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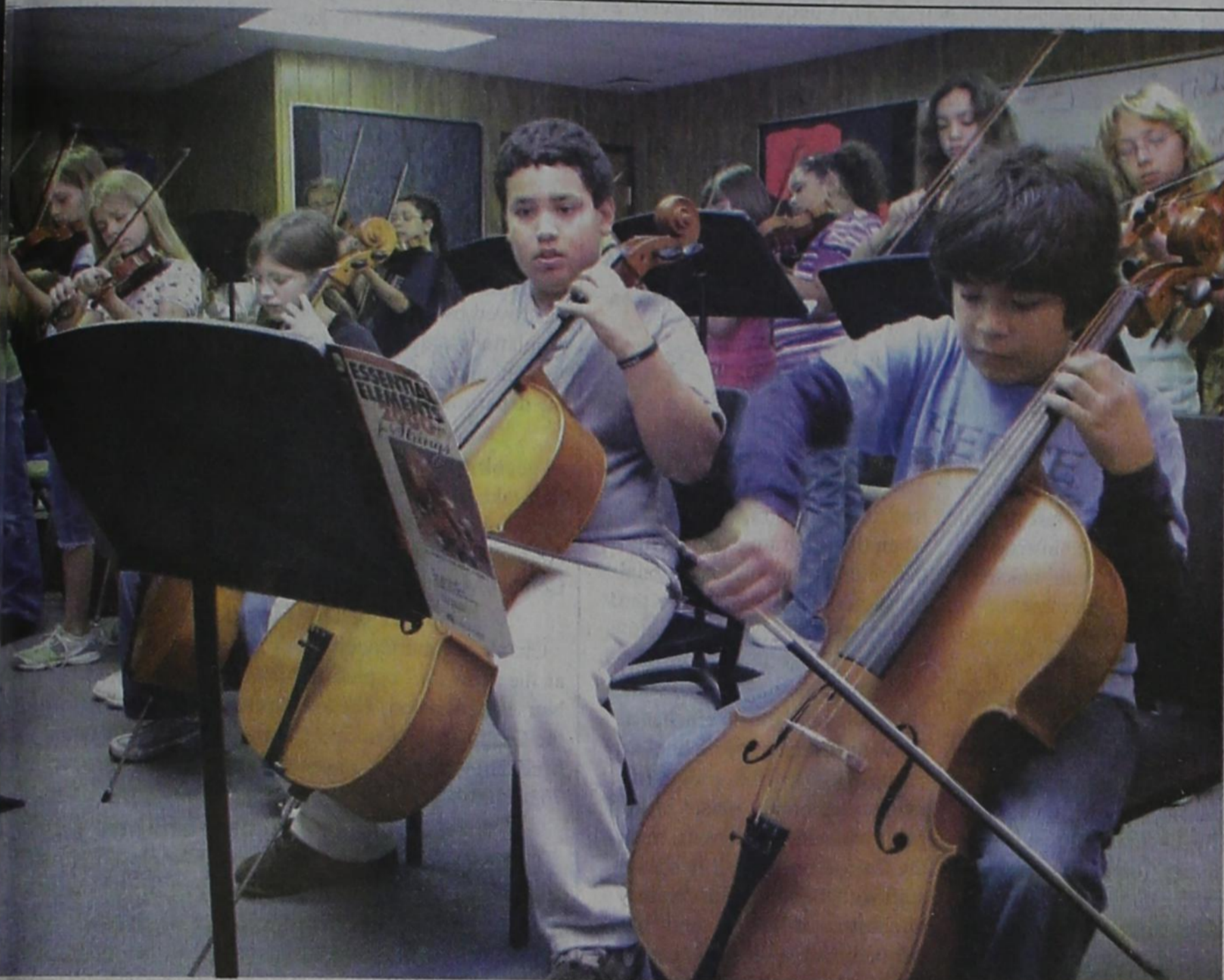
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Members of the first ever Rockwall ISD orchestra practice for their inaugural concert scheduled for 6:30 p.m., Tuesday, Nov. 28 at Rockwall Heath High School. The orchestra is made up of fifth and sixth grade students from all 12 elementary schools. Musicians on violin and viola are (front row from left) Hannah Nguyen, Julia Dietz and Megan Newton, on cello Krista English, Jorge Guerrero and Manuel Aguillon, (back row from left) Madison Livingston, Destiny Salazar and Taylor Schumacher.
Staff photo by Kathy Williams

Rockwall ISD music department begins orchestra in elementary schools

by Kathy Williams

Rockwall ISD has always been known for its stellar music education program, with many new musicians picking up their first instruments in the sixth grade. The two award-winning high school music departments, which include marching and concert bands, are testaments to the high standards and excellent musical instruction students receive.

The creation of Rockwall ISD's first orchestra program adds another dimension to the district's commitment to producing well-rounded students. "Dr. Burton knew there was an element of child we were missing in the music department," according to Tracy Davis, RISD orchestra coordinator, speaking of district superintendent Dr. Gene Burton. "He made it happen, along with the other superintendents."

There are approximately 250 fifth and sixth grade students signed up for the elective orchestra program at the 12 RISD elementary schools. Students practice three times a week during the school day. Four instruments are currently being taught, including violin, viola, cello and bass.

Although orchestra is only offered this year to fifth and sixth graders, Davis said next year it will be offered in the middle schools, and eventually the high schools will have orchestra as part of their music departments.

City of Heath considers annexation, zip code issue

by Kathy Williams

Heath City Council met for an abbreviated regularly scheduled meeting on election night, Nov. 4, to act on only a few agenda items. Participants on both side of the council table were anxious to get the city's business, but also be home in time to watch elections.

Resolutions regarding annexation by the City were read and discussed, with only one point of concern brought forth by citizens in affected areas. It was stated that the Postmaster has assigned a zip code address to some Rockwall County residents, even though they are considered residents of Heath, paying Heath taxes and attending Rockwall ISD schools.

Council members and City Manager Ed Thatcher discussed ways to address the properties given a Heath address after the annexation, including discussions with the Postmaster or soliciting assistance from congressional representatives. It was also suggested that the City request its own zip code for all residents to use.

John Ratcliffe said he would contact Rep. Ralph Hall to address the issue and begin any steps necessary to correct the confusion and assignments.

Water reservoir concerns

Other business, the council acted on information concerning an underground water storage reservoir shared with the City of Rockwall. Rockwall officials have informed the City of Heath that the reservoir is reaching capacity in the shared reservoir. Heath is currently using one-third of the three million gallon reservoir with Rockwall. The reservoir was constructed two years ago on land owned by the City of Rockwall, and Rockwall is currently using their one-third share of the reservoir.

As new homes are added in Heath, the demand for water increases. Current projections show that the one million gallon capacity is being utilized and plans for additional ground storage capacity are being developed to be in place by the year 2010. The City of Rockwall said it would like to purchase the reservoir to Heath that they currently have excess capacity in their reservoir, but that they will need the capacity by the year 2010 due to growth in their own city.

After reviewing three options, the Council voted to accept Rockwall's offer to purchase its two million gallon share of the tank, and opt for construction of new facilities.

Newspaper of Record

At its third issue acted on by the Council, members voted on a resolution designating an official newspaper of record for the city, and to annually select the Dallas Morning News. Each October, at the start of a new fiscal year, municipalities are charged with designating a newspaper for publishing legal notices, ordinances and other information required by law to be published.

The council discussed bids sent in by four area newspapers: The Rockwall County Herald Banner, the Dallas Morning News and the Rockwall County News. All except the Rockwall County News submitted bids with legal notices billed by the inch; the RCN bid was its lowest classified advertising

rate of \$.75 per word.

