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Heritage Christian Academy Headmaster Dr. Ron Taylor (center), students, teachers and guests stand at attention as Kevin Oliver, brother-in-law of HCA music teacher Christy Oliver, plays the Star Spangled Banner on trumpet at the school's Wednesday, Nov. 11, Veteran's Day ceremony. All veterans in attendance and their spouses were given red carnations by the students. The fourth through sixth grade classes sang patriotic songs and guest speaker was Rockwall Mayor Bill Cecil. The assembled students and guests also had a moment of silence for those who were injured or killed at Ft. Hood last week.

Staff Photo by Tim Burnett/Rockwall County News

Rockwall County News Briefs

RSVP today for Tuesday RC Chamber luncheon

The Royse City Chamber will observe its November luncheon at noon Tuesday in the Mellody Room of the Royse City City Hall. Featured speaker will be Tom Shelton, RC police chief, who recently announced his plans for retirement. Shelton will discuss identity theft. Cost will be \$10 for a traditional Thanksgiving meal. RSVP by today by calling 972-636-0051.

Out-to-Lunch Bunch headed to Plano

The next Out-to-Lunch Bunch event for seniors ages 50 and older will run from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. today at Nee Nee's Tea Room in Plano. Cost will be \$7 for Rockwall residents, \$11 for non-residents; cost covers transportation only. For more details on this Rockwall Parks & Rec Department program, which takes place the second Friday of each month, visit rockwall.com/parks.

Brown Bag Lecture is today

The Rockwall County Historical Foundation will feature Patty Canup's "Oral Histories of Rockwall" at its Brown Bag Lecture at noon today. The meeting will take place in the Historic Courthouse. The program is free and open to the public.

AARP 55 Alive Driving class set

A course designed to help older drivers cope with age-related changes affecting driving will be offered from noon to 4 p.m. today at The Center. Open to individuals ages 50 and older, the class is sponsored by the Rockwall Parks & Rec Department. Cost for AARP members is \$12 for residents and \$18 for non-residents or, for non-members, \$14 for residents, \$21 for non-residents. For more details visit rockwall.com/parks.

Fall Adoption Weekend under way

The PetSmart Fall Adoption Weekend, in conjunction with Feral Friends Cat Rescue, is under way at the Richardson and Rowlett PetSmart locations, enabling the adoption of a new feline family member. All cats are spayed/neutered, vaccinated, microchipped and come with 30 days' worth of pet insurance. In Richardson, hours are 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. today, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday and noon to 4 p.m. Sunday. In Rowlett, adoptions will take place from noon to 4 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.

Today is deadline for T'giving Meal Drive

Nov. 13 is the deadline for foods to be donated to the Thanksgiving Meal Drive sponsored by the Royse City Police and Fire Departments. Items needed include canned vegetables, packaged gravy mix, cornbread mix, cranberry sauce, boxed potatoes, stuffing mix, pumpkin pie mix and pie shells. Drop-off locations include the RC City Hall, RC Police or Fire Departments, American National Bank, Texas Leadership Bank, First United Methodist or State Farm Insurance.

Blood drive set at Masonic Lodge

The East Trinity Masonic Lodge in Rockwall will host its fall blood drive benefiting the Texas Scottish Rite Hospital for Children from 8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Saturday at the Lodge Hall on the southwest corner of the Rockwall County Courthouse square (entrance is across Hwy. 66 from the side entrance of Square Market).

Free mammograms offered

UT Southwestern Medical Center will offer free mammograms for uninsured women in Rockwall County from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday at the First Assembly of God Church, 3101 S. Houston

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Heath seeks federal stimulus grants for energy efficiency projects

Anna Matejka

Asking city staffers to do more homework on possible additive costs at their last meeting, members of the Heath City Council directed staff to pursue \$35,000 in federal energy efficiency funding this week.

Funds are available through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 of which about \$45 million has been provided. The State Energy Conservation Office can be used for public energy retrofits and energy efficient street lighting.

Funds are already allocated so that eligible cities do not have to just accept, but the "overview" on preliminary reporting requirements covers four pages.

Grants are for cities with populations under 35,000 and counties with populations under 200,000. With 1,127 cities and 244 counties in Texas splitting the pot, City of Heath is eligible for \$35,000.

Council member Lorne Leitchy said he asked staff to make sure the city wouldn't be in a situation of spending \$50,000 over the next three years to meet reporting requirements.

"Thirty-five-thousand dollars is not a lot of money," several council members and staffers said.

Activities eligible for funding include energy audits and retrofits, installation and improvement of distributed energy technology such as heating and cooling systems, installation of energy-efficient traffic signals and street lights and installation of renewable energy technologies on government buildings.

According to assistant city manager Kim Dobbs, reporting requirements appear not over-burdensome and the city will likely use the funds to upgrade heating and cooling systems.

It is possible that if some cities choose not to accept grant funds, the total funds available could increase, Dobbs said. If more funds are available, the city would look at improving energy efficiency on street lights.

City manager Ed Thatcher called the funds "our chance to get some of that stimulus money that's out there somewhere."

Ordinance stands prohibiting golf carts on Heath trails

Anna Matejka

Members of the Heath City Council chose to leave intact a city ordinance prohibiting the use of golf carts on public trails at their meeting.

According to park board vice chairman Mitchell Smartt, golf-cart use on the trails near Cain Middle School and Pullen Elementary has increased from one or two carts to more than 10 in recent months.

Review of the ordinance was put on the agenda by Mayor John Pfeiffer who questioned whether the prohibition had ever been enforced.

Clark, a resident of Buffalo Creek Estates, spoke on behalf of members of what he called the "golf cart mafia" arguing for the continued use of golf-cart use in transporting students.

According to Clark, users of golf carts reduce car traffic from roads and act as a "community patrol" increasing the safety of the paths. He said it is a community experience that "keeps the village of Heath safe."

Clark asked the council to consider, "as a last resort, if someone wants to stick to the letter of the law," deputizing parents for the public safety service they offer allowing the carts to be considered city vehicles.

Smartt pointed out that the city's trails are meant for bicycle and pedestrian traffic and not designed for golf-cart traffic as the widths are more than 10 ft. and some are five- and eight-foot wide.

Smartt also characterized golf carts as unsafe transport for children and said seatbelts and airbags and referred to the danger of accidents on the trails. He said, "if, but when," and reminded council members of goals to encourage student walking for health benefits.

Another city council member expressed views echoing Smartt's. He said the city council member expressed views echoing Smartt's. He said the city council member expressed views echoing Smartt's.

Smartt thought of the trails as for people getting exercise," council member said.

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Students, faculty and guests at Davis Elementary School in Royse City joined the Tri-County Veterans Honor Guard in raising the flag at the school's Wednesday, Nov. 11, Veteran's Day celebration. Parents, grandparents and friends who are members of the armed services past and present were introduced during the ceremony. The school's fourth grade honor choir led the National Anthem and sang "This Land is Your Land." Gene Allen, President and Commander of the Tri-County Guard, gave a moving talk to the students about the meaning of the Pledge of Allegiance and honoring the United States flag. Members of Cub Scout Pack 312 and Girl Scout Troops 3389 and 8977, led by Boy Scout Parent Coordinator D.B. Sells, were part of the Honor Guard for the flag raising. Members of the Tri-County Veterans Honor Guard are Tom Crowley, Roger Gomez, Ed Taylor, Jack Proffitt, Steve Lowes, Darwin Whiteside, Bernice Sladek, Danette Lowes, Wayne Janosik, Jim Sladik, Gene Allen, Jaunita Allen and Johnny Tovar.

Staff Photo by Kathy Williams/Rockwall County News



The Heritage Christian Academy kicked off its 2009 Blessing Box Mission Project on Sunday, Nov. 1, with the HCA Praise Team singing songs, the Theatre Team performing and Pastor Michael Slaughter sharing the Gospel story. Roughly 150 families came to the city center to sign up for the holiday blessing boxes. The goal of the project is to provide food for five hundred people in the Rockwall area who, due to financial hardships, are unable to provide for themselves the daily essentials such as food, utilities, clothing, blankets and personal items. The community is invited to bring non-perishable food items to the school and help fill a pod that has been placed on the HCA lawn. The goal is to have that pod filled with food and ready to serve these families for Christmas. Members of the HCA Drama Team are (from left to right) Nicki Evans, Molly Devine, Christian Obenchain, Harley Liechty and Lana Whittington.

Photo Courtesy of Kendra Talley/Rockwall County News



A very Happy 15th Birthday to Whitney Dolberry
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The Lakeside Civic Chorus, pictured above, will offer its holiday concert, Christmas Blessings, 4:30 p.m. Dec. 6 at the First Christian Church, 3375 Ridge Road, Rockwall. The first half of the concert will include Handel's "Messiah," with solo arias by Jennifer Sanchez, soprano; Isac Halladay and James Williams, bass, and the chorus, "And the Glory of the Lord, For Unto Us a Child is Born." The second half will feature holiday music. Special guests will include the Royse City High School Acapella Choir, which will perform two works with the Harpist Jaymee Haefner will play prior to the performance. Tickets cost \$12 for adults, \$10 for students will be admitted free of charge. Tickets may be purchased at the door.



In the spirit of Halloween, the Rockwall-Heath High School Varsity Senior Cheerleaders initiated a scavenger hunt for junior-year cheerleaders by dressing them in costumes and sending them on a scavenger hunt around Rockwall and Heath. After a day of fun, the girls enjoyed dinner at Chiloso. The Junior Cheerleaders are (from left to right) Morgan Iles, Katelyn Brown, Rebecca Eddy, Lauren Hartnett, Allie Kaya Hall, Rylie Mike-Mayer and Ashley Fladeland.

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Road work begins on FM 740

The utility reconstruction project along FM 740 from FM 3097 to Chandlers Lane is scheduled to begin early next month.

Most of the work, which is related to the widening of FM 740 by the state, will be done in the right-of-way. Traffic may be impacted during work at various intersections in the project area.

City of Rockwall engineer Chuck Todd said every effort will be made to keep traffic delays at a minimum.

The project should be completed in April, according to a municipal news release.

Also, the city has awarded the bid for the extension and reconstruction of Shady Dale Lane.

It will be a two-lane road between FM 740 and FM 740 Drive. Work will begin in approximately five months.

Water rates to climb in Rockwall

City of Rockwall water rates based on consumption will increase on Jan. 1, according to a news release issued by the municipality.

The base rate for residential use will remain at \$9 from 2,000 to 12,000 gallons.

The charge for use of more than 12,000 gallons of water per month will be \$4.02 per 1,000 gallons. The sewer rate will increase from \$1.74 per 1,000 gallons to \$2.30 per 1,000 gallons.

Non-residential rates will increase from \$3.21 to \$4.50 per 1,000 gallons.

The average residential consumption of water per month is 14,255 gallons.

The work will be coordinated with the city's Streets and Public Works departments with the laying of the asphalt.

Work is scheduled to begin this month and be completed by December.

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Lucile Tate with her son Garvin Tate

Rest Haven Funeral Homes prepare for holiday program with Tree of Remembrance

In its 16th year, the Rest Haven Funeral Home's annual "Tree of Remembrance" offers a special way to recognize personal loss and pay tribute to loved ones. A bare Christmas tree will be placed in the foyer at each of the Rest Haven Funeral Homes located in Rockwall, Rowlett and Royse City. Beginning Monday, Nov. 23 through Monday, Dec. 21, area families are invited to stop by one of the locations, personalize an ornament, and place it on the "Tree of Remembrance." Ornaments will be available for personalizing Monday through Friday between the hours of 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. and on Saturday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Rockwall and Rowlett locations; and at the Royse City Chapel from 9 a.m. until 11 a.m. Monday through Friday.

These special commemorative ornaments will adorn the trees in preparation for Rest Haven Funeral Home's annual community-wide holiday music program, "Sounds of the Season." The program will be held at 7 p.m., Tuesday, Dec. 8, at the Rockwall Chapel. This year's musical performance will be presented by The Luckey Family, a very talented local family ensemble including sisters Lisa Brown, Tina Luckey,

Lynae Mestellar and mom, Sarah Luckey. There is no charge and the event will be a special holiday outing for the entire family. Rest Haven Funeral Home Rockwall is located at 2500 State Hwy. 66 East, approximately two miles east of downtown Rockwall. Please call 972-771-8641 for more details.



