complete teaching moment."

Lewis Mapps finished as the Bulldogs top rusher, picking up 108 yards on 20 carries and scoring two touchdowns.

Fedric also scored twice, adding a 31-yard pass reception from Taylor Corbin to his late-game rushing score. He ended up with 86 yards on 10 runs as well as 78 yards on eight catches.

On defense, Matt Rich topped the Bulldogs with 12 tackles while Ryan Phillips added 11 and Brady Johnson 10.

Royse City will host Frisco Wakeland Sept. 11.

Royse City	6	0	7	13 - 26
Atlanta	0	7	13	7 - 27

RC - Ryan Fedric 31 pass from Taylor Corbin (kick failed)  
 ATL - Jatorion Linwood 8 pass from Carlos Ibarra (Ibarra kick)  
 RC - Lewis Mapps 1 run (Taylor Pollock kick)  
 ATL - Ibarra 4 run (kick failed)  
 ATL - Corian Webster 36 run (Ibarra kick)  
 RC - Mapps 15 run (Pollock kick)  
 ATL - Orlando Ivory 31 pass from Ibarra (Ibarra kick)  
 RC - Fedric 6 run (run failed)

	RC	Atlanta
First downs	21	15
Rushing	48-327	26-159
Passes	11-23-2	9-20-0
Passing yards	131	144
Punts-ave	2-25.5	2-49.0
Penalties	7-57	8-55
Fumbles-lost	3-1	2-0
Rushing: RC - Taylor Corbin 12-64, Ryan Fedric 10-86, Lewis Mapps 20-108, Corey Nixon 3-33, Logan Mayfield 2-31. Atlanta - Corian Webster 8-95, Carlos Ibarra 4-26, Paris Propps 4-16, Joseph Rose 6-33.		
Passing: RC - Corbin Preston 12-20-1-134. Atlanta - Ibarra 10-20-0-144.		
Receiving: RC - Fedric 8-78, Kristopher Smith 2-18, Corey Nixon 1-4. Atlanta - Monte Aldridge 1-12, Orlando Ivory 1-31, Jatorion Linwood 8-54.		

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Jackets also lost linebacker Caleb Sanders, who was on ... after the game, and wide receiver Ben Johnson to injuries ... the game. Justin Boss went out late, but Smith said the safety ... offered cramps. He's likely to play against Allen.

Smith said, "We really functioned well tonight. Now we have to ... get ready because we've got another one coming up."

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Total
Rowlett	7	7	7	7	28
Rockwall	7	10	7	7	31

Rowlett Rockwall  
 Downs 19 26  
 Yards-yds. 45-218 40-143  
 Comp-att-int 9-13-1 21-30-0  
 Rushing yds. 177 287  
 Total yds. 395 430  
 Penalties-yds. 9-81 5-54  
 Fumbles-lost 3-42.3 1-67.0  
 Fumbles-lost 1-0 2-0

Individual statistics  
 Rowlett: Blake Taylor 9-12-1-77, Grant Bothun 0-1-0-0; Rockwall: Adam Dingwell 21-30-0-287.  
 Rowlett: Treyvon Green 21-127, Jordin Foreman 9-62, Grant Bothun 11-37, Joshua Powell 1-7, Kendall Brewer 1-minus 1; Rockwall: Josh Broach 27-106, Adam Dingwell 13-37.  
 Rowlett: Joshua Powell 5-145, Jerad Wilson 3-20, Treyvon Green 1-14; Rockwall: Will Beasley 10-150, Scott Loy 4-51, Luke Wardell 2-23, Reed Loftis 1-1.

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# Rockwall County Sports

## Calvert hands HCA its second loss

Heritage Christian Academy's home-opening football game was over almost before it started.

Calvert, one of Texas' leading public-school six-man football programs, crushed the Eagles 58-6 in a game that ended at halftime because of the 45-point mercy rule.

Going into the game, it seemed like a difficult matchup. Calvert was 9-1 last year, when it handed HCA one of its three losses (69-21) in a 10-3 season. The Trojans (2-0) had won this year's opening game 48-0.

Heritage Christian (0-2), which lost all of its starters from last season, had lost its opening game on the road at Tomball Rosehill Christian School 56-6.

The Trojans scored on all seven of their possessions, needing just 16 plays, and also scored on Jamison Williams' 33-yard punt return.

HCA's only touchdown came late in the second quarter when the Eagles trailed 58-0. Junior quarterback Austin Pettit hooked up with classmate Aaron Mateer for a 41-yard touchdown pass.

Calvert's Williams also ran for two TDs. He gained 89 rushing

yards in just five carries. Keelon Williams also scored twice on the ground for the Trojans.

The visitors took a 26-0 lead after the first quarter. Calvert's defense harassed Pettit into sacks that resulted in a team total of negative-1 rushing yards.

The Eagles will travel to Temple Saturday to play Bulverde's Bracken Christian School.