City Secretary Stephanie Galanides told council members she and City Attorney Pete Eckert had researched and discussed the State requirements and she based her recommendations to the council on his recommendation.

The Texas Government Code, Sections 2051.044, 2051.45 and 2051.048, set forth the requirements a newspaper must meet to be designated a newspaper of record. According to Section 2051.044, a newspaper must "devote not less than 25 percent of its total column line to general interest items; be published at least once a week; be entered as second-class postal matter in the county where published, and have been published regularly and continuously for at least 12 months before the government entity or representative publishes notice." Section 2051.045 specifies that the newspaper must charge at its lowest classified advertising rate.

Section 2051.048 spells out that the designated newspaper must be published in the county where the municipality is located, and the newspaper must hold a Second Class permit in the county "where it is published."

Galanides said that the Herald-Banner could not be chosen as the newspaper of record because it does not have a second-class postal permit in Rockwall County.

Several council members asked why the Rockwall County Enterprise-Success was not included in the bid process. Galanides explained that it does not meet statutory requirements as it is not a weekly newspaper and does not have a second-class postal permit.

Heath Assistant City Manager Kim Dobbs said the Rockwall County News advertising rate was considered too high for the city to afford.

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Concrete company terminates plans for plant near Fate

Rockwall County Commissioner David Magness confirmed in a phone conversation late Wednesday, Nov. 12, that Southern Star Concrete, Inc. has withdrawn its contract on a 10-acre tract of land on Hwy. 66 near Fate, where it had applied to build a permanent concrete batch plant.

According to Magness, "the plant will not be built at that location."

Southern Star, with offices in Irving, submitted an application to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) in August 2008 to build a concrete batch plant that would operate continuously, 24-hours a day, seven days a week, 52 weeks a year.

The TCEQ said it has received 46 requests for hearings from area residents concerning the plant's location. The concrete plant

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News Briefs

Scholarship, financial aid event tonight

A College Scholarship and Financial Aid Workshop for students of the Rockwall ISD and their parents will begin at 7:30 p.m. today in the Rockwall High cafeteria. Information on college financing, scholarships, grants and loans will be provided.

Brown Bag Series continues Friday

The Rockwall County Historical Foundation will conduct the monthly lecture of its Brown Bag series at noon on Friday in the Historic Courthouse on the Square. "Brotherhoods and Sisterhoods" will profile organizations with deep Rockwall roots. The lecture will be free and open to the public.

Reservations due for Chamber T'giving luncheon

Reservations for the Roysse City Chamber's Nov. 18 traditional Thanksgiving luncheon must be made by Friday. Catered by Ana Shew, the event will feature Paul and Gina Gray of Business Directories of Texas as speakers. Cost will be \$10. The event will take place at noon in the Melody Room of City Hall. Those planning to attend are asked to bring an item for the food baskets being assembled by the police department. To RSVP, e-mail info@roysecitychamber.com or call 972-636-5000.

Friday blood drive at RHHS gym

A blood drive will run from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday in the south gym at Rockwall-Heath High School. The event is being sponsored by the school's Interact Club, which is affiliated with Breakfast Rotary.

Sheriff's group's chili cook-off is Saturday

The Rockwall Sheriff's Association will host a chili cook-off Saturday at the Rockwall Sheriff's Office, 972 TL Townsend Drive in Rockwall. Set-up begins at 9 a.m., with judging at noon. Cost is \$25 per entry; all proceeds will benefit needy Rockwall County families and children. For details contact Lt. Todd Calkins at 972-204-7112.

Galaxy Ranch School event Saturday

The Galaxy Ranch School, Rockwall, will host its 11th annual Fall Feast & Festival Saturday at the Rocking L Guest Ranch in Wills Point. The event will include pony rides, a dunking booth, hayrides, a children's concert and a Thanksgiving feast. Students are invited to attend with their immediate families at no charge; extended family members may purchase tickets at a cost of \$15 for adults, \$7 for children.

Business Data class offered

A two-session class, "Business Data on the Internet" will be offered Monday and Wednesday at the Rockwall County Library. Class registration may be handled at the library's upstairs reference desk. The class will be conducted in the second-floor tech lab.

Chamber plans members-only event

The Rockwall Area Chamber of Commerce will host a Business After Hours event for its members at The Hilton Bella Harbor from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Nov. 20. Cocktails and hors d'oeuvres will be served. Members planning to attend should RSVP to 972-771-5733 by 5 p.m. Monday.

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Challenging decision...

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The Council subsequently voted to approve the Dallas Morning News as its newspaper of record, apparently based on the belief that it was the least expensive bid submitted.

Questions remain

Questions still linger whether the Dallas Morning News meets the statutory requirements to be a newspaper of record in Rockwall County. The Dallas newspaper does not hold a second-class postal permit in Rockwall County, and it is published in Dallas County, not Rockwall County.

Rockwall County News Publisher Wesley W. Burnett commented that it is his "duty and responsibility to present a formal challenge to the decision because the city selected an unqualified newspaper for publication of required legal notices. We expect the city council to abide by the law, not as they would like it to be, but the law as it is written."

Burnett also suggested the possibility that any action taken by the council on a notice printed in the Dallas Morning News could be legally challenged because "that newspaper is unqualified to serve as the newspaper of record in Rockwall County."

Burnett sent a letter to the mayor, city council member, city manager and assistant city manager requesting that the council rescind its November 4 resolution.

A set of questions related to the decision were also submitted Monday to city officials and the city attorney in an attempt to explain the city's decision. Galanides confirmed the questions had been received, but responses were still being written and were not available at press time.

The Rockwall County News will report responses and findings on the issue as soon as they are received.

RISD orchestra ...

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Davis coordinated the new program during the last school year. At that time, instructors began recruiting and teaching about stringed instruments to determine the level of interest among students.

"Dr. Burton and everyone in the district wants well-rounded students. There's no reason why they can't do sports and play music," Davis said.

The students are currently rehearsing for their inaugural orchestra concert at 6:30 p.m., Tuesday, Nov. 18 at Rockwall Heath High School. Seven selections will be played, including Good King Wenceslas, Jolly Old St. Nicholas, Jingle Bells, Draedel, Oats-Peas-Beans, Bile Them Cabbage Down, and Twinkle Variation & Theme.

The orchestra will also have a spring concert, and plans to attend two competitions, the Trophy Festival and the Sandy Lake Competition. At the Trophy Festival, students will play a solo for a panel of judges and receive critiques of their performance. "It helps them get ready to play for someone other than their teacher," Davis said.

In addition to receiving the judge's comments, students will also be rewarded with a trophy.

Charlsie Griffiths and Ryan Ross join Davis on the orchestra

staff, with the three floating between the elementary schools to lead the orchestra. Davis said when the program expands into the middle schools, additional instructors will be added to the music staff to teach those students.

Prior to moving to Rockwall, Davis was the music teacher at Claybon Elementary School in Forney ISD. She previously taught elementary music in the Midlothian ISD and orchestra in the Carrollton ISD. Davis is on staff with the New Conservatory Orchestra of Dallas and has led summer orchestra camps for Music in the Mountains in Durango, Colorado. Trained as a cellist, she received her Bachelor of Music degree from North Texas State University.

She has worked with the Greater Dallas Youth Orchestra and the SMU summer orchestra. She received her Suzuki String Certification from Texas Christian University and continues as a teacher of Suzuki strings. She is married to Benny Davis, Director of Bands at Rockwall Heath High School. They have two daughters.

Charlsie Griffiths was born in Dallas and began her musical education at the age of five, studying piano and violin. She received her Bachelor and Master of Music degrees from the Juilliard School.