Rockwall YMCA recently awarded next level belts to many of their TaeKwonDo students. Belts were (front row from left) Celeste Ochoa, Iris Valenzuela, Bryce Lundell, Joshua Pop, Idana, Rhett Lundell, Simon Jarmillo, (second row from left) Jonathan Camp, Kevin Culver, Charman, Aidan Culp, Cole McMahan, Jackson Symank, Anthony Valenzuela, (third row) Colin Alexander Hickey, Andrew DiCapo, Brandon DiCapo, Stephen Handel, Malya Collins, Lakai and Instructor 2nd Degree Black Belt Bob Celii, who is trained by Phoenix Martial Arts in L. Courtesy of Gina Celii/Rockwall County News

Tickets available for 'Best Christmas Pageant Ever' at Rockwall Community Playhouse

For the Rockwall Community Playhouse holiday presentation "Best Christmas Pageant Ever," went on sale last week, of the Sunday matinees already selling out. To purchase the remaining shows, visit the RCP website at rockwallcommunityplayhouse.org or call 2-722-3399.

Tickets are \$15 for Adults and \$12 for Adults 62+, students and children.

Shows are Nov. 27 through Dec. 13, Friday and Saturday at 7 p.m. and Sunday matinee at 2 p.m.

Representative for the Playhouse said more shows might be added if ticket sales continue.

A hilarious Christmas tale, a couple struggling to put on a Christmas pageant is faced with casting the Herdman kids, the most inventively awful kids in history. The mayhem and fun is unbelievable when the Herdmans collide with the story head on.

The show is directed by Stacey Klutz, with assistance director Magsdale.

When auditions complete and the cast set, tickets for "Nunsense" will be on sale beginning Jan. 18, 2010 at the Playhouse. Opening Feb. 5.

Rockwall's Got Talent will be one of the many events celebrating the upcoming 15th anniversary of the Rockwall Community Playhouse, "Rockwall's Got Talent" will showcase the best talent the county has to offer. Groups or single acts are welcome. An audition workshop will be held at 10 a.m., Saturday, Dec. 12 at the Playhouse. Auditions will be Jan. 3 and Jan 10, 2010 by appointment. A \$20 entry fee will also be charged. Show dates are semi-finals at 7 p.m., Jan. 15, and finals at 7 p.m., Jan. 16, at Utey Middle School. Visit the RCP website at rockwallcommunityplayhouse.org for more information and to view a youtube video for the event. Warm up those voices and sign up today for your chance to win the \$1,000 grand prize.



A very Happy 16th Birthday to Cailee Dolberry With love and admiration from Nana, Pappy Wes, Uncle Tim, Uncle James & Aunt Gail & All Your Family!



Michelle Bolin brings smiles with face painting at Hidden Creek Estates Oktoberfest celebration. Neighbors enjoyed carnival games, food, raffle prizes, a Craft & Gift Expo, cakewalk, costume show, mini car show and more at the 3rd Annual Oktoberfest at Hidden Creek Estates is a master planned community located in Royse City. Photo Courtesy of Christina Reeves/Rockwall County News

Death golf carts ...

Continued from Page 1) Council member Robert Hille said. Council member Lorne and Ratcliffe suggested a place to take up a proposal to be changed to the ordinance be the park board. The proposals were placed near trail markers at Bison Meadows. Council members Pass between six weeks ago reminding residents about the prohibition on golf carts. The ordinance calls for fines up to \$500 for violators.

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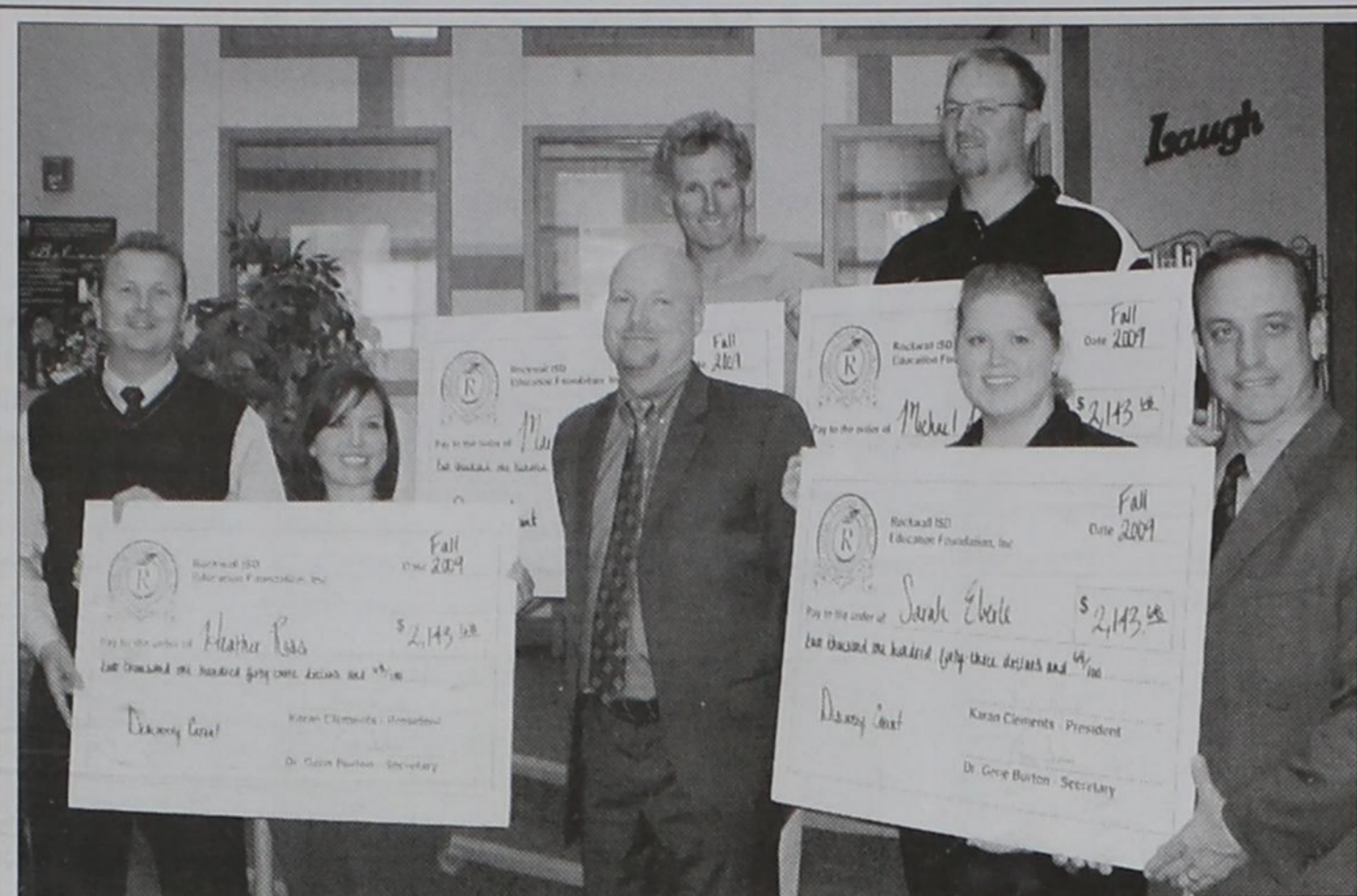


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Cain Middle School was recently surprised by a visit from the Rockwall ISD Education Foundation Prize Patrol. Eighth grade science teachers Heather Ross, Sarah Eberle, Mark Berglund and Michael Anderson were awarded \$2,143.68 for an upcoming project-based learning activity entitled "My Private Universe." Shown at the presentation were Cain Assistant Principal Bart Walters, Heather Ross, Cain Principal Jason Johnston, Mark Berglund, Michael Anderson, Sarah Eberle and Cain Assistant Principal Tim Allen.

Photo Courtesy of Laura Lanquist/Rockwall County News

Alex Hamilton of Rockwall killed in I-30 accident

Alexander "Alex" Hamilton, 20, of Rockwall, was killed in a multi-vehicle accident on I-30 at Bass Pro Road on Thursday, Nov. 5. Hamilton is the son of Rockwall ISD Board of Trustee secretary Doug Hamilton.

According to Garland Police Officer Joe Horn, Hamilton was traveling in the left lane of westbound I-30 when he lost control of his 2005 Pontiac GTO. Officer Horn said Hamilton veered into the right lane, hit a concrete barrier and bounced back to the left lane where he collided with a

flatbed truck. The truck lost control, hitting the center concrete barriers with enough force to move them and allow the truck to enter the eastbound lanes of I-30. The truck hit an eastbound car and debris from the concrete barriers collided with two other cars. A total of five vehicles were involved in the accident and Officer Horn said the westbound lanes of I-30 were shut down for approximately five hours.

A total of four people were transported to Baylor Medical Center in Dallas, including Ham-

ilton and his passenger and two passengers in the flatbed truck. Hamilton was the only fatality, with the other three treated for non-life threatening injuries.

Officer Horn said contributing factors in the accident were listed as failure to control speed and speeding over the limit.

A 2007 graduate of Rockwall High School, Hamilton is the son of Doug and Janet Hamilton of Rockwall and nephew of Rockwall County Commissioner Dennis Bailey and his wife, Kathie.

While at RHS, Hamilton lettered in football and track and was awarded Second Team All-District in football. He had attended the University of North Texas, where he also played football. He was currently a student at Collin County College.

Services for Hamilton were held Tuesday, Nov. 10, at Lake Pointe Church in Rockwall.

Former mayor sees county judge's seat

Former Rockwall mayor Ken Jones has announced he will be a candidate for county judge in the upcoming primary election.

If elected, Jones said he will work with the Commissioners Court and county staff, area mayors and city managers, city councils, law enforcement personnel and representatives of public and private schools, as well as fire department and first responder officials and all local residents.

"As your judge, my emphasis will continue to be on badly needed roads," he said in a recent news release. "Many of our schools are on or near roads where serious accidents could occur."

Jones said his first campaign promise is to cut his salary when elected. He also will not vote to build anything that has not already been approved by local residents.

"With support of the Commissioners Court, I will sell off commercial pad sites along I-30 to help defray the cost of building the new government center," he said.

Jones indicated he would support a veterans memorial at the

new government center; however, the memorial would be built with private donations.

"As Rockwall mayor, I worked with staff and Council to provide superb services while maintaining a 36-cents tax rate," he said. "As your next Rockwall County judge, you will not only have my e-mail address, but you will also have my cell number, 214-533-2610."

Jones attended Paris Junior College and East Texas State University. He earned a diploma from a technical institute and holds a lifetime license from the FCC. Working in the area of architectural concrete, he helped Dallas/Fort Worth International Airport and the University of Texas at Dallas.

Jones has been in the radio industry for 50 years, with 30 years of that spent as an owner. Along with family members, he owns and operates KXEZ-FM and KHYI-FM.

Jones is a charter director of the Rockwall County YMCA, a member of the Rockwall Noon Rotary Club and past president of the Terrell Rotary Club. He also is a member of the Rockwall Republican



Ken Jones

Men's Club. A native Texan, Jones' wife, Glenda, has been married for 47 years. They attend Pointe Church where they are greeters.

The Joneses, the pair has two adult children and grandchildren, are members of the Rockwall Chamber of Com-



The Rockwall-Heath High School Varsity Senior Cheerleaders gathered for group picture at Night Ceremony before the varsity game against R.L. Turner High School last Thursday, Oct. 29, at Wilkerson-Sanders Stadium. The seniors are Brittany Wenger, Stefanie Cotner, Morgan Johnson, Megan McKenna, Stacy Loeffler, Meredith Moreau and Michaela Tomalin. Seniors from the band, drill team, Hawk Guard and football team were introduced during the annual Senior Night festivities.

Photo Courtesy of Krissy Edwards/Rockwall County News

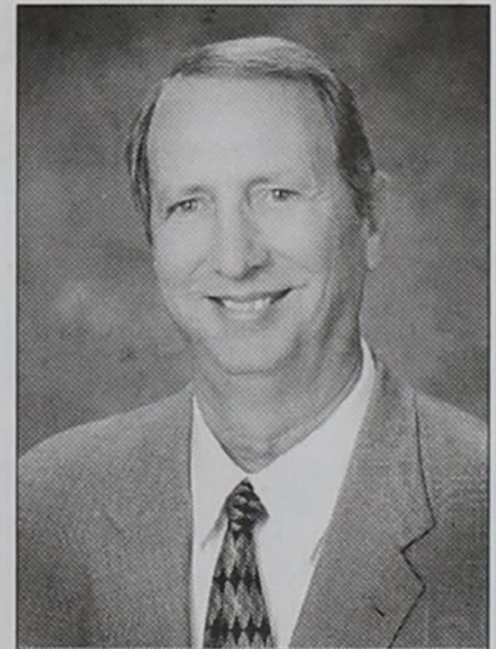
RISD administrator earns recognition from school business association

Greg Carver, executive director of facilities, planning and construction at Rockwall ISD, recently obtained the designation of Registered School Business Specialist (RSBS) from the Association of School Business Officials International (ASBO).