	1st	2nd	Total
Calvert	26	32	58
HCA	0	6	6

Cal-Jamison Williams 9 run (kick failed)  
 Cal-J. Williams 36 run (kick failed)  
 Cal-D'vincent Williams 43 run (Jamarcus Ashley kick)  
 Cal-J. Williams 33 punt return (kick failed)  
 Cal-Keelon Williams 10 run (Ashley kick)  
 Cal-Blair Bunns 18 pass from Ashley (Ashley kick)  
 Cal-Henry Lloyd 36 pass from Ashley (Ashley kick)  
 Cal-K. Williams 33 run (Ashley kick)  
 HCA-Aaron Mateer 41 pass from Austin Pettit (kick failed)

	Calvert	HCA
1st downs	10	5
Rushes-yds.	9-180	20-minus 1
Comp-att-int	3-7-0	8-16-0
Passing yds.	68	101
Total yds.	248	100
Penalties-yds.	1-5	0-0
Punts-avg.	0-0	2-37.5
Fumbles-lost	0-0	1-1

**Individual statistics**  
 Rushing – Calvert: Jamison Williams 5-89, D'vincent Williams 2-48, Keelon Williams 2-43; HCA: Caleb Cathey 5-39, Evan 3-7, Cameron Westmoreland 1-3, Eric Bradely 6-minus 17, Austin Pettit 5-minus 21.  
 Passing – Calvert: Jamarcus Ashley 3-7-0-68; HCA: Austin 8-16-0-101.  
 Receiving – Calvert: Blair Bunns 2-32, Henry Lloyd 1-36; Caleb Cathey 5-39, Aaron Mateer 2-56, Asa Burke 1-

## Sacred Heart rallies to defeat Rockwall Christian

Rockwall Christian started quickly, taking a 14-0, but Muenster Sacred Heart rallied for a 35-20 victory Friday night in Muenster.

RCA junior Stephan Turner ran 21 yards for a first-quarter touchdown, and another eight yards to score early in the second period.

The Tigers began their comeback later that quarter when Omar Colmenero scored from four yards out on his only carry in the game. Sacred Heart tied the game when Josh Biffle picked up a teammate's fumble and ran 28 yards for a touchdown and Jaekook Im kicked the extra point.

Rockwall Christian (0-2) forced seven fumbles in the game, and recovered five of those. So the one that Biffle recovered hurt. Before halftime, Matt Hesse put the Tigers ahead to stay with a 34-yard touchdown pass to Bob Bartush.

Both quarterbacks led their team's attack.

Hesse passed for 109 yards and ran for 101, including a 1-yard touchdown to put Sacred Heart ahead 28-14 in the fourth quarter.

Turner passed for 156 yards, ran for a team-high 83 and caught a pass from Aaron Eastin for nine yards. Turner hit Elvis Below with a 43-yard scoring pass to pull the Warriors within 28-20, but Sacred

Heart clinched the victory on Biffle's 6-yard scoring run.

Turnovers also hurt RCA. The Tigers intercepted three of Turner's passes.

It was the second consecutive come-from-behind victory for Sacred Heart (2-0), and the second time a Rockwall Christian opponent broke open a tight game in the second half.

The Warriors will play their third consecutive road game Saturday at 7:30 p.m. against Fort Worth Calvary Christian at All-Saints Episcopal School.

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Total
Rockwall Christian	7	7	0	6	20
Sacred Heart	0	21	0	14	35

RCA-Stephan Turner 21 run (Aaron Eastin kick)  
 RCA-Turner 8 run (Eastin kick)  
 SH-Omar Colmenero 4 run (Jaekook Im kick)  
 SH-Josh Biffle 28 fumble return (Im kick)  
 SH-Bob Bartush 34 pass from Matt Hesse (Im kick)  
 SH-Hesse 1 run (Im kick)  
 RCA-Elvis Below 43 pass from Turner (kick failed)  
 SH-Biffle 6 run (Im kick)

	RCA	Sacred Heart
1st downs	12	17
Rushes-yds.	23-96	39-209
Comp-att-int	13-34-3	9-17-0
Passing yds.	185	109
Total yds.	281	318
Penalties-yds.	6-45	6-55
Punts-avg.	4-40.5	2-32.5
Fumbles-lost	0-0	7-5

**Individual statistics**  
 Passing – RCA: Stephan Turner 10-28-3-156, Aaron Eastin 3-29; Sacred Heart: Matt Hesse 9-17-0-109.  
 Rushing – RCA: Stephan Turner 14-83, Aaron Eastin 5-10, man Peoples 3-2, Shawn Harned 1-1; Sacred Heart: Matt Hesse 101, John Krawietz 3-46, Clay Hogan 5-18, Bob Bartush 3-15, Biffle 3-15, Mark Bartush 3-10, Omar Colmenero 1-4.  
 Receiving – RCA: Charlie Wilson 8-102, Elvis Below 2-44, Shawn Harned 2-30, Stephan Turner 1-9; Sacred Heart: Bob Bartush 2-21, John Krawietz 2-21, Kyle Knabe 2-14, Grayson Evans 1-12.



## Heath Cross Country teams start 2009 season

The Rockwall-Heath Hawks Cross Country Varsity teams compete in their season opener on Aug. 28 at Hebron High School in Lake Worth, Texas.

The first event of the season was a unique event that is run under lights, the "Friday Night Hawk Invitational."

The Lady Hawks runner captured a first place finish and the Hawk men's team finished fifth.

Members of the Hawks boys cross country team are (left to right) Jacob Glastad, Sam Sine, Carlos Zaldivar, Mitchell Hoyt, Dan Burbuly, Hunter Penerton and Jesus Carrillio.



Members of the girls' team are (left to right) Molly Neen, Marissa Zaldivar, Lenica Morris, Aimee Arceneaux, Andrea Miller, Kaitlyn Coughlin and Jackie Myers.

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## City of Fate recognizes national Constitution Week observances

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Monday, Sept. 17, 2009, begins the national celebration of Constitution Week. The weeklong commemoration of America's most important document is one of our country's least known official ob-

servances. The Constitution stands as a testament to the tenacity of Americans throughout history to maintain their liberties and freedom, and to ensure those unalienable rights to every American.

The Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) started the tradition of celebrating the Constitution many years ago. In 1955, the Daughters petitioned Congress to set aside September 17-23 annually to be dedicated for the observance of Constitution Week. The resolution was later adopted by the U.S. Congress and signed into Public Law #915 on August 2, 1956 by President Dwight D. Eisenhower.

The aims of the celebration are to (1) emphasize citizens' responsibilities for protecting and defending the Constitution, preserving it for posterity; (2) inform the people that the Constitution is the basis for America's great heritage and the foundation for our way of life; and (3) encourage the study of the historical events which led to the framing of the Constitution in September 1787.

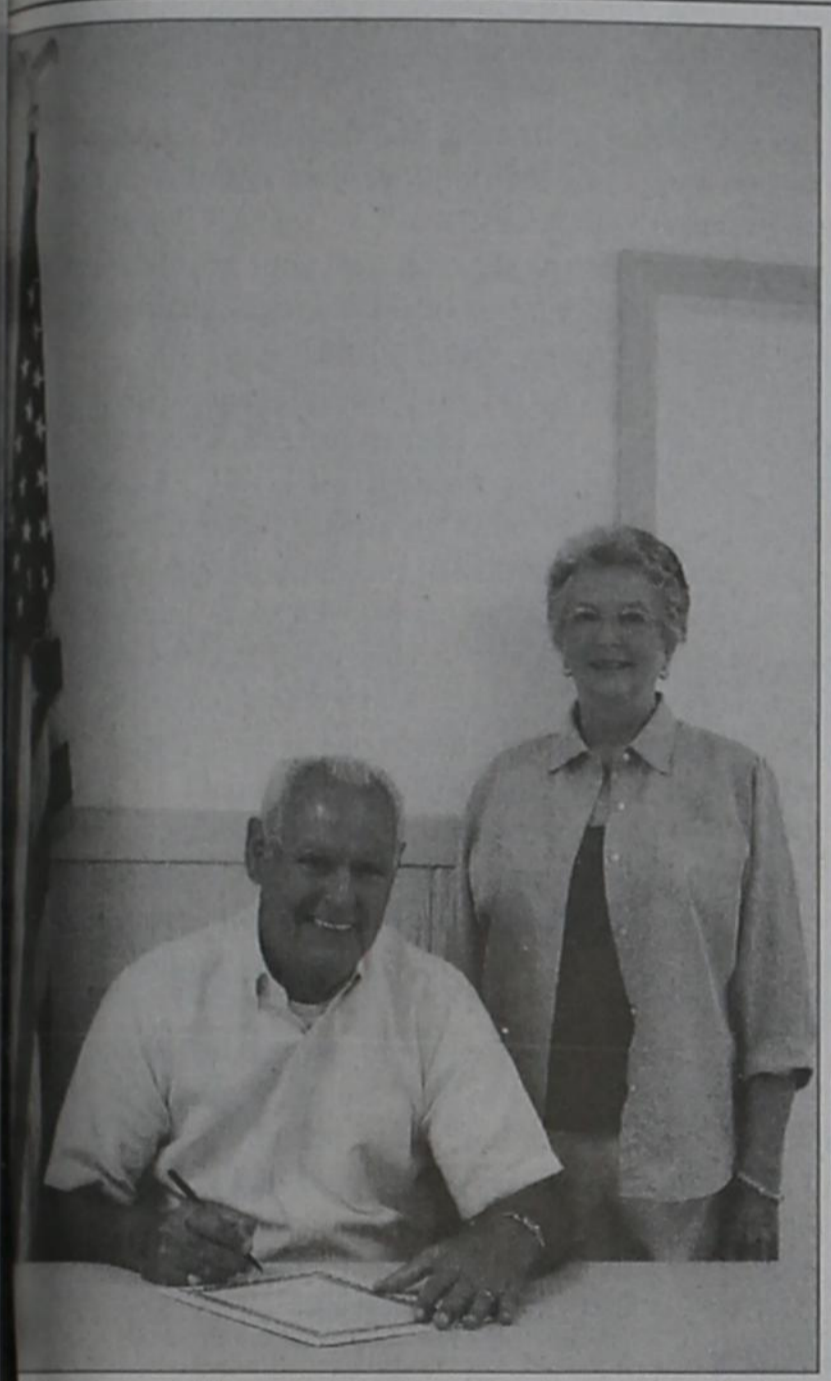
The United States of America functions as a Republic under the Constitution, which is the oldest document still in active use that outlines the self-government of a people. This landmark idea that men had the inalienable right as individuals to be free and live their lives under their own governance was the impetus of the American

Revolution. Today, the Constitution stands as an icon of freedom for people around the world.

"Constitution Week is the perfect opportunity to read and study this great document which is the safeguard of our American liberties," said DAR President General Linda Gist Calvin. "We encourage all citizens across the country to take time this week to reflect on our heritage of freedom."

DAR has served America for 119 years as its foremost cheerleader. In 1928, the Daughters began work on a building as a memorial to the Constitution. John Russell Pope, architect of the Jefferson Memorial, was commissioned to design the performing arts center, known as DAR Constitution Hall. Today, DAR Constitution Hall is the only structure erected in tribute to the Constitution of the United States of America.

Known as the largest women's patriotic organization in the world, DAR has more than 165,000 members with approximately 3,000 chapters in all 50 states and 11 foreign countries. The DAR has long promoted patriotism through commemorative celebrations, memorials, scholarships and activities for children, and programs for new immigrants. For more information about DAR and its programs visit [www.dar.org](http://www.dar.org) or call Faye Heil at 972-771-3033.