At the age of nine, Griffiths made her debut as a featured soloist with the SMU Conservatory Chamber Orchestra. She was the featured soloist at the Annual White House Holiday Party in 1991, presented by President George H.W. Bush for his staff and their families. Griffiths has been a returning soloist at the annual "Symphony of Toys" at the Morton H. Meyerson Symphony Center in Dallas since 1990.

Griffiths has attended numerous summer festivals, such as Banff, the Cliburn Institute, Hel-Hai Piano Festival in Israel and PianoFest in the Hamptons.

Ryan Ross divides his time as an instructor in Rockwall, as Music Director for the Tyler Youth Orchestra and as an Adjunct Instructor of Music at Tyler Junior College, posts he has held since 2007. He also performs as the Bravura Trombonist.

Ross earned his Bachelor's Degree in Music Performance from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, and recently completed his Master of Music degree in orchestral conducting from Texas Tech University. While in Lubbock, he held a position as Cover Conductor with the Lubbock Symphony Orchestra.

Ross has studied conducting in master classes and festivals throughout North America and Europe.

For more information about the RISD orchestra program, or to see the calendar of events, visit rockwallorchestra.com.

News Briefs

Teen Evening of Wii set at library

Teen Evening of Wii will be conducted at the Rockwall County Library from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday in the Story Room. Students in grades 7 through 12 are invited to participate.

Republican Women to meet

The Rockwall County Republican Women's Club will meet at 6:30 p.m. Nov. 20 at the Keller Williams Real Estate of 2951 Ridge Road, Rockwall. Officers for the coming year will be elected. All area Republican women are invited to attend.

College Awareness Night set Nov. 20

An Elementary Parents College Awareness Night will begin on Nov. 20 in the Dorris Jones Elementary cafeteria. Pair of Rockwall elementary students are invited to learn about middle and high school credit systems and elective program information also will be available on preparing for college academically, financially and mentally. Childcare available; reservation only for children 2 and older; call 214-207-4455.

Church to host health fair

Lake Pointe Church in Rockwall will host a health fair from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Nov. 22 in the church gym, located at I-30 and Ridge Road. A number of services and agencies will be represented. For more details or information on free booth space, contact Cathleen Lewis, 214-899-9925 or cathleenlewis@tx.rr.com.

School district to destroy old files

Records of students who were dismissed or graduated from the Rockwall Special Education Department in 2001 will be destroyed by Dec. 1, according to a RISD news release. Federal regulations require that records no longer needed be destroyed. Anyone interested in obtaining their own records should contact the department at 972-772-1175.

Library book drive set Nov. 22

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

'Grief & the Holidays' talk slated

Chaplain John Cocoris will address "Grief and the Holidays" at the Nov. 24 hospice family luncheon hosted by the Visiting Nurse Association. The event is set for 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Grand Texas Senior's Community, 2491 Country View Lane, McKinney. There is no cost, but reservations are requested; call 733-5500.

Holiday schedule at library

The Rockwall County Library will be closed Nov. 27 through Nov. 30 for the Thanksgiving holidays.

Reception set for Melston

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

Class on Christmas decorating set

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

RC parade, cook-off set Dec. 13

The Roysse City Chamber's annual Christmas Parade and Cook-Off is set for Dec. 13. Festivities will begin at 2 p.m. at the FUMC Family Life Center, including children's games, rides; story time with Mrs. Claus; and chili, hot dogs and more. Chili contest judging will begin at 3 p.m. Carolers will serenade along Main Street prior to the 6 p.m. parade. Santa will be hand for the tree lighting at City Hall. For more details call 636-5000.

Concrete plant ...

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would have been located approximately one mile from an elementary school, within walking distance of several churches and businesses, and within yards of several homes on acreage and in constructed neighborhoods.

Officials from the City of Fate and Rockwall County, as well as State Representative Jody Laubenberg, sent letters to TCEQ stating their concerns with the location and requesting a hearing.

Southern Star is looking at an industrial site on the north of Roysse City, in Collin County, as a possible alternate location for the plant.

Charity chili cook-off Saturday

The Rockwall County Sheriff's Association is hosting its 11th ever chili cook-off, with proceeds going to less fortunate families and children in the county.

The cooking competition will take place Nov. 15 at the Rockwall County Sheriff's office, located at 972 T.L. Townsend Drive north of Utley Middle School. Set-up begins at 9 a.m., with judging starting at noon. The cost is \$25 per entry.

Judges for the day will be Rockwall County Judge Chris Florio, Sheriff Harold Davenson and Fate Mayor Bill Broderick.

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Rockwall Mayor Bill Cecil addresses firefighters and others at Monday's groundbreaking ceremony for a new fire station on south Ridge Road between Hickory Ridge and Springer Elementary School. Photo by Tim Burnett

Rockwall taps Fort Worth firm as builder for new fire stations

For the first time in the city's history, the Rockwall City Council selected a design-build contract for construction of new facilities. The council recently selected Fort Worth-based Speed Fab-Crete as the design-build contractor for two new fire stations at a cost of \$4,686,933. Design-build is a contractual method by which architectural, engineering and construction services are performed under a single contract. This method has become increasingly popular with government entities since Texas first authorized its use for school projects in 1997. All professional entities are on board at the beginning of a project's planning, design-build is considered to be faster and more cost-effective, according to a news release from the contractor. Design-build allows early involvement of subcontractors for discussions on estimating and accuracy in the project's scheduling. The Rockwall contract provides for using the same 11,000-square-

foot floor plan for construction of both buildings; however, one station will have an additional 1,100 square feet for living quarters leased by a private emergency medical contractor for its ambulance attendants. Each station is scheduled to have six equipment bays, male and female sleeping quarters, weight, dining and dayrooms, a kitchen, a shop and an equipment storage room. Formal groundbreaking ceremonies for the two buildings

were conducted earlier this week. Designed by Callahan & Freeman Architects of Fort Worth, the fire stations will be located at opposite ends of the Rockwall city limits in the north and southeast areas of the city. The designs will feature Speed Fab-Crete's pre-cast concrete wall building system. The buildings should be completed by next summer.



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

Library to benefit from book drive
 The Rockwall County library will take place
 may donate books or three collection points
 all High School, Rockwall High School or at the library, located at 1215 E. Rocket Lane - from 10 p.m. on the designated
 book drive is being organized by Rockwall Heath High School senior Matthew Nelson. Retirement to earn his Eagle Scout rank. Eagle Scout is the highest award given by the Boy Scouts of America. Candidates for Eagle have worked for years, fulfilling the many requirements to earn the award, including a certain number of hours, holding leadership positions within the troop, attending camps, and mastering skills as they earn each



Helen Mitchell (seated) with her daughter Linda Duran.

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Rockwall Youth Advisory Council receives three Fulton School students

The Rockwall Youth Advisory Council has appointed three Fulton School students to the committee. Student Tyler Johnson, Garret Burch and Kendall Johnson interviewed for the council and all were selected to join.

Sponsored by the City of Rockwall, the YAC encourages youth participation in local government. Meeting the first Thursday of each month, mem-

bers must complete a project assigned by the City Council and participate in any fundraising associated with the project.

Members periodically attend Council meetings and other City committee and board meetings. They have the opportunity to "shadow" council, board and commission members to gain an understanding of the decision-making process that takes

place in the running of the city and about service to citizens.

The YAC conducts periodic youth town hall meetings to hear input from area youth on issues concerning them and the city. Members of the YAC are able to make recommendations to the City Council related to those issues and activities. Service hours are offered to the members for time spent as volunteers at city-sponsored events, fundraisers, and non-profit functions.