The ASBO Registration Program promotes quality in school business management. Carver's designation is one of the highest honors of professional achievement in the field of school business management.

Recipients of the RSBS title must meet or exceed criteria that includes, promoting lifelong learning, maintaining active membership through ASBO and must have significant experience as a school business administrator.

Carver was recommended for the honor by Rockwall ISD Superintendent Gene Burton based on his experience and qualifications.



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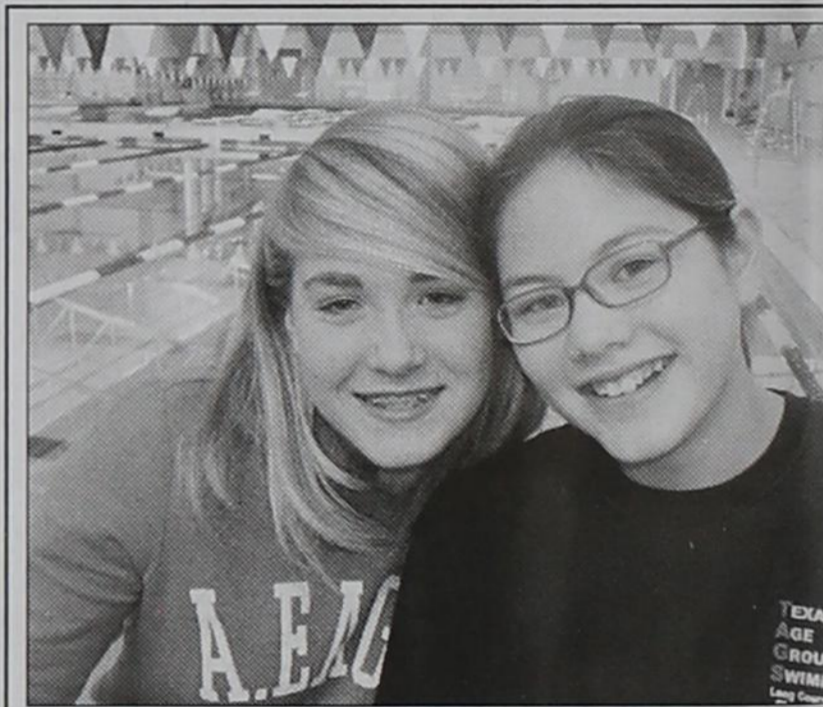
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Summer Scown and Raena Eldridge, pictured above, were selected to represent the Southwest Region at the 2009 Development Program's Holiday Camp, which is designed for polo players ages 14 and under interested in training at the Training Center in Colorado Springs, Colo. The girls represent Rockwall Tridents, which is sponsored by the Dallas V Club and the Rockwall YMCA. Each region is allowed to send boys and five girls, and these athletes were selected from the entire Southwest Region (Texas, Louisiana and Oklahoma). They will train with water polo players from around the United States. Andres Rodriguez said he was proud of the girls and noted other local youths - Evan Scown and Jordan Hummingbird - as serious contenders. The holiday camp will run Dec. 17-20.

Courtesy photo/Rockwall County News



Pictured from the left are Sally Rodriguez, a representative of the Dallas Parks and Recreation Department, and Rockwall Retired Teachers Association members Anita Gregg, Becky Tonna Duke, District X president. For RARTA's November meeting, Rodriguez gave a program on White Rock Lake, Dallas, and spoke to members about several legislative and state organizational issues affecting retired public school personnel. Not pictured were hostesses Doris Cullins, Katherine Stevener, Thea Shirley Ferguson, Ruth Holt and Elizabeth Cameron. The next meeting, set for 1:15 p.m. Dec. 14 at the RISD Administration Complex, will feature a musical program, "Winter Song," by the Roysie City Bulldog Choir of Miss May Vernon Elementary School. For more details, call Cecil at 972-771-3362.

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Rockwall attorney Cathy Penn running for Justice of the Peace

Judge Cathy Mason Penn has announced her candidacy for the office of Rockwall County Justice of the Peace for Precincts 2 and 3. As an attorney and the Presiding Judge of the Municipal Court for the City of Rockwall, Judge Penn says she has the specialized training and experience to ensure that the law is followed and all parties are treated fairly.

"Justices of the Peace hear class C misdemeanor complaints, such as traffic tickets, and civil lawsuits up to \$10,000. For the average person, this may be the only court they will encounter. Many people will form their trust in the judicial system at this level, therefore, the judge must be held to the highest ethical standards. I believe there is a great honor to the judicial profession and I will strive to serve the public with the greatest possible accuracy and fairness." Judge Penn said that justice is lost with the passage of time and she will work to improve accessibility of the court to the public, and the efficiency of court operations to reduce delays.

An Assistant Criminal District Attorney in Rockwall County for over 11 years, Judge Penn has extensive experience in the Justice of the Peace Courts. In the Justice Courts, Judge Penn was involved in a wide range of cases such as mental and chemical dependency commitments, dangerous dog proceedings, hearings on cruelly treated animals, ordinance violations involving public health or safety, and class C misdemeanor violations of the Penal Code, Alcoholic Beverage Code, Health and Safety Code, Transportation Code, and Education Code. In October 2007, Cathy Penn accepted the position of Presiding Judge for the City of Rockwall where she now presides over jury trials, bench trials, pre-trials and juvenile pleas. As an attorney and judge, Penn has attended countless legal and judicial training conferences, including programs on juvenile law,

criminal law, civil procedure, domestic violence, and child protection.

Judge Penn holds a Doctorate of Jurisprudence from South Texas College of Law, where she was a member of the Order of the Lytae honor society, Managing Editor of the Corporate Counsel Review, and recipient of the AMJUR award for Legal Research and Writing. Penn graduated from the University of Houston with a Bachelor of Business Administration degree in Finance, earning membership in the Beta Gamma Sigma honor society.

A resident of Rockwall for 14 years, Judge Penn lives in Chandler's Landing with her husband, Terry, and daughter, Lane. She is a former board member and officer for Helping Hands and a volunteer for the Legal Aid of Northwest Texas Rockwall legal clinics. Judge Penn is a licensed attorney and a member of the Municipal Judge and Justice of the Peace sections of the Texas State Bar, the Rockwall Bar Association, and the National Association of Counsel for Children. For more information, please visit her website at www.cathypenn.com.



Cathy Mason Penn

Nov. 21 event planned in memory of Corneau

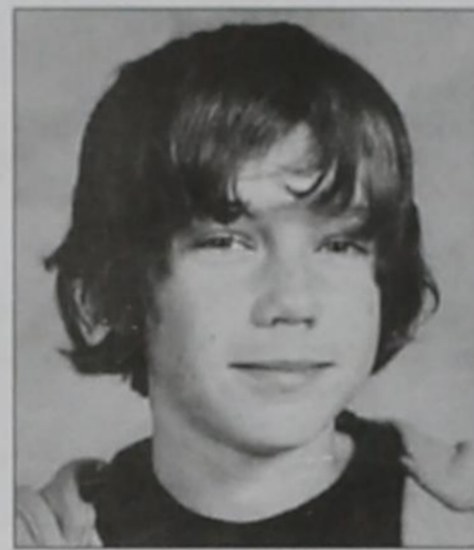
Plans are under way for the 2nd Annual Go the Distance Memorial Run set to begin at 9 a.m. Nov. 21 in the Rockwall YMCA parking lot.

The event, which will include a one-mile walk and a 5K run, has once again been planned in memory of 13-year-old Rockwall resident Christian Corneau, who died in a 2006 accident. "Christian lived for his music, friends, faith and fun," said his father, Max Corneau. "This race represents parts of all the things that made him such a joy to be around, and now there are new memories to connect to his life."

The one-mile event is set to begin at 8 a.m. The 5K run will start at 9 a.m.

Participation is open to all. Registration fee is \$25.

Funds raised through the event



Christian Corneau

will benefit the YMCA's Partners Campaign, which is an assistance fund established to help those who are unable to afford participation in YMCA programs.

Participants may register and pick up packets at the YMCA; only those registering by today will be guaranteed an event T-shirt.

Heath Holiday Tour of Homes set as RHHS prom fundraiser

The Heath Holiday Tour of Homes will be offered from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. — one day only, Dec. 4 — as a fundraiser for the RHHS Senior Class prom and after-prom activities.

Tour locations will be announced closer to the date of the event.

Beth Bailey and Janet Smith are serving as chairpersons.

Advance tickets may be purchased for \$15 apiece beginning Monday through Dec. 3 at Bella's House on the square in Rockwall or at the RHHS front office.

Tickets will cost \$20 at the door.

lawmakers. To register, send name and e-mail address to rcrwtxas@gmail.com and indicate 'November Training Session.'

Feral Friends joining in Rowlett parade

In keeping with the Texas Christmas theme, Feral Friends will be Texas cat herders in the 10 a.m. Nov. 21 Downtown Rowlett Christmas Parade. Last year the group won the Rowlett Noon Exchange Club parade award. After the parade, visit the Rowlett PetSmart location to adopt a cat or kitten. Adoption hours will be from noon to 3 p.m.

Church plans T'giving celebration, breakfast

FaithBridge Church, a United Methodist Community, will host a Thanksgiving celebration and potluck breakfast on Nov. 22. The event will be open to the public and will begin at 9 a.m., with worship at 10:30 a.m. Participants are encouraged to bring their favorite covered breakfast dish to share; however, this is not required. FaithBridge meets at Celia Hays Elementary in north Rockwall each Sunday.

Library to be closed for Thanksgiving

The Rockwall County Library will be closed for the Thanksgiving holidays on Nov. 26-27. The facility will reopen at 10 a.m. on Nov. 28.

Heath holiday schedule told

In celebration of Thanksgiving, the municipal offices for the City of Heath will be closed on Nov. 26-27. Trash and recyclables will be collected on residents' regular pick-up days during the holiday week.

RC Lions plan help for Head Start

The Roysse City Lions Club is accepting donations to help with the Dec. 4 Winter Wonderland Party for Roysse City Head Start students at Anita Scott Elementary. Seventeen children and their families are expected to participate. Sponsors are needed to provide pizza, cake and decorations, as well as children's gifts (clothing, toys and stocking stuffers for youths ages 3-5 are suggested). Anyone interested in contributing should notify Andrea Chandler at 214-287-1656 or e-mail achandler@eliteprintmanagement.com. Deadline for donations is Nov. 27.

Toy Drive Concert set at Southern Junction

Southern Junction, Platinum 96.7 FM and the Hilton Bella Harbor will present Vince Vance & the Valiantes in a special Toy Drive Concert on Nov. 28. Vance and the Valiantes will be at the Hilton at 10 a.m. to collect toys for underprivileged Rockwall County children. For every donation of a new, unwrapped toy the donor will receive a discount coupon to see Vance in concert at Southern Junction. Toys also may be brought to Southern Junction that night for the discount. Toys will be distributed by the sheriff's office to local families in need.

Tree of Hope program offered at PetSmart

Feral Friends will display the Tree of Hope on adoption weekends at PetSmart locations in Richardson and Rowlett from Nov. 28 through Jan. 2. This is an opportunity to provide much-needed gifts or monetary donations for a cat or kitten or the foster program. Stop by and select a Pet Angel. Visit feralfriends.org and click on donation info (choose Tree of Hope). All donations are tax-deductible.



In addition to their biannual arts and crafts fair, the women of Aspasians also support local charities. Recently members collected baby necessities — clothing, diapers, wipes and gift cards — to help stock the Pregnancy Resource Center. Pictured with some of the goods collected are Stacie Baumann, Allison Deen, Aspasians president Terri White, Heather Baker and Jayme Ladusaw. The Aspasians Spring Art Fair will take place April 24. For more information visit aspasians.com. For details on the Pregnancy Resources Center, visit options4me.org.