City of Fate Mayor Bill Broderick, signs a Proclamation declaring the week of September 17-23 to be Constitution Week. Looking on are Veggy Atterberry, Vice-Regent of the Rock Wall Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution.

Courtesy of Laverne Ketcherside/Rockwall County News

## Guidelines offered for H1N1 Flu prevention

With the upcoming fall flu season fast approaching, the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) and the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) have recently published new information and prevention guidelines for flu and H1N1.

Dave Schwartz, DPM, RPh, Volunteer & Training Coordinator with the Rockwall Sheriff's Office Cities Readiness Initiative, recently provided a copy of frequently asked questions regarding the H1N1 "Swine Flu" and prevention guidelines.

Any references in this document to H1N1 refer to the novel H1N1 virus.

**Q. What is the difference between seasonal flu and this new strain of H1N1?**

**A:** Seasonal flu viruses have been circulating in human populations for several seasons, allowing people to build up immunities to them. Most people do not yet have immunity to the new strain of H1N1 flu. A vaccine is available to prevent seasonal flu. A vaccine for novel H1N1 flu is being developed and is expected to be available this fall.

**Q. What is a flu pandemic?**

**A:** A flu pandemic occurs when a new flu virus emerges that can infect and be easily spread among individuals because they do not have immunity. In a pandemic, people in a very large geographic area are affected. The extent and severity of a pandemic depends on the specific virus. So far, the novel H1N1 virus has not been especially severe.

**Q. What can the public do to get prepared in case there is a flu pandemic?**

**A:** It's important to be prepared for emergencies - including flu pandemics - that may disrupt commercial and community activities. Everyone should have an emergency plan and a disaster supplies kit with enough food and water to last for several days or up to two weeks. For information on emergency planning for families, visit [www.TexasPrepares.org](http://www.TexasPrepares.org) (English) or [www.TexasPrepara.org](http://www.TexasPrepara.org) (Spanish). Getting seasonal flu vaccine this fall is very important. Getting

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Students at The Fulton School began their new school year reviewing their ABCs, counting their numbers, making new friends and learning to care for their 4-legged friends at home. Michelle Patterson from the SPCA of Texas visited teacher Laura Davidson's 3rd graders, and then took her lessons to Barbara Blackstone's 1st grade class. Here she shows the 1st graders how a microchip reader works

to identify an animal with the injectable identification chip. She also taught the students the 10 Acts of Kindness towards animals: Safety, Healthy Food, Fresh Water, Shelter, Respect, Exercise, Grooming, Training and Socialization, Health and Vet Care, and Love and Commitment.

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# 'Swine Flu' guidelines

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the novel H1N1 vaccine when it is available will also be important.

**Q:** What is novel H1N1 Flu (swine flu) and how is it transmitted?  
**A:** The respiratory virus that is currently circulating in the United States is passed from person to person without contact with pigs. The name now being used is novel H1N1 flu. Novel H1N1 flu is a respiratory illness thought to spread in the same way that seasonal flu is spread, which is through people infected with the virus who are

coughing or sneezing. It can be spread by touching something with flu viruses on it, such as a tissue or a doorknob, and then touching your mouth, eyes or nose.

**Q:** How can I avoid getting infected?  
**A:** You can protect yourself from the H1N1 flu by washing your hands frequently with soap and warm water. You also can use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer. You should also avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth. Stay away from people who are sick (especially if they have fever, cough and a sore throat). Get plenty of sleep, exercise regularly, manage stress, drink plenty of fluids and eat nutritious foods.

**Q:** What are the symptoms of H1N1 flu?

**A:** Almost all people in Texas with confirmed novel H1N1 flu have had a sudden onset of fever (half having a temperature greater than 102.5°F) and cough. Most have had a sore throat. Almost everyone with H1N1 flu has been taken care of at home and recovered in a few days. Illnesses with a lot of nasal congestion and mild fever are probably not H1N1 flu. Illnesses with diarrhea and vomiting are probably not H1N1 flu, although some with a confirmed case of H1N1 have had such symptoms.

Other symptoms may include runny nose, body aches, headache, chills and fatigue. People may have only one or two symptoms besides the fever, or they may have many. People can infect others with the H1N1 flu even before they show symptoms, and they remain contagious for seven or more days after they become sick.

**Q:** What do I do if I have these symptoms?

**A:** Stay home if you get sick. Stay home from work, school, errands and limit close contact with others to keep from infecting them. In most cases people with H1N1 flu will get better without medical attention. If you have been diagnosed with H1N1, stay home while you have symptoms. Wait to be around people until your fever has been gone for 24 hours without taking fever-reducing medications. If you work in a hospital or other healthcare setting around people at high risk of complications from flu, stay home for seven days after symptoms began or until your symptoms are gone, whichever is longer.

If you are at risk for complications of influenza, call your health care provider. Follow your provider's advice. Most people with nasal congestion and mild fever don't have H1N1 flu.

If you have mild symptoms,

do not call your health care provider or visit the hospital room. Get plenty of rest, drink fluids, take fever-reductions if needed. **WARNING: DO NOT** give aspirin containing medications to children and youth 18 years and younger.

**Q:** Who is at risk of complications of flu?  
**A:** The following groups of people are at greater risk from H1N1 and seasonal flu:

Children younger than 5 years old (under 2 years vulnerable).

Pregnant women.  
 Adults and children with certain chronic medical conditions including chronic lung problems such as asthma, heart disease, nervous system, muscular, or metabolic disorders such as diabetes.