YAC members also attend an annual statewide Youth Advisory Council summit to enrich their understanding of local government and mix with other youth to share their experiences.

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Tyler Johnson, Garrett Burch and Kendall Johnson (left to right), all students at The Fulton School in Heath, have been appointed to the Rockwall Youth Advisory Council. Sponsored by the City of Rockwall, the council encourages youth participation in local government and mentoring opportunities with City Council and Board members.
Photo courtesy of The Fulton School

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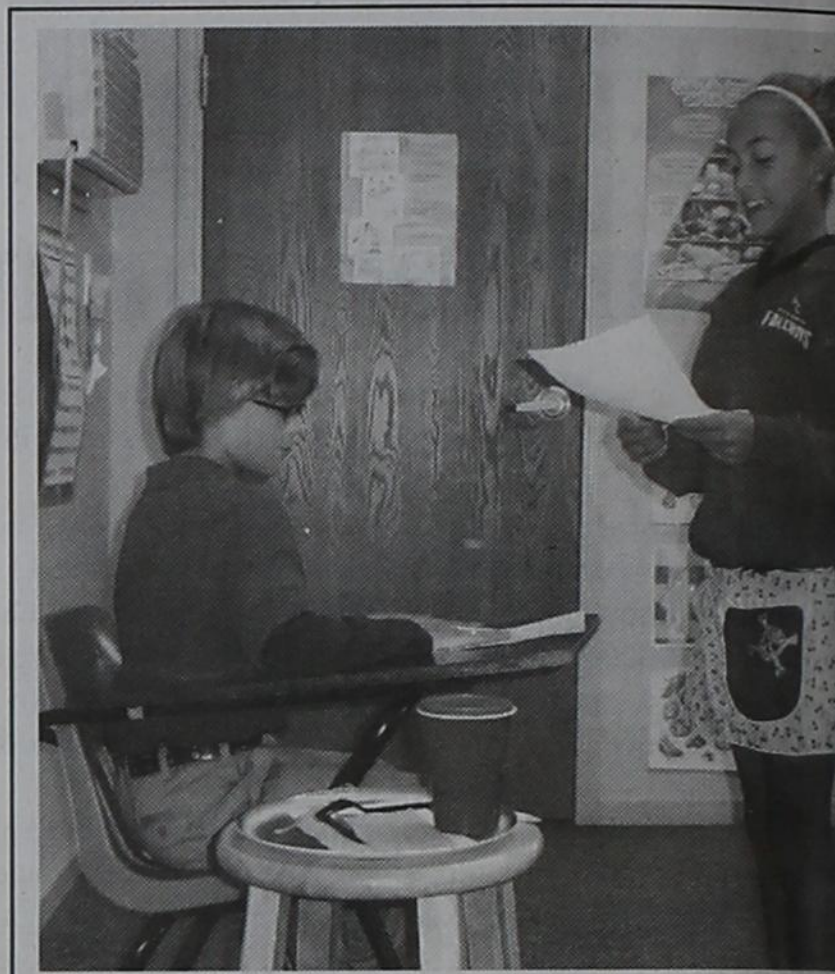
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Gavin Buchanan and Rylie Cox, both fifth grade Spanish students at the Fulton School, are shown working on an original skit they wrote and performed for their classmates. Each student in the class participated in the project, which focused on the study of words associated with foods, ordering at restaurants and communicating in Spanish. Through the lesson, coordinated by teacher Judy Williams, students practiced their pronunciation, verb usage and vocabulary.

ACS' Great American Smokeout set Nov. 20

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

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

According to the ACS, smoking accounts for an estimated 15 percent of premature deaths - including 38,000 deaths among nonsmokers as a result of secondhand smoke - and costs the nation \$160 billion in health care expenditures and productivity losses. Not only does smoking reduce life expectancy by approximately 14 years, but it can also be costly for consumers.

The Smokeout is designed to motivate and empower smokers with personalized tools, tips and support to help them quit for good. The Society inaugurated its first Great American Smokeout in 1987 to inspire and encourage smokers to quit for one day.

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

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

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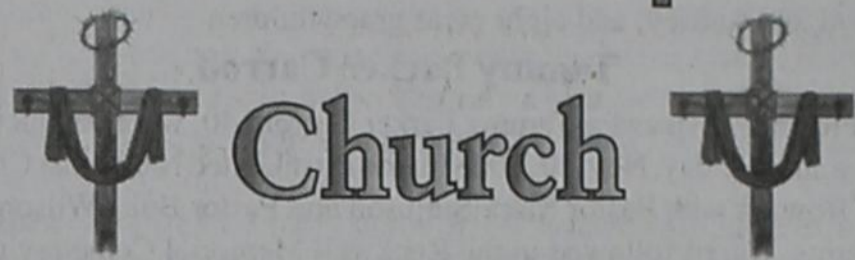
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Williams Elementary students set goals

Williams Elementary students have taken on a project dubbed the Red Rubber Ball. Last week, students wrote down all of their goals and plans needed to accomplish those goals. Each Red Rubber Ball represents the goals and sacrifices a student will make in order to reach his or her goals. The Red Rubber Ball idea, which Parr borrowed from a professional speaker, is designed to get students interested in achieving their goals and figuring out the steps they need to take to achieve them. He hopes the idea catches on throughout the school and the community.

Courtesy of Erin Self

RHHS senior class hosts golf tournament Saturday

Heath High School's senior class is hosting the Senior Pride Golf Tournament and Silent Auction/Dinner on Saturday, Nov. 15, at the Creek Golf Club. The tournament will kick-off with a silent auction at 12:30 p.m. and the golf tournament proceeds go toward senior class activities. The golf tournament silent auction are major fundraisers for the senior class. Following the golf tournament, the senior class will have a dinner at 6 p.m. at the Chilosos, a local bistro, at the Buffalo Club Pavilion. The price for the dinner is \$15 per person, including a couple. Reservations are accepted for dinner. The auction will open at 2 p.m., with bidding closing at 7:30 p.m.

Thanksgiving Meal Drive seeks food donations

Donations of specific non-perishable food items are needed as part of the Thanksgiving Meal Drive under way in Royse City. Coordinated by the Royse City Police Department, the drive needs food for distribution in Thanksgiving baskets to be distributed to families in need that reside within the Royse City city limits or children attend the Royse City Independent School District. Items needed include canned vegetables and sweet potato, packaged gravy mix, cornbread mix, cranberry sauce, boxed stuffing, pumpkin pie mix and pie shells. Cash contributions are needed to purchase turkeys. Items may be dropped off at any of these co-sponsors' locations: American National Bank, the Royse City City Hall, the First Methodist Church, the Royse City Police Department, Texas Ship Bank or Trinity Baptist Church, Careers and Dental Associates and the Royse City Independent School District. Nomination forms may be obtained at all drop-off locations and should be completed and turned in to the police department, 100 N. St. in Royse City, by Nov. 21.

sponsor logo on event T-shirt. The senior class is accepting donations for the auction from those who may not be able to attend, but are interested in helping the class. For more information on the tournament, please contact Blair Garrett at jgarrett1@covad.net. For information regarding dinner reservations and/or to donate an auction item, contact Renee Aube' at raube@swbell.net.