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Local band Jaci & Those Guys perform at the Roysse City FunFest in October, 2009.

Staff Photo by Kathy Williams/Rockwall County News

Local band chosen for national contest

Local band Jaci & Those Guys have qualified for the semi-finals of the SchoolJam USA Battle of the Bands Competition.

Hundreds of bands from across the country submitted entries into the competition, which is for youth ages 13-18 only.

The country is divided into five regions, with 10 bands from each region chosen for the semi-final online voting round. Jaci & Those Guys was one of the 10 selected in the Southwest region.

The top two vote-getting bands from each region will advance to the national finals in January in Anaheim, CA. to compete in a live battle of the bands competition at the NAMM Festival.

Each of those bands will receive \$750 toward the purchase of equipment. Plus, each of the bands' school will receive \$500 for their music department, with the winner's school receiving \$5,000.

The winner will also receive the grand prize of an all expense paid trip to Frankfurt, Germany in March to compete in the International SchoolJam Competition.

The online voting round began Nov. 1 and runs through Dec. 5. Supporters can vote for their favorite band once a day by registering at www.schooljamusa.com.

The band is also headed for the recording studio Nov. 19-22 to record the remainder of the songs for their debut CD.

Republican Women to host training event

The Rockwall County Republican Women will host a training session entitled "Empowering the People" on Nov. 21 at the Rockwall County Library, 1215 E. Yellow Jacket Lane, Rockwall.

Registration/coffee will begin at 10:30 a.m. The session will run from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Following the election of the 2010 RCRW Executive Board, the session will cover the following topics:

- How to Follow Texas and U.S. Legislation
- Earning Free Media: Letter to the Editor, Opinion Pieces and Press Releases
- Tips for Successful Communication with Elected Representatives

Training session facilitators will be Rebecca Williamson, SREC SD24 and TFRW 1st vice president, and Boora Van Dormolen, immediate past president, TFRW.

Advance registration is appreciated to ensure seating. To register, send name and e-mail address to rcrwtxas@gmail.com and indicate registration is for 'November Training Session.'

There is no charge to attend the event.

News Briefs

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man. Digital screenings will be done in a mammography van. All receive results in a week. Mammograms are funded by a Cancer Relief Foundation grant, which also will fund diagnostic if needed. Screenings will be limited; pre-registration is 645-2560.

Saturday bake sale to benefit BGCR

On Saturday at the Super Wal-Mart, Rockwall, will benefit the Girls Club of Rockwall, a nonprofit organization that provides a children to go after school and during the summer. The agency facing a financial shortfall and is at risk of closing, according to news release. Bake sale tables will be at each of the store's front 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

HS PTA plans holiday arts, crafts event

Rockwall High School PTA 2009 Fall & Holiday Arts & Crafts will run from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday at the school. Unique handmade décor, holiday gifts, one-of-a-kind items, custom ordering personalized items will be among things offered. Admission will be

Coffee Conservatives to meet

Medina will be the speaker for the Rockwall County Conservative Coffee grassroots citizen group when it meets at 10:30 a.m. at the TR Café & Grill. The group meets every week at the same location, 101 N. Goliad St., Rockwall, to discuss local, state and issues over coffee. Conservatives of all ages are welcome. Call 923 for more details.

NAMI support group meetings planned

NAMI support groups — one for those with a mental illness and one for their families in Room 123, B Building — will run from 2:30 p.m. Saturday at the First United Methodist Church, Yellow Jacket Lane, Rockwall. Call Hal or Dee Whitfield, 972- for more details.

RPA plans wine-tasting, art auction

Rockwall Preschool Association will host a wine tasting and art from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday at BIN 303 restaurant, 105 Olive wall. Pieces representing various mediums by local artists will be sold; light hors d'oeuvres, wine and lemonade will be served. Tickets are \$20 for adults, \$10 per child (under 10); children ages 2 and under will be admitted free of charge. For tickets call 469-644-9864; tickets may be purchased at the door. Proceeds will benefit the Rockwall Foundation Grant.

Heath Goes Hollywood set Saturday

Heath Goes Hollywood, a benefit for Helping Hands, will run from 9 p.m. Saturday at Heath Salon & Spa. The event will feature raffles, a silent auction, raffle opportunities and entertainment.

Bridge concludes 'Ratings Game' series Sunday

FaithBridge Church, a United Methodist Community, will conclude its "The Ratings Game," at 10:30 a.m. Sunday. The church Celia Hays Elementary, corner of FM 1141 and FM 552 in north Rockwall, each Sunday. For more information, visit faithbridgechurch.com.

Tuesday is Teen Game Night

Rockwall County Library will host its Teen Game Night from 5:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesday.

Seniors' Civil War, currency tour slated

Rockwall Parks & Rec Department will host a Civil War and Currency tour from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesday. Travel with other seniors through the Bureau of Engraving and Printing and the Texas Civil War Museum. Cost is \$10 for residents, \$15 for non-Rockwall residents. Admission fee covers admission to both museums. For more details visit www.parks.com.

Library to host computer workshop

Rockwall County Library will host a computer workshop from 10 a.m. to noon Wednesday in the technology lab. The workshop will cover e-mail usage. Patrons interested in signing up for free e-mail access or needing general assistance with e-mail related questions should call in advance at the reference desk. A valid library card will be required. Workshop will be limited to 10 students.

Teen Book Club to meet

Rockwall County Library's Teen Book Club will meet from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday. For more information on this or other teen programs at the library, visit rocklibteens.blogspot.com.

Fulton School plans open house

Fulton School community open house will run from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday. Prospective students and their parents are invited to meet with school's faculty members, tour the campus and discover what the Fulton offers.

Bally Bead plans Nov. 20 workshop

Bally Bead, located at 2304 Ridge Road in Rockwall, will host a Pre-fabricated Clay Workshop from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Nov. 20. Each participant will complete two pairs of earrings and a pendant as part of the workshop. Cost will be \$100, with separate costs for materials and tools. Register or for more details call 972-771-4515 or e-mail ballybead@ballybead.net.

'Willy Wonka Jr.' performances set at CMS

In the spirit of "Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory," the students of Middle School will offer "Willy Wonka Jr." performances on Nov. 20 and 21 in the CMS cafeteria. Performances will begin at 7 p.m. Tickets may be purchased at the door or in advance; cost is \$8 for adults, \$5 for children under 12 and \$3 for children under 5. For more details contact Shayna Oden, soden@rockwallisd.org, or Rachel Fuller, rfuller@rockwallisd.org.

Health fair, blood drive slated

Rockwall County Health Fair & Blood Drive will run from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Nov. 21 at the Lake Pointe Church (use south entrance). Walk-ins will be welcomed, but individuals with appointments will be taken first. For more details contact Cathleen Lewis, 214-893-9925 or clewis@rockwallisd.org, or Mike Larriere, 972-771-0031 or thistbloodsaves@rockwallisd.org.

Stingerettes plan holiday dance clinic

RHS Stingerettes will conduct their 3rd Annual Holiday Dance Clinic on Nov. 21 in the Williams Middle School gym. The Stingerettes will teach dance technique and a dance routine to girls in grades K through fifth grade. Games, crafts, photos, refreshments and story time with Santa also are planned. The clinic will run from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tickets are \$40 for early registration (by Nov. 6) or \$45 for walk-ins; cost is \$40 for early registration (by Nov. 6) or \$45 for walk-ins. Cost includes T-shirt, craft frame and photo with Santa. A performance will be offered at the end of the clinic. For more details contact Shippy at 972-816-8857 or e-mail cshippy@sbcglobal.net.

'Empowering the People' set Nov. 21

Rockwall County Republican Women will host a free event dubbed "Empowering the People," with registration/coffee beginning at 10:30 a.m. Nov. 21 in the Rockwall County Library. The session will run from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. and will include the election of the new RCRW Executive Board and information on following state and federal legislation, as well as the media's attention and tips for successful communication with

Rockwall County Book Review

'The Devil in the White City, murder, magic, and madness at the fair that changed America,' by Erik Larson

Reviewed by Gavin Sheaffer, Reference Librarian, Rockwall County Library

Erik Larson is rapidly becoming a favorite author of mine. His non-fiction novels are nothing short of amazing. "Devil in the White City" reads as well as any popular mystery writer's latest offering, yet you can take comfort in knowing that you are spending your time studying history and learning about a past era. You will hardly believe that the characters were real people and the events described actually transpired.



"Devil in the White City" describes an America transitioning into the 20th century. The collective national ego has been bruised by the successful Paris World Fair of 1889 and the unveiling of the Eiffel tower. Larson describes the ensuing clash of egos with details galore, providing the reader a voyeuristic view into the private lives of our country's past elite. Larson was able to recreate the jockeying, political maneuvering, and outright character sabotage through extensive study of personal letters of all of the actors involved. Eventually, a site is chosen and a prominent architect named Daniel Burnham is tasked with building the fair. Burnham proceeds to assemble a dream team of architects, artisans, engineers, and showmen to dazzle and delight 19th century Americans with what might be the greatest spectacle to date, the 1897 World's Fair.

As the city of Chicago braces and transforms itself to host the mother of all fairs, a lone citizen within the city is undergoing a transformation as well. This person is a consummate liar, thief, and murderer and he practices his brand of evil so methodically in the streets of Chicago that the retelling of his story will cause a shudder to run down your spine. The person is named H.H. Holmes, but throughout the novel he will assume multiple identities and pursue a broad range of criminal activities, all under the nose of decent society. The odd thing about this person, the reader will have no trouble keeping up with his dastardly schemes and multiple personalities. His story is truly shocking and will serve as a foil to the ambitions and design of the Chicago's World Fair.

Like "Thunderstruck," this offering from Larson features two separate stories within a story. Unlike the earlier work however, "Devil in the White City's" two plots serve to contrast the dark side of mans ambitions, desire for control, and lust for recognition. "Devil in the White City" won the national book award for non-fiction and it's not hard to see why. This book is available at the Rockwall County Library in the adult non-fiction collection on the second floor.



Members of the Rockwall County Criminal District Attorney's Office participated in the 1st Annual Lillian Smith "Race to End 5K held on Oct. 31 in Rockwall. Medalists included Alex Imgrund who placed third in the Male 30-39 group, his wife Katy, a resident of Rockwall, who took third place in the Female 20-29 group and Jordan Williamson, who placed third in the Male 20-29 group. "I was pleased to participate for such a good cause," said Kenda Culpepper, Rockwall County Criminal District Attorney, who was a sponsor. "Any assistance in the fight to end abuse is welcomed by this office and should be supported by the community." Participants at the RCCDA's Office were (from left to right) Alex Imgrund, Lynda Robertson, Kenda Culpepper, Tina Hall, Jordan Williamson and Cris Williams.

Photo Courtesy of Rockwall County Criminal District Attorney's Office/Rockwall County News

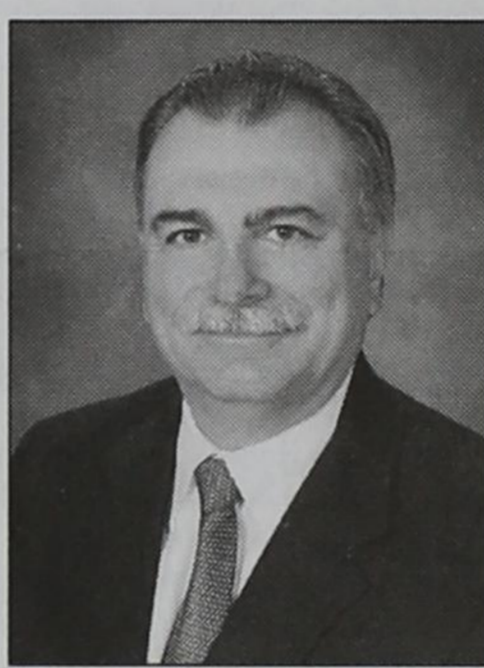
Rockwall ISD Superintendent's Page

The 21st Century Educational Treadmill: Getting in Great Shape

by Dr. Gene Burton
Rockwall ISD
Superintendent of Schools

At the Leader to Leader Conference in Lansdowne, Virginia, in July, 2009, Dr. Gene Carter, Executive Director and CEO of the Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development (ASCD), shared an overwhelming concern: "It worries me that we're not thinking big enough, that we're not preparing our kids for a world that is terribly different from the one we grew up in." Adding to the words of another leader, Dr. Carter issued the following challenge: "As leaders in creating positive outcomes for our children and youth, we must seize the opportunity to become seers and interpreters of change, become guides to our stakeholders, and be inspirational beacons to our diverse publics" (Pomerantz, 2005).