Adults and children who have immunodeficiency or other conditions, including that caused by medications such as steroids and chemotherapy, or diseases such as HIV/AIDS.

Children ages 6 months to 18 years who are receiving aspirin therapy and who might be at risk for experiencing Reye's syndrome after influenza virus infection.

Persons 50 years old or older, particularly 65 years and older.  
 People who live in settings such as nursing homes, long-term care facilities, schools and jails.

**Q:** What are considered severe symptoms?

**A:** For Adults: Difficulty breathing; Purple or blue color of the lips; Vomiting and unable to keep liquids down; Dehydration such as dizziness when standing, absence of tears in infants, a lack of tears when they cry; Seizures or convulsions; Loss of consciousness; Alteration in thinking.

For Children: Fast breathing or trouble breathing; Bluish or gray skin color; Not drinking enough fluids; Not waking up; Irritability; Being so irritable that the child does not want to be touched; Flu-like symptoms that improve then return with fever; Cough; Fever with a rash.

If severe symptoms develop, call your healthcare provider. If your healthcare provider is not available, go to the Emergency Room.

**Q:** Is there a vaccine for H1N1 flu?

**A:** There is a vaccine under development for H1N1 flu. It is expected to be available later in the fall. The seasonal flu vaccine does not provide protection against H1N1 flu but is still important to get. Protecting you from other flu viruses that can make you sicker. This makes ordinary precautions such as covering your nose and sneezing and washing hands even more important. It is important to be up to date on your other vaccinations, including tetanus/pertussis/diphtheria and Pneumococcal vaccines, to prevent getting infected with more than one germ at once.

**Q:** Is there a place to go for free treatment?

**A:** If you have symptoms of influenza, seek medical attention. You usually do. If you normally receive your care free, treatment is free. If you have insurance, insurance will cover the cost. Call 2-1-1 for information about possible resources in your community.

**Q:** How do you prevent the spread of H1N1 flu?

**A:** If you are sick, stay home unless you have a doctor's permission. Avoid being around other people because you can spread the illness to others. Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue when you cough or sneeze and then throw the tissue away. Do not sneeze into your sleeve. Wash your hands frequently with soap and water or use hand sanitizer. Be sure to do this after you sneeze.

Additional details on caring for a sick person such as cleaning and having visitors, are available at the CDC website: [www.cdc.gov/h1n1flu/guidance\\_homecare.html](http://www.cdc.gov/h1n1flu/guidance_homecare.html).

**Q:** Will schools be closed if a lot of children start getting sick?

**A:** The CDC has announced that they are no longer recommending that schools close. If the situation changes, local independent school districts will notify parents, students, and teachers through news media, just as they do for weather closures.

**Q:** How do we get more information/updates?

**A:** Continue to monitor the Department of State Health Services website ([www.texasflu.org](http://www.texasflu.org)) for information, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention website ([www.cdc.gov](http://www.cdc.gov)) for news.

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**ACROSS**

1 continent where TX mohair is exported

5 Linden is seat of this county

6 TX Pecos Bill

7 TXism: "\_\_\_ could strut sitting down" (big ego)

8 quilting or spelling across the border from El Paso

15 done after drinking Dr. Pepper too fast

16 Jacksonville's Tomato Fest stages "Battle of \_\_\_"

19 this "Tex" created Pecos Bill in 1923

21 eats a fancy supper

22 UT's Ricky Williams '98 award

27 Tex Ritter sang the theme to film "High \_\_\_"

28 TX Larry Hagman sitcom: "\_\_\_ of Jeannie"

29 Fort Worth has world's oldest rodeo

30 TXism: "\_\_\_ slate clean"

32 TXism: "\_\_\_ long (good-bye)"

33 ex-QB Meredith Rock "sound"

37 TXism: "mad as a wet \_\_\_"

38 most favorable "room \_\_\_"

39 "room \_\_\_"

41 TXism: "lugly as homemade \_\_\_"

42 this De Carlo starred in TX-based "Calamity Jane and Sam Bass"

**DOWN**

1 C&W music org. (abbr.)

2 TXism: "got more on his plate than he can \_\_\_ grace over"

3 Reba's "\_\_\_ Life Out There?"

4 TXism: "\_\_\_ clothes" (fake)

8 TXism: "\_\_\_ some boot leather" (run)

9 TX 50s actress of film "Will Success Spoil Rock Hunter?"

10 TX George Strait tune: "\_\_\_ wound"

11 TXism: "spread like gossip \_\_\_ a church meeting"

12 TX-born "Star Trek" creator Gene

13 "big dog" in Iran

14 western writer Grey who wrote "The Lone Star Ranger"

15 TXism: "fat as a \_\_\_ house cat"

16 TXism: "happy as a pig in \_\_\_"

17 puzzling problems

18 this Marie is "a little bit country"

20 cut of beef

22 short salutation

23 Ranger's long-time broadcaster (init.)

24 TX Meatloaf's "\_\_\_ Anything for Love ..."

25 daytime dramas

26 operator of historic JA Ranch: M.H.W. \_\_\_ Ritchie

28 TX Tripi Lopez's "If \_\_\_ a Hammer"

31 musical sound

34 this Yvette starred with TX Tommy Lee in "Jackson County Jail" (init.)