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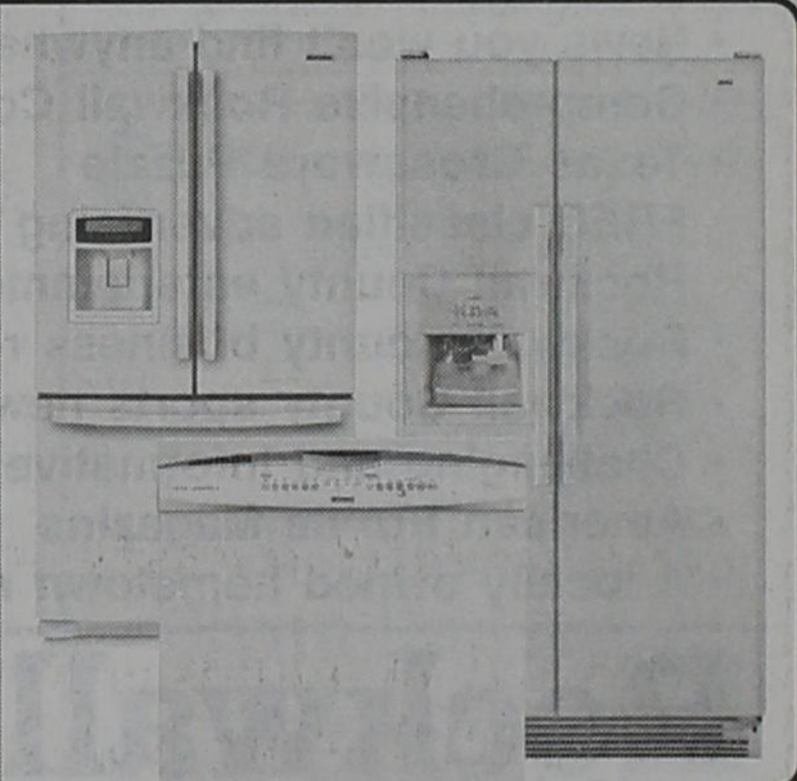
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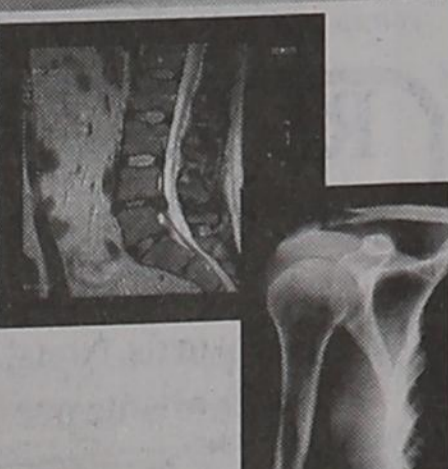
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Rockwall County Obituaries

James Anderson

Services for James Anderson of Rockwall will be conducted at the Rest Haven Funeral Home-Rockwall Chapel. He died Nov. 5.

Born in 1925 in Leonard, the only child of Elizabeth and Robert Anderson of Greenville, he grew up in Greenville with the nickname of Cowboy. He served in the U.S. Navy during World War II, and his flag continues to wave at his Rockwall home. A 39-year veteran of Sears Roebuck and Co., he loved family above all else, but also had a keen interest in cattle, horses and land.

Survivors include his wife of 55 years, Jeanie; his children, Jim, Tina, Jann, Pat and Tim; his grandchildren, to whom he was "PaPa," Michael, Bobby, Adam, Aaron, Matthew, Lisa, Kacie, Duke, Ryan, Reid and Audrey; and eight great-grandchildren.

Tammy Parker Carroll

Funeral services for Tammy Parker Carroll, 40, were conducted at 11 a.m. Monday, Nov. 10, 2008, in the First United Methodist Church of Rowlett with Pastor Mark Simpson and Pastor Buist Wilson officiating. Burial followed in the Rockwall Memorial Cemetery under the direction of the Rest Haven Funeral Home-Rockwall Chapel. She died Nov. 6.

Born July 5, 1968, in Wylie to David and LaNeve (Boyd) Parker,

she enjoyed a career as a social work administrator and a child advocate for 14 years. She lived in Rowlett for five years and was a member of the First United Methodist Church. She put up a courageous two-year battle against breast cancer, seldom expressing a complaint and always ready with a smile.

Survivors include her husband of seven years, Bart Carroll, her son, Asher Carroll, and her daughter, Aubree Carroll, all of Rowlett; her mother, LaNeve Vacek and her husband, John, of Wylie; her father, David Parker and his wife, Sue, of Rowlett; three brothers, Josh Parker of Rowlett, Phil Vacek and his wife, Cathy, of Houston and Steve Vacek of Houston; her father-in-law, Kenny Yee and his wife, Cindy, of Dallas; and numerous aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins, friends, co-workers and fellow church members.

She was preceded in death by one daughter, Hannah Grace, in 2003, and her grandparents, L.V. and Eula Mae Parker and A.D. "Buck" and Gene Boyd.

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

Mary Elliott

Mary Elliott, 71, died Nov. 5, 2008. Arrangements were handled by the Rest Haven Funeral Home-Rockwall Chapel.

Born Aug. 31, 1937, in Hardinsburg, Ken., she was a Dallas-area resident for 27 years. She enjoyed sewing and animals. When she was younger, she also enjoyed painting.

Survivors include her daughter, Sondra Brunone and her husband, Mike, of Coppell; her sons, John Elliott and his wife, Stacey, of Heath and Gary Elliott and his wife, Misty, of Houston; and five grandchildren, Chelsea, Christian, Conner, Gracie and Ethan.



Betty Jo 'Nanny' Ludwig

Services for Betty Jo "Nanny" Ludwig, 81, of Rockwall were conducted at 10 a.m. Friday, Nov. 7, 2008, in the Rest Haven Funeral Home-Rockwall Chapel with the Rev. Lyn Cypert officiating. Burial followed in the Laurel Land Memorial Park.

She died Nov. 4. Born April 28, 1927, in Dallas County (to Louie Tyler and Loraine (Davis) Henry, she was

a volunteer at Children's Medical Center in Dallas. She worked in the home healthcare industry and enjoyed shopping and spending time with family and friends.

Survivors include her son, Jack Ludwig and wife, Den Ridgway, Colo.; her daughter, Linda Ludwig of Rockwall; her children, Chris and Brooke Ludwig, Justin and Jennifer F Keith and Elizabeth Ruberg, Lacey Snyder, Mark and I Ludwig, Laura and Michael Allen and Drew Ludwig; her grandchildren, Brian and Jason Ruberg, Drake and Bailey I and Nicholas and Garret Allen; her sisters, Jeanie Eller and Griffin; and numerous nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her brother, Beau and a nephew, Ronnie Eller.

Beatrice Smith

Graveside services for Beatrice Smith, 87, of Roys City were conducted at 4 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 12, 2008, in the Roys City Cemetery under the direction of the Rest Haven Funeral Home-Rockwall Chapel.

She died Sunday, Nov. 9. Born Jan. 3, 1921, in Eufaula, Okla., to George W. and Lu (Flanary) Owens, she had lived in Roys City for the past 20 years and was a Baptist.

Survivors include her sons, Jerry F. Smith of Mesquite and L. Smith of Roys City; her daughter, Judy E. Smith of Roys City; her grandchildren, Gina Marie Jones of Sachse and Freeman Smith of Mesquite; her nieces, Charlotte Gail Sport of Tawake, Sandra Mead of Colorado; her nephews, Dan Sell of Nacogdoches, Joe L. Cane of Dallas and Terry L. Owens of Colorado; and great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Freeman R. Smith; her parents; and her brothers and sisters.

Rockwall County Religious Life

First Christian Church Offers Flu Vaccines

Flu vaccinations will be available from 12 p.m. to 2 p.m., Nov. 16, at First Christian Church Rockwall. The cost is \$15 per dose with a Medicare card. Other vaccines also available are pneumococcal (\$40), tetanus (\$40), Hepatitis A (\$75) and Hepatitis B (\$65) per dose. Cash or personal checks are accepted. Prices subject to change. Corporate Health Management of Dallas provides the personnel and supplies for administering the vaccines.