Dr. Carter's message of concern regarding the urgent need to transition to a new education paradigm encouraged me to revisit my earlier articles about this topic. In October, 2008, I shared in "About the Future of Public Education" that I had served on a state-wide leadership team of Texas school superintendents charged with addressing constraints on the current educational system. This committee generated Creating a New Vision for Public Education in Texas, a report addressing principles and practices for 21st century public schools, which identified the following as critical elements of their mission: "To reframe the problems and challenges of public education ... [and] to stimulate different conversations and to provide impetus for legislative actions so that public education in Texas can take a new turn for a vibrant future."



thinking in order to face "stark and critical choices." educational leaders to "either elevate strategic thinking, the necessity of genuine sustainable, radical change or a diminished role and probably a position of irrelevance. The recommendation reminded me of my April 09 article "Equity, Learning: New Visioning for Imagining, Designing, and Implementing Schools," where I wrote about the role of strategic thinking in the Rockwall Independent School District.

The year 2009-2010 will allow the district to operationalize the strategic thinking tracks to accomplish two major objectives: On the one hand, (Objective 1), the district will reflect on the current Strategy Plan, a written format, the district will review the destination in the 2001-2010 Plan, and it will analyze the success rate in meeting targeted goals and objectives. On the second track (Objective 2), rather than re-creating a traditional Plan, the district will create a 5-year Strategic Thinking model titled New Visioning, which will allow all participants to imagine, design, and create the future. It is during the process of creating this new thinking model that we will be Visioning that our district will focus on Dr. Carter's words: "big enough to prepare our kids for a world terribly different from the one we grew up in. Collaboratively, we will get on that treadmill and exercise our thinking."

So what does all this rhetoric and alarm about urgency amount to? What does the needs of 21st century schools mean for Rockwall ISD? Referring back to "About the Future of Public Education," I still believe the following is the best plan for us:


Amid the chaos of a fast-paced world ... we have to move ourselves, "Slow down and breathe; focus on what is important. Like all districts, we embrace a fair accountability system that requires accurate and responsible reporting; however, we will not support any system that creates damaging consequences that affect the student, family, and educator anxieties about school.

We are pleased in Rockwall ISD to say our focus is on the child. However, under our current system, one has to stop in order to keep that focus in check. We expect our students to be at a competitive level with other school students, yet our focus is within our profession has to be on the quality of the "learning vehicle," not just on the "learning vehicle," or at least, not on the "learning vehicle" - one test.

And today, I restate that I hope you have time to review the New Vision for Public Education in Texas. I also hope you will be in conversations about the future of public education and becoming part of Rockwall ISD's 300-member Strategic Thinking partnership with our members, business partners, and students.

As Jim Collins proclaims in his book Good to Great, "The enemy of great is not good, it is mediocre. It is the mediocre that is the enemy of great. In this district's focus will be on raising the educational awareness, current literature and practices, analyzing changing demographics, teacher characteristics, and much more. Getting to the destination for the future and community as a whole, design, and create great schools for the future."

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Rockwall County Sports

Bulldogs end season on high note by thumping Turner Lions 55-33

McGillen
 ere so many heroes in the Royce City Bulldogs' euphoric season-33 triumph over the RL Turner Lions at sun-drenched Standridge Stadium Saturday that it's hard to know where to start. It all began with sophomore quarterback Taylor Corbin, who threw 11 high five touchdowns. Receiver Devin Bryant, who made the most of his four catches, with 153 receiving yards and three scores. All-purpose player Ryan Fedric, who not only ran for two touchdowns more than 40 yards, but also intercepted a pass on defense. Preston Corbin, who seemed to be everywhere, intercepting and returning a blocked PAT 90 yards for a score that was later a penalty. Entire Bulldog defense, which after giving up a touchdown just half minutes in to the game, then forced turnovers on the Lions' possessions.

glorious way to end a rather unglorious season for the Bulldogs who saw their 10-game losing string snapped against Turner (0-10). The misery continues for the Lions, however, who've now lost 17 games over two seasons and 37 of their last 38 over the last three years. Royce City coach Greg Strahm, the game had kind of an ironic end of funny," said Strahm. "I didn't really see a difference in our still had the same kids doing some good things. It was one of those where we were able to take advantage of some turnovers and on them. That's what other teams have been doing to us." So, the Bulldogs thwarted the next three Lion drives by intercepting back-to-back passes from Turner quarterback Pedro Galvan. Days after Taylor Corbin connected with Jonathon Burns from 23 yards to knot the score at 7-7, his brother Preston Corbin picked the ball for the Turner end zone. Fedric put the Bulldogs on top to stay 13-7 later in the first period with a 40-yard sprint through the heart of the Turner defense, Oscar Corby intercepted a pass just two plays later. Corbin then flipped a screen pass to Devin Bryant, who turned it into a 21-yard touchdown to make the score 21-7. Two plays later Galvan threw to the wrong team, with Corbin again getting the pick. Fedric added another Fedric score to push the lead to 28-7 with 9:13 left in the second quarter.

Two teams traded scores to give the Bulldogs a 35-14 halftime lead. In the second half, Taylor Corbin threw three more touchdowns passes, Ryan Fedric for 63 and 46 yards and another to Kristopher Smith for 10 yards. Sophomore Taylor Corbin wound up 177-for-314 passing for 2,000 yards with 16 touchdowns and 17 interceptions. He also rushed for 100 yards and three touchdowns. He ended his final season with 523 yards on 83 carries and six touchdowns. He also caught 31 passes for another 357 yards and three more touchdowns.

Senior Mapps ran for 296 yards and three scores to finish his senior year. Senior wide out Smith snagged 57 passes for 818 yards and eight touchdowns. On the other side of the ball, Ryan Perry topped the Bulldogs with 87 tackles followed by Jr. Arredondo (80) and Ryon Phillips (65). In Strahm's view, this year's team had special issues but equally special to deal with them. "I'm proud of them, first for knowing that going into the season it was going to be a challenge," said the second-year RC coach. "And they never gave up. And they never gave up no matter the score. I think that speaks volumes about the character of the kids we have at Royce City."



Royce City Bulldogs' Preston Corbin (7) nabs the ball for an interception against R.L. Turner during last Saturday's game at Standridge Stadium. In the back are Bulldogs fans, team members and coaches cheering on the big play. Staff photo by Tim Burnett/Rockwall County News

Heritage Christian Academy advances to Bi-District following 54-8 loss to Greenville

Heritage Christian Academy's shot at a share of its district title started so promisingly Saturday – and ended so miserably.

The Eagles scored a touchdown on their first possession to take an 8-0 lead, then stopped Greenville Christian School the first time the home team had the ball.

If the game had ended there, that would have been great for HCA. But it would have had to end then or shortly after for Heritage Christian to win.

Greenville's Eagles pushed HCA back into its end zone for a safety. After taking the next kickoff, GCS scored on a 44-yard pass from Jake Schumann to Nick Nelson and took a 10-8 lead on Nelson's two-point conversion kick. The home team added 44 more points, the last 6 on Tanner Barnes' 12-yard run that ended the game in the third quarter because of six-man football's 45-point mercy rule.

Final score: Greenville Christian 54, Heritage Christian 8. That decision gave Greenville the TAPPS District 2-1 6-Man title with a 3-0 record (9-1 overall). HCA fell to 4-5 overall, 1-3 and in third place in the district.

The third-place finish sent the Eagles into a Bi-District playoff game against TAPPS 3-1 6-Man champion Cedar Park Summit Christian Academy

(8-2). They will play Saturday at 2 p.m. at Rouse High School in Leander.

In the Area round, the winner of that game would play Greenville Christian, which earned a bye through the Bi-District round.

In Saturday's game at Greenville, HCA's touchdown came on freshman quarterback Nathan Mateer's 18-yard pass to his brother, junior wide receiver Aaron Mateer.

For Greenville Christian, quarterback Jake Schumann threw 4 touchdown passes, three of those to fellow senior Nelson.

"We started well, but we couldn't get rolling after that," said HCA head coach Robert Huckabee.

"We had some good plays here and there, but we couldn't stop them very well. They've got good athletes. They're very explosive and well coached. We just didn't have the talent or experience to respond."

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A enters playoffs against District 3 champ Summit Christian

Heritage Christian Academy Eagles vs. Cedar Park Summit Christian Academy Eagles
 Saturday, Nov. 14, 2 p.m.
 Rouse High School, Leander
 HCA 4-5, Summit Christian 8-2
 Caleb Cathey suffered a hand injury during Heritage Christian's game Saturday at Greenville Christian, and was scheduled to see a doctor. He is the Eagles' leading pass receiver with 22 catches. In addition, coach Robert Huckabee said, "He's one of our best defensive players." In the teams' only previous encounter, HCA defeated Summit Christian 68-19 in a 2006 playoff game at Hobart Wisdom Field. The Cedar Park school opened in 2003. To expect: Summit Christian has a far more explosive offense. Heritage Christian has played about as well as the southern Eagles defense.

Summit has three players who are at least as productive as HCA's overall leader, Austin Pettit. He has accounted for 1,282 yards and 11 touchdowns rushing, passing and receiving.

Compare that to Cedar Park's Jonathan Andrews, 1,082 yards and 39 touchdowns rushing; Samuel Castello, 1,055 yards and 24 TDs passing, and Devin Cortez, 594 receiving yards with 11 scores.

Huckabee said of Summit Christian, under head coach John Bronkhorst, "They're a very good team. They've rebuilt their program. On offense, they do both things – running and passing. Their formation is kind of a Spread."

One of Summit's losses was to Bulverde Bracken Christian, 49-0. The Rockwall Eagles' game against Bracken was canceled, so there is no direct comparison.

For the season, Summit Christian has outscored opponents 564-368 and HCA's opponents have had a 358-256 advantage.

The overriding theme has been inexperience this season for Heritage Christian, whose entire starting lineup from 2008's state runners-up graduated.

Huckabee said of this year's team, "Our guys who have been here in the past traveled with us to the playoffs. So they're used to the routine, but they're not used to being out on the field performing in the playoffs."

Rockwall County Letters to the Editor

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

Hats off to Congressman Hall!
 Congressman Ralph Hall should be congratulated for having the courage to vote against the more than trillion-dollar House-passed health care bill HR 3962 is 2,000 pages of costly new federal requirements that violate major campaign promises. The measure will not reduce health care costs and instead, will add to our nation's burgeoning deficit, severely impact small businesses and millions will lose their current coverage. The Lewin Group found that the public option could cause nearly six of 10 Americans with private coverage — roughly 118 million people — to switch to public insurance. Unlike health insurers, federal insurance programs don't pay state taxes, which will cause a severe dip in state tax revenues. The recession has already left many deeply in the red and a public option would make states' terrible fiscal situation even worse. Congress has rightly set out to both expand insurance coverage and reduce health care costs for all Americans. But, without real and effective measures to reduce health care costs, neither goal is attainable.

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Last down, last game, last loss in Yellow Jackets' season

by Lary Bump

Two fourth-down failures each on offense and defense led to Rockwall's downfall in a season-ending 34-28 loss at Greenville Friday night. The last of those, being closest to the end of the game, was the most damaging for Rockwall (4-6 overall, 2-5 in District 10-4A).

RHS appeared on its way to a game-winning touchdown and extra point with barely a minute remaining. After the Lions broke a 28-28 tie on Dakeiston Williams' 3-yard touchdown run, the Yellowjackets drove from their 28 yard line to the Greenville 18.

On fourth and two, quarterback Adam Dingwell rolled out to his right

and was smothered for a 7-yard loss. From that point, GHS (6-4 overall, 2-3 in District 10-4A) took the clock.

"It was an option play, and they got some penetration," said head coach Scott Smith. It seemed more like a wave of red shirts than a play. Dingwell, with none of his teammates anywhere near.

Smith seemed even more upset with the other fateful fourth-down play. The Jackets had the ball fourth and one at the Greenville 42 yards to play in the first half of a 14-14 tie. Gaining a first down set them up for at least a pass toward the end zone, if not a field goal.

Josh Broach, the game's and district's leading rusher, took a hit from the Lions and headed into the middle of the line. He too ran in for no gain.