35 TXism: "another \_\_\_ dollar"

37 TXism: "\_\_\_ as finding a horse thief in heaven"

40 TX minerals

43 has debts

44 TXn who founded Mesquite Championship Rodeo

50 Santa the general, and the town in Coleman Co.

51 nickname of TX-born president

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**PROPOSITION 1**

HJR 132 would amend the constitution to authorize the legislature to allow a municipality or a county to issue bonds and notes to finance the purchase of buffer areas or open spaces adjacent to military installations. The buffer areas would be used to prevent encroachment or to construct roadways, utilities, or other infrastructure to protect or promote the mission of the military installation. The municipality or county may pledge increases in ad valorem tax revenues for repayment of the bonds or notes.

The proposed amendment would appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the financing, including through tax increment financing, of the acquisition by municipalities and counties of buffer areas or open spaces adjacent to a military installation for the prevention of encroachment or for the construction of roadways, utilities, or other infrastructure to protect or promote the mission of the military installation."

**PROPOSITION 2**

HJR 36 would amend the constitution to authorize the legislature to provide for the taxation of a residence homestead solely on the basis of the property's value as a residence homestead, regardless of whether the property may have a higher value if it were used for other purposes.

The proposed amendment would appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to provide for the ad valorem taxation of a residence homestead solely on the basis of the property's value as a residence homestead."

**PROPOSITION 3**

HJR 36 would amend the constitution to require the legislature to provide for the administration and enforcement of uniform standards and procedures for appraisal of property for ad valorem tax purposes.

The proposed amendment would appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment providing for uniform standards and procedures for the appraisal of property for ad valorem tax purposes."

**PROPOSITION 4**

HJR 14 would amend the constitution to establish the national research university fund to provide a source of funding that will enable emerging research universities in this state to develop into major research universities. The amendment would require the legislature to dedicate state revenue to the fund and to transfer the balance of the existing higher education fund to the national research university fund. This amendment would further require the legislature to establish the criteria by which a state university may become eligible to receive and use distributions from the fund.

The proposed amendment would appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment establishing the national research university fund to enable emerging research universities in this state to achieve national prominence as major research universities and transferring the balance of the higher education fund to the national research university fund."

**PROPOSITION 5**

HJR 36 would amend the constitution to authorize the legislature to allow for a single appraisal review board for two or more adjoining appraisal entities that elect to provide for consolidated reviews of tax appraisals.

The proposed amendment would appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to authorize a single board of equalization for two or more adjoining appraisal entities that elect to provide for consolidated equalizations."

**PROPOSITION 6**

HJR 116 would amend the constitution

to authorize the Veterans' Land Board to issue general obligation bonds, subject to certain constitutional limits, for the purpose of selling land and providing home or land mortgage loans to veterans of the state.

The proposed amendment would appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the Veterans' Land Board to issue general obligation bonds in amounts equal to or less than amounts previously authorized."

**PROPOSITION 7**

HJR 127 would amend the constitution to allow an officer or enlisted member of the Texas State Guard or other state militia or military force to hold other civil offices.

The proposed amendment would appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment to allow an officer or enlisted member of the Texas State Guard or other state militia or military force to hold other civil offices."

**PROPOSITION 8**

HJR 7 would amend the constitution to authorize the state to contribute money, property, and other resources for the establishment, maintenance, and operation of veterans' hospitals in this state.

The proposed amendment would appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the state to contribute money, property, and other resources for the establishment, maintenance, and operation of veterans hospitals in this state."

**PROPOSITION 9**

HJR 102 would define what is a state-owned public beach. The public, individually and collectively, would have an unrestricted right to use and a right of ingress to and egress from a public beach. The amendment would authorize the legislature to enact laws to protect these rights.

The proposed amendment would appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment to protect the right of the public, individually and collectively, to access and use

## Aspasians Fall Art Fair on for Sept. 19

One of the most anticipated Rockwall traditions is the Aspasians Fall Art Fair - the 34th Annual Aspasians Fall Art Fair. The fair will take place from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturday, September 19, in historic downtown Rockwall Square.

All funds raised from the fair are used to provide scholarships for Rockwall-area college students. Shoppers from throughout Texas come to Rockwall for the fair. A wide array of merchandise will be showcased.

Space is still available for merchandise booths and food vendors. For more information to rent a booth or become a vendor, call 214-712-0212 or visit [www.aspasians.com](http://www.aspasians.com).

Organizers said despite ongoing street construction, the fair will be accessible from different routes this year. More information on parking and accessibility will be coming as the event nears.

### Heath FUMC Study and Fellowship Opportunities

With the beginning of the new school year, Heath Methodist Church is beginning its ongoing long-term study groups.

As always, the church has a variety of Sunday school classes, from popular Christian study literature, Bible overview of the Bible, to Bible interpretation study and rare Christian issues.

During the week, Sisters, a women's group study, meets on day night; Wednesday morning brings women's study beginning Sept. 16; Disciple groups-long term in-depth study of the Bible which began on Sunday, Sept. 6 and continues through the week; and Wednesday night offers men's study group.

For more information, all are welcome to come by the office located at 140 Smirl Drive in Heath or call the office at 972-722-3099. Additional information is available on the church website at [www.fumcheath.org](http://www.fumcheath.org).

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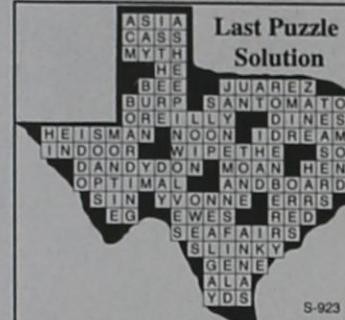
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# Tuesday Opinions

## Panic at the White House

by Bill O'Reilly

In the dark days of the Iraq war, when valiant U.S. troops faced down multiple enemies who obeyed no rules of war, President Bush never panicked. Even when his approval rating dropped below 35 percent, the president slugged it out for better or worse, depending on your worldview.