Vaccines will be provided for those 12 years of age and older. Call the church to set an appointment, 972-771-5526, Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

First Christian Church is located at 3375 Ridge Rd., 1.4 miles west of I-30.

Community-wide Service of Thanksgiving

All of Rockwall County is invited to join together in a Service of Thanksgiving at 6 p.m., Sunday, Nov. 23. This special service will be held at Holy Trinity By the Lake Episcopal Church, 152 Drive in Heath. Please bring a canned good (no corn or green beans) to donate to the Helping Hands Food Pantry.

Scott Holcomb-McLain of First United Methodist Church (FUMC) in Heath will bring the Thanksgiving message. Isiak Holic also of FUMC Heath, will lead the music.

First Baptist Church, Rockwall, Announces Hanging of the Green

First Baptist Church invites you to join us as we usher in the Christmas season with our 19th Annual Hanging of the Green at 6 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 7, in the Worship Center. This service features our older preschool and children's choirs, choir, choir chimes and some of our youth.

Bring the entire family to enjoy the beautiful Christmas music presented by our children and to reflect on the Reason for the Season. Preschool care provided in Children's Building Baptist, Rockwall, is located at 610 S. Goliad, across from the Office.

First Baptist Church, Rockwall, presents The Splendor of Christmas

First Baptist Church's Worship Choir will celebrate Christmas with a musical production by the choir and cast at 4 p.m. and 7 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 14, in the Worship Center. Preschool care provided in the Children's Building.

Songs that celebrate the season and the reason for the season culminated into a recently recorded CD that can be enjoyed by young and old alike. CD presales are in progress with a price of \$12 through November. Orders may be placed in the office during business hours.

Starting Dec. 1, the price will be \$15, or \$20 for the Christmas CD and a previously recorded CD, Cover the Earth with Your Voice (payment must accompany order).

For those with military family and friends, consider the "The Troops" program. You can purchase five CDs for \$50. The Music Ministry will send them to the soldier of your choice for the soldier and four for them to give to friends. It's a special way to celebrate Christmas with your military loved ones.

Main office, 972.771.8459; Music office, 469.698.2501. Business hours: Monday-Thursday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Friday, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Revival services at Chisholm Baptist Church

Evangelist Dennis Erwin will lead the upcoming revival services at the Chisholm Baptist Church, located in McClendon-City on the west side of Hwy. 205.

The revival will begin Sunday morning with the 10:45 a.m. service, followed by the evening service at 6 p.m. Services are planned for Monday through Wednesday evenings at 7 p.m.

Erwin is a nationally renowned evangelist. The Erwin family lead music for the meetings.

For more information about the revival, the church or its schedule of services, contact Pastor Rocky Weatherford at 214-8826 or visit chisholmbaptistchurch.org.

(Editor's Note: Send your church news to rcn.news@yahoo.com)

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Believing ... Hebrews 11:31, Rahab

Examples of believing in Hebrews 11, God gave us the reference to the harlot where it says, "By faith the harlot Rahab with them that believed not, when she received the spies (Hebrews 11:31).

The record about Rahab, "And Joshua the son of Nun shittim two men to spy secretly, saying, 'Go view the country of Jericho.' And they went, and came into an harlot's house, Rahab, and lodged there."

It was told to the king of Jericho, saying, 'Behold, there came light from the children of Israel to search out the country, the king of Jericho sent unto Rahab, saying, 'Bring the men that you, which have entered into your house. For they have searched out all the country.'"

The woman took the two men, and hid them, and said, 'There came into me, but I knew not where they were. And it came to pass at the time of shutting the gate, when it was dark that the men were there the men went, I knew not. Pursue after them quickly, lest they overtake them.'"

When she had brought them up to the roof of the house, and hid them under the stalks of flax, which she had laid in order upon the roof. And as they pursued after them the way to Jordan unto the fords. And as they which pursued after them were gone out, they shut the door.

And when they were laid down, she came up unto them upon the roof, and said unto the men, 'I know that the Lord has given you commandment, and that your terror is fallen upon us, and that all the inhabitants of the land and faint because of you.'"

And she have heard how the Lord dried up the water of the Red Sea when you came out of Egypt. And what you did unto the

two kings of the Amorites, that were on the other side of the Jordan, Sihon and Og, whom you utterly destroyed.'" (Joshua 2:1-10).

The record continues as Rahab tells the spies how that all the people in Jericho and the surrounding area melted in their hearts upon hearing the great stories of Israel and how they conquered the mighty kings. She then asked the spies to show kindness to her and her family when Israel would come in to possess the land.

The spies promised to show them kindness and keep them alive as long as she did not reveal what they were up to. The spies told her to tie a red scarlet thread in the window where she let them down from, and that they would be safe as long as they did not leave the room during the time of Israel's conquest of Jericho.

Now that we've read the story, there are a couple of interesting details about Rahab. She was the mother of Boaz who married Ruth, who gave birth to Obed the father of Jesse, who eventually gave birth to David the king. This information is found in Matthew 1:5-6. Rahab's name was translated Rachab in the King James Version Bible.

In Matthew she is listed as the wife of Salmon. Salmon is referred to in Ruth 4:20, "And Amminadab conceived Nahshon, and Nahshon conceived Salmon, and Salmon conceived Boaz, and Boaz conceived Obed, and Obed conceived Jesse, and Jesse conceived David."

Rahab was an ancestor of our Lord Jesus Christ!

We might rightfully ask, how is that a harlot would be part of Jesus' ancestry? A scholar on Biblical Figures of Speech named E.W. Bullinger gave the following explanation in his book, Figures of Speech Used in the Bible, the earlier Greek word for harlot was pornee. This word receives its true meaning from the ancient Hebrew word zonah "which means a female hostess or landlady, as well as harlot" (p. 680).

The record about Rahab reveals information that would agree more with her being a hostess or a landlady, rather than a harlot.

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Santa Claus coming to Rockwall Nov. 29

Santa Claus is coming to town! That jolly old elf is preparing to fly his sleigh to Rockwall to visit all the good girls and boys (and a few naughty ones, too!) at Tapestry, on the southeast corner of the Downtown Square.

Santa will be at Tapestry each Saturday beginning Nov. 29, the first Saturday after Thanksgiving, to read holiday stories and hear the secret Christmas wishes of children of all ages. Each child will receive a candy cane.

The time is tentatively set from Noon to 3 p.m., but times may vary due to Santa's schedule, so it is advisable to call ahead to confirm the time.

Santa's chair was custom-made by the elves in the Wylie High School Construction Careers class, under the instruction of teacher Rick Spillyards. It can be broken down into two pieces for easy transport, and six children at a time can climb on Santa's lap to place their Christmas orders.

Tapestry, as well as many stores on the Square, will have extended holiday hours on Thursdays after Thanksgiving, opening their doors until 8 p.m. Shoppers will be able to sample Christmas treats while picking out a personalized ornament or custom-made gift basket. The shop's kitchen will be fully stocked with gourmet holiday chocolates and candies. Tapestry also offers complimentary gift wrapping.

To confirm Santa's arrival time each Saturday, contact Denise Mallou and the staff at Tapestry at 972-722-2997. Tapestry is located at 203 S. Fannin Street.