Greenville quarterback Alton Dennis, who sat out the first game of the season because of a concussion, skipped practice during the week, did not pass. Instead of throwing as far as he could, Dennis hit N.J. Mason with a short pass. At the Jackets' 40, Mason pitched the ball to Jarvis Williams, the old hook-and-ladder play. Between there and the end zone, the Rockwall players missed tackles or failed to knock Bruner out of the game.

As the half ended, he scored a touchdown that gave Greenville a 14-14 tie. A halftime lead when an excessive celebration penalty took Wilhelm beyond his range with a 35-yard extra point attempt.

"That play before the half was ridiculous," Smith said. "It was a play that should have prepared them better. It should have been 14-14 at the end of the half. Two fourth-down conversions by the Lions kept touchdowns away from us."

Near the end of the first quarter, starting quarterback Jeffro Dennis, on a fourth-and-two snap, evaded a tackler in the backfield and gained 45 yards to the RHS 45. On the second quarter's third play, Dennis slipped before he flipped a pass to Mason that went for a 38-yard touchdown. The game was 7-7.

In the third quarter, the Jackets got to Dennis on fourth and one at the Rockwall 32, but as he was going down he delivered a pass to Mason for 13 yards. Five plays later, Williams ran four yards for a touchdown and Dennis threw a two-point conversion pass to Dijoune Williams for a 28-14 lead.

The Lions needed those points because the Jackets stung them at the end of the quarter. After Rockwall's only fourth-down conversion, a 3-yard pass from Dingwell to Luke Wardell, the quarterback scored on a 10-yard scoring pass to Scott Loy.

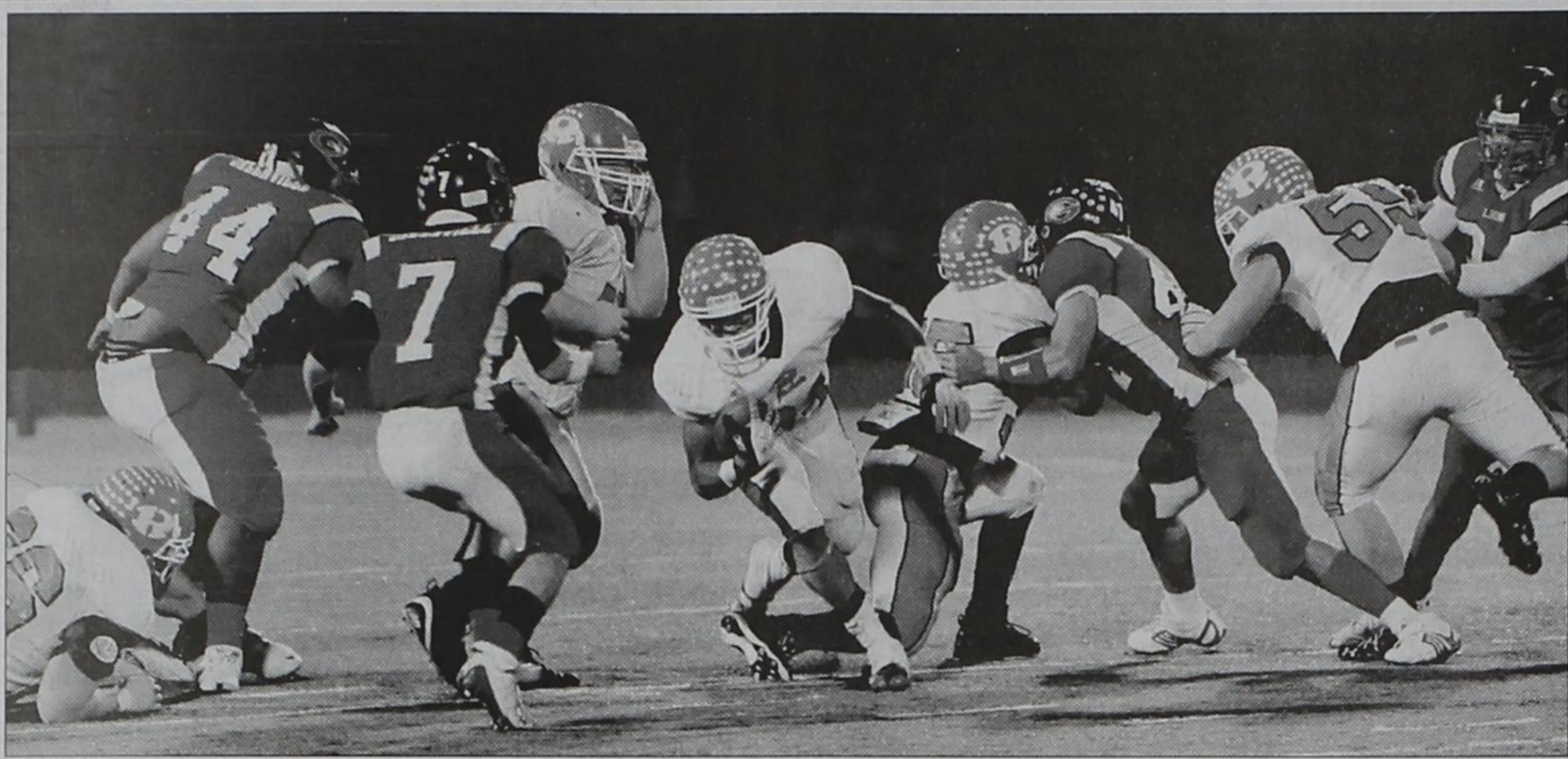
On the kickoff, RHS' Travis Shinn lined the ball past the Greenville's receiving team, and the Jackets recovered at the 50. Five plays later from a yard out, Broach scored his second rushing touchdown of the game and 21st this season to tie the game.

Those two drives and the fourth-quarter march after Greenville's ahead touchdown gave the Yellowjackets hope. Instead, the game ended with its concluding four-game losing streak - ending a season that began with a 14-14 tie.

Smith said, "We had a good chance to win, but you have to outplay Greenville. They did a good job."

The coach rewarded two defenders, senior Darius Lafayette and Jusiah Prowell, with extra playing time because "They were the best players we have been working throughout the week."

Smith also praised defensive end Kyle Cotner, playing his final game, hustling downfield to catch Greenville's Williams at the end of the game before he could score.



Rockwall's Josh Broach runs through a huge hole past Greenville's Dae'shaun Thomas (44) and Michael Risky (7) to gain some of his 161 yards Friday. Among the blockers are Jake Termin (66, far left) and Jacob Roach (59, right). Staff photo by Roy Heath/Rockwall County News

Turner's two-point run rallies RCA to win

Irving The Highlands stopped Stephan Turner and Rockwall Christian Academy's running game, so the quarterback turned to his passing game.

The result was a rally to win a 20-19 squeaker over the Blazers. As a result, RCA finished third in TAPPS District 2-IV at 4-6 overall, 2-2 in the district. The Highlands fell to fourth place at 5-4, 1-3.

Because of that result, the Warriors will open the playoffs against Amarillo Arbor Christian

Academy (5-3), the runner-up in TAPPS 3-IV, and not against district champion Muenster Sacred Heart. That game will be at Arbor Christian Saturday at 6:30 p.m.

The running game didn't work until it absolutely had to.

RCA trailed 19-12 before Turner and Charlie Wilson improvised a pass play that went for 80 yards and a touchdown.

"When Stephan walked to the line, he saw that their safety was shifting to one side of the field. He

checked the play at the line, and with no safety in the center of the field, he knew Charlie could get open to the other side. That shows how far Stephan has come along (in his first year) playing quarterback," said Rockwall Christian head coach Caleb Palmer.

That still left the Warriors behind by a point, but with a conversion kick and pass missing earlier, Palmer chose to go for the lead with a two-point running play.

Turner sprinted out to the left and fought his way into the end zone.

Palmer said, "We couldn't block their one defensive end (Andy McCleneghen) who's about 6'7" and 250 pounds. That's the first time anybody's given us trouble stopping our run. On the extra point, their big kid and the safety hit Stephan at about the 2 yard line, but he ran through them. What people don't realize is how strong Stephan is. He benches over 300 pounds."

After that score, the Blazers moved the ball into RCA territory and completed a pass on to McCleneghen on fourth down. Turner, Wilson and Raymon Stewart combined to stop the tight end short of first-down yardage.

Palmer said, "I told Stephan, 'Now it's time for you to take over the football game.' To run out the clock, we had to get a first down. He sprinted out to the right for about a 30-yard run." And a game-clinching first down.

Wilson, the Warriors' leading pass receiver, hadn't caught a pass a week earlier in a 45-0 romp over Dallas A+ Academy. But for the second time this season, he came up big when Turner wasn't able

to carry the team. The first had been at McKinney Christian when Turner sat out the second half.

Against the Blazers, Wilson caught eight passes for 171 yards and two touchdowns.

Turner also opened the game's scoring with a 9-yard scoring pass to Aaron Eastin.

Pounding the ball on the ground, The Highlands came back with two of Alex Pier's three touchdown runs to take a 13-12 half-time lead. Pier's 15-yard run in the fourth quarter stretched the lead to seven points, but David Figy's extra-point kick failed.

And they're off on another girls' basketball season at Rockwall High School. At times in their opening game Monday at Parish Episcopal, the Lady Jackets were in too much of a rush. Their head coach, Jill McDill, pointed out that they were nervous out of the starting gate.

"We talked about having 4 out of our 10 players who have played varsity basketball before. That was very evident at the start, when we were being a little timid," she said.

That inexperience and the fast pace of a game with both teams pressing created 10 turnovers by

Lady Jackets win opener, travel to Belton tournament

Rockwall in the first half alone. "We don't want to have more than 12," McDill said. The second half was just slightly better - with nine turnovers for a total of 19.

Some of those turnovers were for traveling, which the officials were calling very tightly.

"If you find out they're calling it that way, you stop doing it," McDill said. That kind of reaction to officiating comes with experience.

The game's outcome was rarely in doubt. RHS took a 9-0 lead on Peyton Adamson's first two

3-point field goals and a 3-point play by Alyssa Dorian Law. Lady Panthers answered with two next four points, but they went on a seven-point run to lead 16-4 after one quarter.

The Lady Jackets exploded in the second quarter, leading in each quarter to their most experienced players. Their most experienced players were Adamson, finished with 29 points, and Vertashia Dean, a key player on the bench last year, added 18 points.

She and Lang had eight apiece. The fourth returner, Aimee Coleman, had two steals by RHS' aggressive

The fifth starter against Panthers was sophomore guard Kayla Smith. She assists and two steals with time with freshman Mor McDill said, "We rebounded and ran the floor well. emphasis in our last scrimmage today was defense. Our goal is to hold each team to 40 or less points. We did that."

Rockwall's roster also includes Brittany Griffin, Caitlin Castillo and Shelby Schumacher. "We have some depth," McDill, whose 2006-07 champions went with six players. "They're all working hard to play well. This could be a good group."

Repeating their District 10 championship from last year, they are likely to be as difficult as last year's district schedule the Lady Jackets will face.

They'll play top teams from Texas and other states in Meadows holiday tournament. McDill pointed out other scheduled non-district opponents. "Bishop Lynch is good. Plano West is very good. West Mesquite is ranked in the state polls."

In the Texas Association of Basketball Coaches preview, West Mesquite was 13th, below Rockwall.

The Lady Jackets' first test is this weekend's District 10 Chisholm Trail Classic by Belton High School. The first game in the tournament is Thursday against Kerrville. The Lady Jackets have a game scheduled there Friday, a two Saturday.

Adamson said, "I'm very excited to go to it. I think we'll play there well. We'll have a challenge."