The same cannot be said of President Obama, who is now reeling under the pressure of his collapsing health care vision. The latest evidence of this was a posting on the "Organizing for America" website, which was set up by Obama in January. The message, since scrubbed from the website, said this in part:

"Stay at home for (Health Care Organizing Day). Call your senators that day (September 11) ... as we fight back against our own right-wing domestic terrorists who are subverting the American democratic process, whipped by their Fox propaganda network ceaselessly re-seizing power for their treacherous leaders."

Again, that posting came from an organization created by President Obama. And even though somebody saw the insanity of the words and removed them, if this isn't panic, nothing is.

I believe it is safe to say that many liberals are stunned by the president's decline in the polls and his inability to sell a government-run health care system. It all sounds so compassionate: helping the poor get quality medical care, ensuring that insurance companies do not gouge working Americans. How could you oppose that?

But theory is one thing; actual performance is quite something else. As you know, the president had months to clarify the details of the massive health care program but could not do it. Also, the Congressional Budget Office keeps embarrassing Obama by contradicting his optimistic financial prognostications. Americans may not like math, but they can do it. This health care deal is adding up to chaos.

Add to that the fact that hard-core leftists like Nancy Pelosi and Howard Dean are almost hysterical in pushing federal health care, and a deep distrust has set in. Seniors in particular are skeptical that they may go to the end of the line when the feds begin calling the medical shots.

And then there is the senseless viciousness on the part of some who support national health care mandates. Calling those who oppose your health care point of view "domestic terrorists" is a slander no spin-doctor could deny.

There is no question that the Obama administration has been severely damaged this summer, but it can still regroup if it doesn't panic. Most Americans want a fair health care system and are worried about protecting their families from devastating illness.

But at this point, they may be more worried about a White House that is not only losing the health care debate, but is failing to control the crazies on their side. Not exactly a healthy situation.

Veteran TV news anchor Bill O'Reilly is host of the Fox News show "The O'Reilly Factor" and author of the book "Who's Looking Out For You?" To find out more about Bill O'Reilly, and read features by other Creators Syndicate writers and cartoonists, visit the Creators Syndicate web page at [www.creators.com](http://www.creators.com). This column originates on the Web site [www.billoreilly.com](http://www.billoreilly.com).

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## Grassroots revolution's sound ideas

by John Tate  
Campaign for Liberty

Our grassroots Revolution has set its sights on restoring a sound monetary policy to our nation, and every day we are awakening more of our countrymen to the dangers of Federal Reserve secrecy and its stranglehold on our economy.

A year ago, no one in the political establishment would have believed that a bill to thoroughly audit the Fed would have almost two-thirds of the House (including every Republican representative and nearly one hundred Democrats) and a quarter of the Senate on board.

Certainly, no one would have bet that three-fourths of the American people would support such an audit.

As many of you may have heard by now, recent statements from Representative Barney Frank, chairman of the House Financial Services Committee, have indicated that the House will vote on Audit the Fed in the next few months.

However, rather than voting on HR 1207 as a standalone bill, many in Congress hope to roll it into the comprehensive regulatory reform package recently proposed by the White House.

This reform package grants new, more comprehensive powers to the Fed and strengthens the government's control over our economy. C4L and other friends of liberty stand in opposition to this proposal, as well as any other attempt to convert this historic movement for transparency into yet another rubber-stamping of politics as usual.

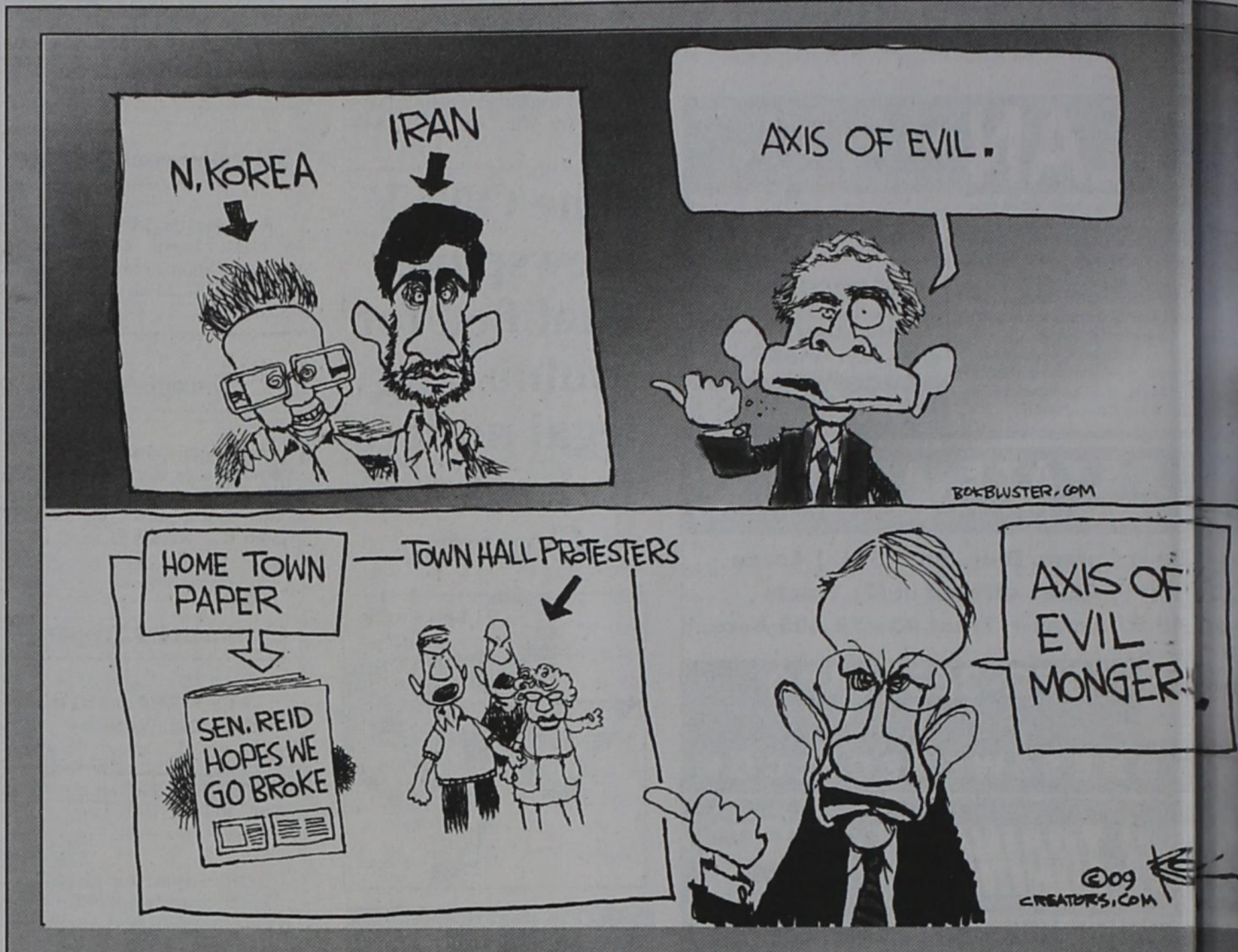
It is imperative that Audit the Fed come before the House and Senate on its own merits.