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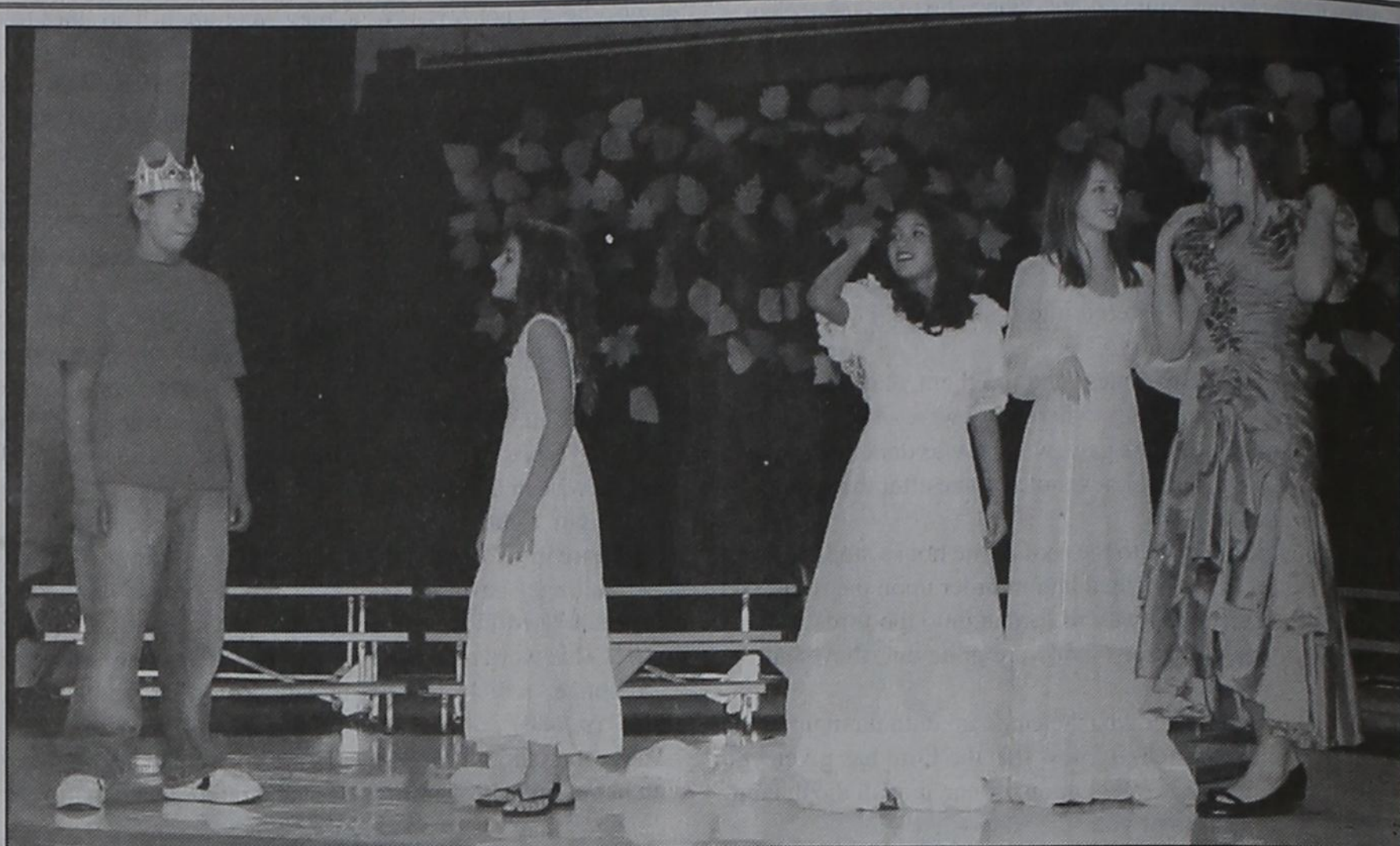
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Students in the Theatre II class at Williams Middle School perform their original play, "We're Desperate," for Rockwall ISD elementary schools to promote the theatre program to sixth graders. Performing were (from left) The Royal Pizza Guy Christ Ingram, Tijana Neskovic as Snow White, Karissima Armendariz as Belle, Chaise Edwards as Cinderella and Tori Storm as Ariel. In the play, the four princesses argue over the affections of the Royal Pizza Guy, using intrigue and Tragic to win his heart. Three other plays were performed, Cinderella-ella-ella, Little Red meets Brownie Locks and The Fairies vs. Pixies.
Staff photo by Sandy Webber

Reception honors Melston

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

Melston has been the library's director since 1988. Under her leadership, the land for the new library facility was purchased and the new building was constructed through bonds approved by Rockwall County voters. With financial backing from the Capital Campaign, many new programs have been implemented for children, teens and adults in the community.

The reception will be set up in the Community Room of the new library, which is located at 1215 E. Yellowjacket Lane. The public is encouraged to attend.

Royse City to host holiday parade, chili cook-off

The Royse City Chamber of Commerce will host its annual Christmas Parade and Chili Cook-Off on Dec. 13.

at the First United Methodist Church Family Life Center, will include children's games and rides; story time with Mrs. Claus; and chili, hot dogs, desserts and cornbread.

Judging for the chili contest will begin at 3 p.m., and carolers will serenade the crowds lining Main Street for the 6 p.m. parade.

Following the parade, Santa will make his appearance at the Christmas tree lighting ceremony at City Hall while a special Christmas Choir performs.

Theme for this year's event is Texas Country Christmas.

For more information, contact the chamber at 972-636-5000.

Entertainment Briefs

Horizons 2008 this weekend

The Rockwall Art League will present Horizons Rockwall beginning today and running through Sunday at the Harbor at Ray Hubbard. Drawings, paintings, sculpture, photography, or jewelry, glass and mosaics comprise the fine arts program and offerings. A reception will run from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Saturday. For details contact Sydney at 972-771-0906 or visit rockwallartleague.com

Tree Lighting ceremony set

The 25th Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony at the Rockwall Hall will take place at 6 p.m. Dec. 4. Live entertainment, craft Santa's Workshop, cookies, coffee, photos and visits with Santa will be available. For more information visit rockwall.com/parks or 972-771-7740.

Heath Holiday in the Park slated

The annual Heath Holiday in the Park event is set for 7 p.m. to 11 p.m. in the Towne Centre Park Pavilion. The event will include choir performances, sing-alongs, refreshments, miniature train and Santa's arrival. Canned food donations for the Rockwall He Hands food pantry will be collected. For details, visit heathtx.com or call 972-771-6228.

Ballroom Extravaganza scheduled

A Holiday Ballroom Extravaganza dance party will be conducted from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Dec. 6 at The Center. Open to individuals 13 and older, the event will celebrate the season with music and dancing. Light refreshments will be served. Cost will be \$10 per person. For details visit rockwall.com/parks or call 972-771-7740.

Next Lunch Basket set Dec. 9

The next Lunch Basket event will be Dec. 9 at the Center at Rockwall CityPlace. Creative holiday settings by area hostesses will be featured. Reservations cost \$20 and may be made by calling 972-771-8976 or cplagens65@aol.com.

Royse City plans Texas Country Christmas event

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

Lunch with Santa on Dec. 18

Lunch with Santa will run from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Dec. 18 at the Rockwall ISD Education Center Gym. A photo with St. Nick will be included in the \$10 cost. For more information visit rockwall.com/parks or call 972-771-7740.