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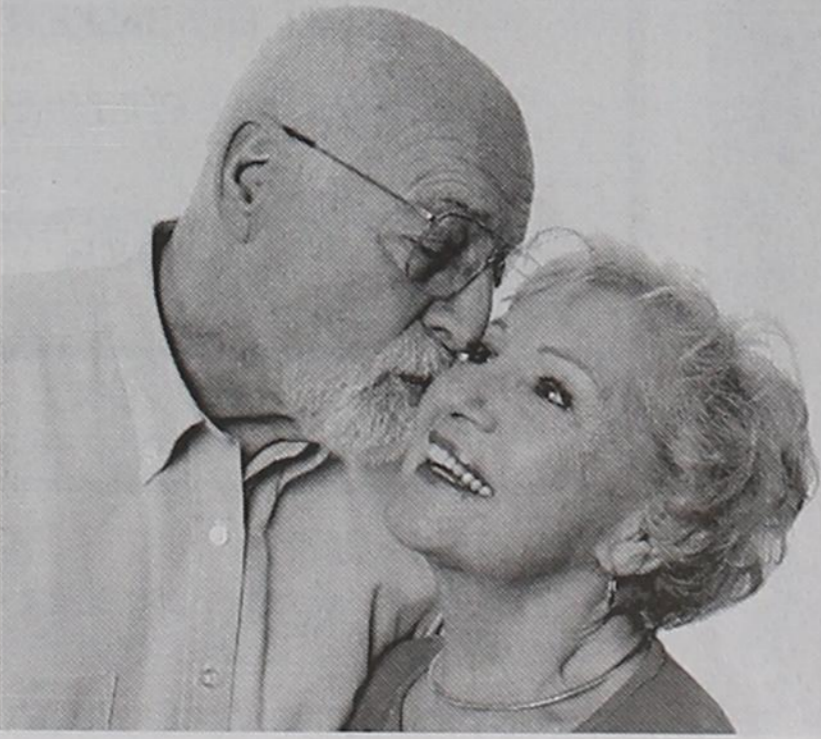
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Hawks shake off 45-10 loss to Scots; face Liberty in playoff opener tonight

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HIGHLAND PARK — Clunk. Clunk. Clunk. A muffled crashing sound heard emanating from Highlander Stadium Friday was the sound of the Rockwall-Heath Hawks' hopes as District 10-4A champions doing a face-plant on the Scots' turf last Friday.

It was hoped to be a matchup reminiscent of last year's epic overtime, when Heath pulled off an overtime stunner to end Highland Park's year-long district game winning streak, the 6th-ranked Scots established who the best team was this time around, rolling to a dramatic win.

It caused the Hawks (7-3, 5-2) to tumble from what would have been a championship had they prevailed, all the way to third in the standard Highland Park (9-1, 7-0) and Newman Smith (8-2, 6-1).

Because of the two-division 4A classification, the Hawks won't have about seeing either the Scots or the Trojans again in the post-season which gets underway tonight when Heath faces struggling Frisco (5-5) at Wylie ISD Stadium.

Last year, when Heath and Highland Park were both unbeaten in the district, and the game saw-sawed back and forth until the Hawks pulled off a victory to earn the school's first District 10-4A championship in the Scots showed a new wrinkle:

Their offense was its usual productive self, putting up near its season average of 49 points per game, the Scots' defense gave up less than half that average of 24 points per game allowed.

Highland Park's defense was so dominant that Heath managed to muster only 17 yards of total offense, more than 200 below their season average.

Into the game averaging 204 rushing yards per game, the Hawks managed only 94, almost all of which came on sophomore Dorian Lawry's legs for 86 yards.

In the air, where Hawks' quarterback Kevin Rodgers had averaged 200 yards a game, Heath finished with only 127 yards.

He was just 9-of-26 passing, well below his season completion average of 60 percent. He did find Cameron Wilson for a 41-yard TD, the Hawks' only touchdown, which came with 1:15 left in the third quarter.

Scots, strong-armed senior quarterback Luke Woodley sliced up the secondary for 344 yards and three scores and also ran for another 100 yards.

Although he didn't score, senior wide out Chris Hipps, the top DFW receiver, ran free most of the night in the Hawks' secondary, finishing with 159 yards.

There was any doubt the Scots didn't remember what happened in the game despite having a 28-point lead.

It was a key for Heath, Frisco Liberty, the fourth seed out of District 9-4A, to present the same kind of matchup problems as the Scots.

First-and-second-and-throw-perhaps-third team that averages 287.3 yards a game, the Redhawks feature two 1,000-yard backs in Jay Ajayi (1,175 yards) and Malcom Hill (1,121). Ajayi has scored 15 touchdowns while Hill has scored 10 times.

Heath's quarterback Brandon Brotzman has thrown only 111 passes, completed 6 for just 656 yards with almost as many picks (5) as touchdowns.

The Redhawks' leading receiver with 15 receptions for 186 yards and 3 scores.

The Hawks will counter with more of a balanced attack, led by Rodgers' arm and signal caller has thrown for 2,151 yards and 13 scores with six touchdowns as well as having run for 365 yards and three TDs.

More Dorian Lawry has rushed for 917 yards with 13 scores. Senior Lawry is second on the team in rushing with 507 yards.

Top receivers for the Hawks are Cameron Wilson (34 catches for 588 yards and seven touchdowns), Ryan Peterson (34, 589, 3), Clark Pope (27, 589, 1) and Tyler Harding (25, 289, 1).

A common opponent for Heath and Liberty has been Sherman (8-1) which clipped the Hawks 40-31 in the season opener and jumped out to a 48-14 win against Liberty on the way to a 48-14 win three weeks ago.

Heath vs. Frisco Liberty
 Date: Nov. 14, 7:30 p.m.
 Location: Wylie ISD Stadium

Heath (7-3) lost to Highland Park 45-10. Liberty (5-5) lost to Frisco 35-14.

Heath has the ball: QB Kevin Rodgers is 145-for-244 with 6 picks and 13 TDs. RB Dorian Lawry has run for 917 yards and scored 13 TDs. Cameron Wilson has 39 catches for 588 yards and 7 scores. WR Ryan Peterson has 34 catches for 589 yards and 4 scores.

Liberty has the ball: QB Brandon Brotzman is 56-of-111 for 656 yards and 7 TDs. RB Jay Ajayi has run for 1,175 yards and 15 TDs. RB Malcom Hill has run for 1,121 yards and 10 TDs and has 15 catches for 186 yards.

Scots: none reported.

A visits Amarillo Arbor Christian in playoff opener

Rockwall Christian Academy Warriors at Amarillo Arbor Christian Academy Lions
 Date: Saturday, Nov. 14, 6:30 p.m.
 Location: Arbor Lions Stadium
 Odds: RCA 4-6, Arbor 5-3

Arbor's Cody Wallace will be back from a fractured collarbone, but at Rockwall Warriors head coach Caleb Palmer wasn't sure whether guard Ryan Lee (concussion and strained neck) would be able to play.

Each said Wallace, an all-state linebacker in 2007 and '08, could play as a corner or cornerback at different times.

Arbor Christian is in just its second season of 11-man football. The Warriors and RCA haven't met before.

What to expect: This could be a battle between two outstanding offensive quarterbacks.

Arbor's quarterback Stephan Turner has run for 1,506 yards and passed for 1,888. He has accounted for 32 touchdowns — 18 rushing, 11 passing and 3 punting. Arbor Christian's star is 6'2", 203-pound running back Tyler Turner, also a multiple threat.

Turner said, "He plays fullback and splits out as a receiver sometimes. He's quick and fast, and he's a stud linebacker too."

Arbor has a pretty good quarterback (sophomore Nathan Melugin) and a pretty good running back (sophomore Puschman) who has run for 1,121 yards. They're pretty balanced between running the ball and passing.

The Lions' last two games, Puschman ran for five touchdowns in a 48-14 victory over Fort Worth Lake Country and caught three TD passes in a 35-14 loss to Muenster Sacred Heart.

In that game, Arbor Christian lost the TAPPS District 1-IV title to Sacred Heart 34-31. The Warriors also lost to the Muenster team 35-20 in their district game.

The team's other common opponent has been Watauga Harvest Christian, which defeated RCA 28-6 in the opening game and lost to Arbor Christian a month ago. Under coach Bret Bethke, the Lions run a multiple offensive and play a 4-4 defense. Arbor Christian is a deep team with 27 players on the roster (to 18 for RCA) and 20 lettermen back from last season.

Arbor's offense has averaged about 30 points per game, but Arbor Christian has shown a much better defense than the Warriors have. The Warriors have outscored their opponents 237-163; RCA has been outscored 101-101.

Turner said it was likely that the Warriors would travel to Amarillo Friday and return home after Saturday's game.



Heath wide receiver Cameron Wilson (7) hauls in one of his three receptions in the Hawks' District 10-4A game against Highland Park at Highlander Stadium last Friday. Wilson ended the game with 63 receiving yards, including a 41-yard touchdown catch, in the Hawks' 45-10 loss. He is defended on the play by the Scots' Jack Bush (17).
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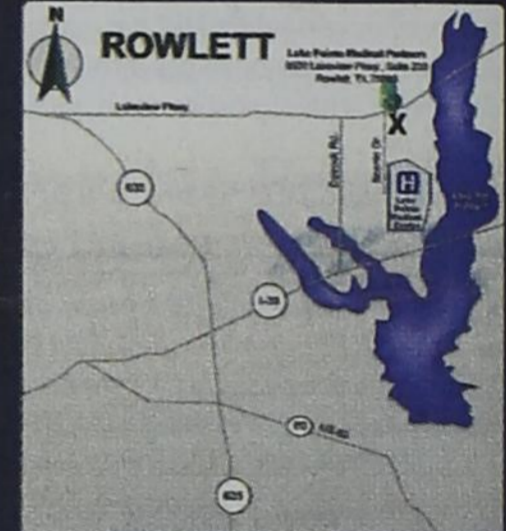
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Receive the Holy Ghost...Acts 2:38

In this series on the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ, I briefly addressed John 20:22 where Jesus commanded his disciples to receive the holy ghost. He did not command them to do so every moment, but at a future time. That time came on the day of Pentecost as recorded in Acts 2:4, "And they were filled with the Spirit and began to speak with other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance."

The word "receive" is not used in the above verse, Peter used it when he explained to others in the temple what they had just seen in Acts 2:14-41. Peter used the word "receive" in response to the question, "...what shall we do?" (Acts 2:37).

On Peter's reply, "Then Peter said unto them, 'Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.'" Here, the word "receive" is lambano in the earlier known Greek texts, and meant to seize or hold of something.

The explanation perfectly described what happened in Acts 2:4. A close study of Acts 2:4 and 2:38 will show that both verses describe different ways, two different conditions being met. They were filled with the Holy Spirit. This parallels being baptized in the name of Jesus for the remission of sins.

Repentance cannot be met unless people repent. To repent means to change your mind about something. Romans 10:9-10 reveals that we must confess with our hearts that God raised Jesus from the dead in order to be saved.

Righteousness is the descriptor for the state of being up to par with God. Righteousness can only exist when somebody is filled with Holy Spirit. In the context, repentance is to change from believing something else, to believing with the heart that God raised Jesus from the dead. God made it possible to become truly righteous.

When the condition was met when they began to speak in tongues, it parallels the second part of Acts 2:38, "receive the gift of the Holy Ghost." Please note that the words "you shall" before the word "receive" are not found in the earlier Greek texts. With this in mind, the words, "be baptized...in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost." Peter gave them a command to be baptized just as Jesus gave the command to him (John 13:10).

When they began to speak in tongues, they immediately received, or seized unto, the gift of the Holy Ghost. First they were filled with Holy Spirit, then they seized unto it. Was it accomplished by these two conditions? They became God's people by His true spiritual seed.

They were born-again not with corruptible seed, but with incorruptible seed, the word of God which lives and abides forever (1 Peter 1:23).

The ever living and abiding words from God that sprang out of them as rivers of living waters when they began to speak in tongues. The words given while speaking in tongues, were directly from the Spirit of God. As they opened their mouths and began to speak, the words from God immediately energized the new birth in each of them individually through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Last Puzzle Solution

Sports Notes

Youth basketball registration extended

The Rockwall County YMCA has extended its youth basketball registration period until Sunday. Parents will receive a call following the coaches' meeting with details about practice dates and times. For more details on the program call the YMCA at 972-772-YMCA.

Christian Corneau Memorial Run set

The 2nd Annual Go the Distance Memorial Run, established to remember 13-year-old local resident Christian Corneau, who died in a 2006 accident, will begin in the Rockwall YMCA parking lot Nov. 21. The event will include a one-mile walk (8 a.m.) and a 5K run (9 a.m.). Registration will cost \$25; everyone is welcome to participate. Those who register at the YMCA by today will be guaranteed a run T-shirt. Money raised will benefit the Partners Campaign, the YMCA's fund designed to help those unable to afford to participate in YMCA programs.

RTU plans Toys for Tots benefit tourney

Rockwall Tennis Unlimited will host a Nov. 21 doubles tournament. This open-to-the-public event will run from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m., and admission will be one unwrapped toy per player. Non-players may donate toys as well by dropping them off during the event at the RHHS tennis courts (checks made out to Toys for Tots also will be accepted) or at the Chandler Landing Club. To register for the tournament, visit rockwalltennisunlimited.com, complete the entry form and mail to Joe Taylor, 5511 Australia Court or RTU, 10 Stillwaters Drive, Rockwall 75032 by Nov. 18. Contact lamajo@sbcglobal.net or rahmanzadeh1@sbcglobal.net for more details.