The American people stand behind a thorough audit of the Fed, and we should not be adding additional powers when we don't fully know what is being done with the ones they currently have.

Call Speaker Nancy Pelosi's office today at (202) 225-0100 and urge her to stand with the American people by giving the Audit the Fed bill full debate and a standalone vote on the House floor.

Our movement has worked hard to bring transparency and accountability to one of the nation's most secretive institutions. Audit the Fed has received a bipartisan level of support that is very rare in politics today.

Together, we can see a comprehensive audit of the Federal Reserve signed into law, but it should not be accompanied by more of the same interventionist legislation that helped create the current crisis



## Washington's Lie

by Walter E. Williams

President Obama and congressional supporters estimate that his health care plan will cost between \$50 and \$65 billion a year. Such cost estimates are lies whether they come from a Democratic president and Congress, or a Republican president and Congress. You say, "Williams, you don't show much trust in the White House and Congress." Let's check out their past dishonesty.

At its start, in 1966, Medicare cost \$3 billion. The House Ways and Means Committee, along with President Johnson, estimated that Medicare would cost an inflation-adjusted \$12 billion by 1990. In 1990, Medicare topped \$107 billion. That's nine times Congress' prediction. Today's Medicare tab comes to \$420 billion with no signs of leveling off. How much confidence can we have in any cost estimates by the White House or Congress?

Another part of the Medicare lie is found in Section 1801 of the 1965 Medicare Act that reads: "Nothing in this title shall be construed to authorize any federal officer or employee to exercise any supervision or control over the practice of medicine, or the manner in which medical services are provided, or over the selection, tenure, or compensation of any officer, or employee, or any institution, agency or person providing health care services." Ask your doctor or hospital whether this is true.

Lies and deception are by no means restricted to modern times. During the legislative debate prior to ratification of the 16th Amendment, President Howard Taft and congressional supporters said that only the rich would ever pay federal income taxes. In 1916, only one-half of 1 percent of income earners paid income taxes. Those earning \$250,000 a year in today's dollars paid 1 percent, and those earning \$6 million in today's dollars paid 7 percent. The lie that only the rich would ever pay income taxes was simply a lie to exploit the politics of envy and dupe Americans into ratifying the 16th Amendment.

The proposed tax increases that the White House and Congress are proposing will probably pass. According to the Washington,

D.C.-based Tax Foundation, during 2006, roughly 43.4 percent of tax returns, representing 91 million individuals, had no federal liability. That's out of a total of 136 million federal tax returns. Adding to this figure are 15 million households and individuals who file no tax return at all. Roughly 121 million Americans, or 43.4 percent of the U.S. population -- are completely outside the income tax system. These people represent a natural constituency for big-spending politicians. Since they have no federal income obligation, what do they care about higher taxes or tax cuts?

Another big congressional lie is Social Security. Here's a 1936 government pamphlet on Social Security said: "After 3 years -- that is to say, beginning in 1940 -- you will pay, and employer will pay, 1.5 cents for each dollar you earn up to a year ... beginning in 1943, you will pay 2 cents, and so on ... beginning in 1949, twelve years from now, you and your employer will each pay 3 cents on each dollar you earn, up to \$1,000." Here's Congress's lying promise: "That is the most you will ever pay." Let's repeat that last sentence: "That is the most you will ever pay." Compare that to today's reality, including Medicare, you will pay 7.65 cents on each dollar that you earn up to nearly \$17,000 a year -- \$8,185.

The Social Security pamphlet closes with another lie: "Beginning on November 24, 1936, the United States government will set up a Social Security account for you ... The checks will come to you ... a right." First, there's no Social Security account containing money, but more importantly, the U.S. Supreme Court has ruled on two occasions that Americans have no legal right to Social Security payments.

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