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- 5 TXism: "cold" _____ outhouse seat in January
- 6 HOV _____ in Dallas or Houston
- 7 McCook FM
- 8 TX Ginger Rogers' "It _____ to Be You"
- 9 TX Roddenberry's genre: _____-fi
- 12 TXism: "smack _____ the middle"
- 17 TXism: "_____ been a snake it would have bit you"
- 19 TXism: "lasted as long as a June bug _____ house"
- 21 TXism: "_____ caged cougar"
- 22 Fort Worth businessman who financed "Biosphere 2"
- 23 zodiac signs of TX actor Larry Hagman, et al.
- 28 "Bevo" is the _____ of the UT mascot
- 29 '81 film with TX-born Bessie Love
- 30 TX rancher Chuck Norris '79 film: "_____ of One"
- 31 "terms _____"
- 35 TX Rip Torn '78 film: "_____ Cowboy"
- 36 TXism: "pulled _____ the fire" (saved the day)
- 42 little dish for some TX seafood (2 wds.)
- 44 during this Comaneci's tour in '81, Bela Karolyi deflected to Houston sung by TX-born Mathis: "Fly Me _____"
- 46 TX George Strait's age on 5/18 of 2013 (2 wds.)
- 49 Metroplex bikers ride in the "Big Texas _____ Run" every December
- 50 trigonometric function
- 51 penniless
- 52 stitch
- 53 Gov. Richards and TX-born actress Miller
- 54 TX pro golfer Bob 2,000 lbs.
- 57 TX Charley Pride's "Then Who _____?"
- 58 _____ River
- 9 Dallas singer: "Sam the _____"
- 10 a good amount of "The National Beer of Texas" (4 wds.)
- 11 Lupino of "The Devil's Rain" with TX-born Joan Prather
- 12 TX Tanya's "Texas When I _____"
- 13 Athens, TX event: "Fiddlers Contest _____"
- 14 this Laufenberg was back-up to Troy and is now a TV sportscaster
- 15 TX Trini sang "If _____ a Hammer"
- 16 not in TX: "Loch _____ Monster"
- 27 small TX wild cat with black spots
- 32 "_____ la la"
- 33 Austin univer.
- 34 TX Linda Ellerbee's "And _____ It Goes"
- 36 _____ Colony, TX
- 37 _____ and haws"
- 38 this TX-born Broady was '88 "Playmate"
- 39 TX does not have a _____ income
- 40 boot aromas
- 41 fish appendage
- 43 TXism: "he's a few bricks _____ of a load"
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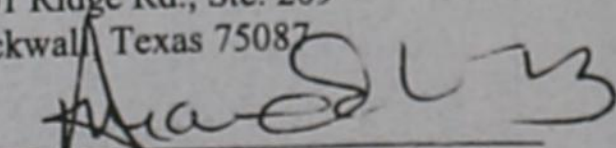
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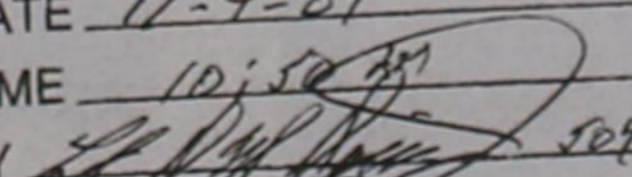
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Rockwall County Obituaries

Alexander 'Alex' Hamilton

Services for Alexander "Alex" Hamilton, 20, of Rockwall were conducted at 2 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 10, 2009, in Lake Pointe Church with Pastor Steve Stroope officiating. Burial followed in the Rest Haven Memorial Park under the direction of the Rest Haven Funeral Home-Rockwall Chapel.

He died Nov. 5.

Born March 17, 1989, in Dallas to Douglas and Janet (Alexander) Hamilton, he was a full-time student at Collin County College and attended Lake Pointe Church in Rockwall. He was a 2007 graduate of Rockwall High School where he played football, lettered in football and track and was awarded Second Team All-District in football. He attended UNT, where he also enjoyed playing football.

Survivors include his parents of Rockwall; his sisters, Lyndse Hamilton of Edmond, Okla., and Kristen Hamilton of Richardson; his girlfriend, Annette Martinez of Rockwall; his grandparents, Clyde and Freda Hamilton of Dallas and Marvin and Marilyn Alexander of Rockwall; his aunts and uncles, Diane and Chuck Christiano of Racine, Wisc., Don and Rhonda Hamilton of Sunnyvale and Dennis and Kathie Bailey of Heath; numerous cousins; and his beloved dog, Dodge.

The family has suggested memorial contributions may be made to Solutions Outpatient Rehab, 5327 N. Central Expressway #333, Dallas, TX 75205-3381.

Leonides "Leon" Sanchez

Services for Leonides "Leon" Sanchez, 55, of Rockwall were conducted at 2 p.m. Nov. 5, 2009, in the Rest Haven Funeral Home-Rockwall Chapel with Dr. Aubrey Patterson officiating. Burial followed at 9:30 a.m. Nov. 6 in the Dallas/Fort Worth National Cemetery.

He died Nov. 4.

Born Sept. 3, 1954, in Taylor to Jose and Anastacia (Silva) Sanchez, he was a security guard. He enjoyed reading his Bible and quoting scriptures and spending time with his children and grandchildren. He was a Dallas Cowboys fan and a member of the Covenant Church in Dallas.

Survivors include his children and family, Angie Sanchez and Jerri Davis of Lavon, Rachel Melara and her husband, Sergio, of Garland and Alicia Sanchez and Leon Sanchez of Garland; his grandchildren, Brenna Davis, Xavier Sanchez, Federico Melara, Anthony Reyes and Liliana Melara; his brother, Joe Sanchez Jr. and his wife, Charlotte, of Sims; his sisters, Amparo Molina and her husband, Teo, Sara Alfaro and her husband, Juan, Sofia Soto, Amelia Wohlegmuth and her husband, Richard, and Gracie Hall; as well as Vannie Hampton and Bonnie Sanchez; and a large extended family.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

O.T. 'Bill' Stanfield

Services for O.T. "Bill" Stanfield, 90, of Garland were conducted at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Nov. 10, 2009, in the Rest Haven Funeral Home-Rockwall Chapel with Pastor Wayne Brashear officiating. Burial followed in the Rest Haven Memorial Park.

He died Saturday, Nov. 7.

Born April 18, 1919, in Rockwall to John and Nancy (Bowman) Stanfield, he served in the U.S. Navy during World War II and retired as a general contractor in residential and commercial construction in Dallas and the surrounding area. A resident of Garland for 38 years, he was a member of the Church in the City in Rowlett.

Survivors include his daughter, Dorothy Duncan and her husband, Harold, of Garland; his grandchildren, Heather and Bradley Dickens and Courtney and Kelly Hass, all of Rockwall; his great-grandchildren, Braeden Hass, Griffin Hass and Amelia Dickens, all of Rockwall; and his sister-in-law, Dorothy Stanfield of Rockwall.

He was preceded in death by his parents and his wife, Robbie Fay Stanfield, in 2000.

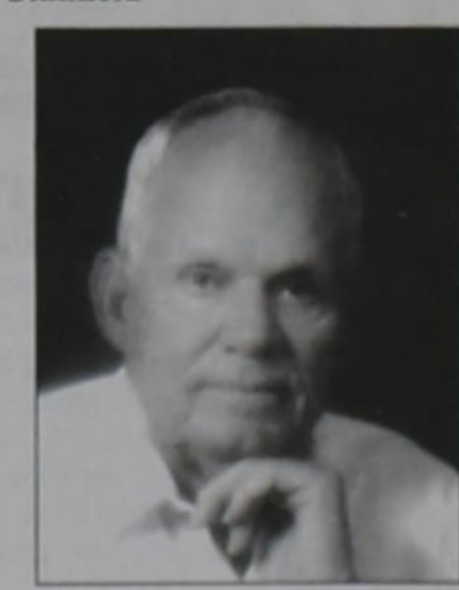
James Riley Storie

James Riley Storie died unexpectedly on Oct. 13, 2009.

His ashes will be scattered in the Pacific Ocean.

Born in Texarkana, Ark., on Jan. 9, 1940, to Vernon and Opal Storie, he was a veteran of the U.S. Navy and was loved by all who knew him.

Survivors include his father, Vernon Storie; his sister and brother-in-law, Linda and Bill Houghton; his brother and sister-in-law, Roy and Debbie Storie; his nieces, Stacey Ridgely and Lisa Storie; and his nephews, Allen Storie and Stephen and Robert McPherson.



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Rockwall County People Features



Members of Girl Scout Troop 2890 participated in the Lone Star CASA Speak up for Kids 5K Run on Saturday, Nov. 7. The girls handed out water to participants as they ran through the neighborhoods. Here troop members Sarah P. Germesha, Hunter and Sara B. stand ready with cool water for the next runners that jog past.

Photo Courtesy of Ami Brandow/Rockwall County News



The fourth graders at Nebbie Williams Elementary put on a perfect patriotic show for parents on Tuesday evening. The program, "America, of Thee I Sing," included songs such as The Stars and Stripes Forever, Allegiance Rap and God Bless America. The children held small flashlights as they sang God Bless America. It was an entertaining and enjoyable evening for everyone. Clarice Elliott is the director at the school.

Photo Courtesy of Renee Ramirez/Rockwall County News



Dorris Jones Elementary sixth grade students recently visited the University of Texas-Arlington campus. The group toured the campus commons area and enjoyed a planetarium show that allowed them to travel through space to examine the night skies over Texas. The group also was entertained at the Science Ambassador's Magic of Science Show, where undergraduate students displayed scientific experiments that included flammable bubbles, frozen flowers, changing flames and balloons frozen in liquid nitrogen.

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Cullins-Lake Pointe Elementary fifth graders recently received a living history lesson from Rockwall resident Susan Turek. Turek lived in England during her early childhood and teen years and shared her experiences and some artifacts of that nation with the Cullins students. Turek's visit was selected as part of the fifth graders' study of Colonial America. She spent three days, Nov. 11-13 at Cullins-Lake Pointe. Here Turek is shown with Cullins students (front row left to right) Brandon Hope, Kimberly Iwamoto, Dawson Alt, Paulina Ngo, Taylor Holbrook, guest lecturer Susan Turek, and Corban Hayes.

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The District 4 Consumer Decision Making Contest was held Oct. 24 at Texas A&M Commerce. The Rockwall Junior Team, consisting of Jack Conner, Olivia Donaldson, Victoria Reynolds and Reece Simpson, won First Place High Point Team. Reece was First Place High Individual and Victoria was Third Place High Individual. The Intermediate Team of Bobbie Carr, Cole Donaldson and Bradley Simpson were Second Place High Point Team. Bobbie was First Place High Point Individual. Senior 4-H member Laura Donaldson also competed and placed Third High Individual in Reasons. Team members are (back row left to right) Cole Donaldson, Laura Donaldson, Bradley Simpson, Bobbie Carr, (middle row) Olivia Donaldson, Jack Conner, (front row) Reece Simpson and Victoria Reynolds.

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Students at Poetry Community Christian School had a very special visitor recently as Sparkle Tooth Fairy visited students in primer through third grade. Sparkle presents her program to Texas elementary schools for free to inform and encourage students about proper dental habits. The program is sponsored by Just For Kids Dental in Forney. Sparkle is shown here encouraging students (left to right) Jacob Ward, Alexia Taramona, Shelby Lowe, Brandi Alsbrook, Chandler Gift and Audrey Berg to take good care of their teeth.

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Amy Parks Elementary School students Emily Miller, Sumer Eason, Anne-Marie Thacker and Sophia Story are shown wearing hats as part of the recent Hat Day observance at the school. Hat Day was part of Red Ribbon Week at Amy Parks, which was observed Oct. 26-30. Each day had a theme designed to encourage students to steer clear of drug abuse.



Dobbs Elementary KC Club sponsored an eyeglass drive to collect used eyeglasses that were then donated to people who cannot afford new glasses. Dobbs KC Club stands for Kindness and Compassion. The club was formed to reflect and encourage the Rachel's Challenge philosophy, Others Before Self.

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