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- hillbilly
- TXism: "fits like ugly ___ ape"
- "The ___ Ranger"
- redneck repair kit: ___ tape
- TXism: "table grazed"
- expression of triumph
- TXism: "does ___ sleep in the woods?" (yes)
- Coleman Co. seat
- this part of the TX flag is flown on the bottom (2 wds.)
- third DWI in TX (2 wds.)
- Menard Co. seat
- Nueces River was 1st known as "___ River"
- ___ Dong Daddy from Dumas"
- Mulgrew in film "A Stranger is Watching" with TX Rip Torn
- actor Don in "The Buddy Holly Story"
- this Jose ended his career with the Astros
- horse area in barn
- '93 Mavs signed Jim Jackson, "Big ___ the Year"
- Luling has watermelon
- off competition
- TX-born Pentecost
- TXism: "the plows ___ row" (dependable)

DOWN

- TX-born Railsback was Manson in "___ Skelter"
- TXism: "___ long" (goodbye)
- actress in TX-filmed "Silkwood"
- this TX Banks was "Mr. Cub"
- state newspaper org. (abbr.)
- TXism: "tough ___ old boot"
- "graveyard ___"
- Big ___ Opry
- grand teacher org. (abbr.)
- make a mistake
- ___ wrestle
- apiarists
- Jackson Co. seat
- TXism: "blind as ___"
- steak order
- UT grad Wallace Duvall of film "Breakout" with TX Quaid (init.)
- ___ McArdle painted "Dawn at the Alamo"
- TX Dan Jenkins' "Life ___ Ownself"
- TX "daughters" org. (abbr.)
- TXism: "got as much to ___ hibernating bear"
- TX "Giant" was an ___ film
- evenings
- "Lawrence Welk" TX singer English
- TXism: "it'll air come ___ the wash"
- TXism: "skedaddle" Reid (init.)
- Cowpokes' artist
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40 Years Ago
November 13, 1998

at Billy Self from Troop
Saturday cleaning the
family cemetery across
dler's Landing subdivi-
cemetery, with only sev-
was overrun with weeds.
The clean-up was or-
Self as a requirement
an Eagle Scout. Billy
of Jan and Scott Self.
Middle School student
Sturgeon was recog-
the Rockwall Academic
club for outstanding aca-
achievement. She received
merit patch from her
aren Sturgeon.
20 Years Ago
November 11, 1988

Rockwall Women's League
Rockwall Chamber
Commerce began their an-
nch for the City's of-
Christmas tree by asking
to search their proper-
suitable tree to donate.
should have a trunk at
seven inches in diameter
at least 12 feet high.
Boyd won the race for
the Peace, Precinct 3,
ates as a Democratic can-
Mrs. Boyd was the wife of
arden Larry Boyd.
30 Years Ago
November 10, 1978

Williss, daughter of Lynn
Barbara Williss of Rockwall,
cissen for the Stingerette
of the Week. Tricia
acted from the fifty-two
to entertain at halftime
week. The Stingerettes
deparate lockers and make
promote school spirit.
Hall was inducted as a
member of the State Bar of
Brett was among 1,300
whose oath was ad-
by Chief Justice Joe
Genhill. Brett graduated
University of Texas in

Arlington and SMU Law School.
He joined his father, Ralph M. Hall
of Rockwall, in his law firm.,
40 Years Ago
November 15, 1968

The Future Farmers of America
elected officers at Rockwall High
School and chose nominees for
Sweetheart. Officers were Tom
Watkins, president; Joe Bob Byrd,
vice president; John Buchanan,
secretary; Larry King, treas-
urer; Allen Lide, reporter and
Jimmy Barker, sentinel. The
Sweetheart nominees were Mary
Nell Butler, Brenda Meador,
Becky Pratt and Jonona Price.
Sgt. Michael H. Wallace was
awarded a Purple Heart for in-
juries received during battle.
Wallace was stationed near Chu
Lia, South Vietnam. Wallace
graduated in 1966 from Rockwall
High School. His parents were
Mr. and Mrs. J.H. Wallace, resid-
ing on Route 1.

50 Years Ago
November 14, 1958
Amy Isbell, six year old daugh-
ter of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Isbell,
had surgery at Baylor Hospital
in Dallas. Mr. and Mrs. Cleon
Crawford visited at her bedside.
Six men from Rockwall went to
Galveston to give blood for J.E.
Harris, who had major surgery
at John Seely Hospital. The six
men included W.J. Price, Albert
Nelson, Bob Vaught, Russell
Wylie, Billy Dave Collins and
Ralph M. Hall. The men were
very anxious to help a dear friend
in his time of illness.

60 Years Ago
November 12, 1948
A new drug store opened
for business, "The Rockwall
Drug." The business was op-
erated by T.D. Kunkler, with
Roy M. Crostolow in charge
of the prescription department.
The Ritz Theater in Rockwall
featured New Thrills!, a silent
picture with William Boyd, and
Hopalong Cassidy in Conflict at
its Friday night and Saturday mat-
inee shows.

Rockwall County Responders

Rockwall County Sheriff's
Department
Oct. 31-Nov. 7

Total calls: 242
Royce City Police
Oct. 31-Nov. 6
Friday, 31 October:
Suspicious activity, 1400 block
Circle Lane; Suspicious activity,
1100 block E. Main Street;
Suspicious activity, 100 block
Cookston Lane; Theft, 1300
Block E. Main Street; Criminal
mischief, 200 block Santo Drive;
Alarm, 2300 block I-30; Alarm,
1400 block W. Main Street;
Accident, 800 block FM 548

Saturday, 1 November:
Suspicious activity, 700 block
FM 2642; Noise disturbance,
2100 block Spencer Circle;
Suspicious activity, 500 block
West Creek Drive; Alarm, 400
block Fireside Place
Sunday, 2 November:
Suspicious activity, Industrial
Drive; Alarm, 500 block E.
County Line Road; Alarm, 900
block Industrial Drive; Assault,
300 block N. Hickory Hill
Road; Noise disturbance, 2800
block Redwood Street; Public
intoxication arrest, 700 block
Orchid Boulevard; Marijuana
(4.4 lbs) possession arrest, 2500
block I-30

Monday, 3 November:
Disorderly conduct, 1300 block
E. Main Street; Dallas County
warrant arrest, 2000 block I-30
Tuesday, 4 November:
Alarm, 100 block I-30; Noise
disturbance, 400 block Ame
Lane; Disorderly conduct, 700
block FM 2642

Wednesday, 5 November:
Noise disturbance, 600 block
Love Lane

Thursday, 6 November:
Accident, 100 block I-30;
Suspicious person, 1300 block
E. Main Street; Assault, 2700
block Mockingbird Street

Warrant unit arrests (Nov. 3-7):
2

Rockwall PD Calls for Service
Nov. 2-9
Sunday, 2 November:
Theft, 200 block Stonecrest
Drive.

Monday, 3 November:
Theft, 700 block IH 30; Theft,
2700 block Mira Vista Lane;
Theft, 600 block IH 30.

Tuesday, 4 November:
Theft, 700 block IH 30.

Wednesday, 5 November:
Theft, 2900 block Ridge Road;
Theft, 900 block West Yellow
Jacket Lane; Theft, 2000 block
Kristy Lane; Theft, 900 block
West Yellow Jacket Lane.

Thursday, 6 November:
Theft, 800 block Austin Street;
200 block West IH 30.

Friday, 7 November:
Burglary, 100 block South
Hampton Drive; Burglary, 900
block IH30; Theft, 2000 block
Summer Lee Drive; Theft,
1000 block IH 30; Theft (3),
600 block FM 552; Theft, 900
block West Yellow Jacket Lane;
Theft, 2800 block Ridge Road;
Theft, 1300 block Glenwick
Drive; Theft, 900 block West
Yellow Jacket Lane.

Saturday, 8 November:
Burglary, 1400 block South
Goliad Street.

Sunday, 9 November:
Theft, 700 block West IH
30; Theft, 900 block West IH
30; Theft, 700 block West
IH 30; Theft, 800 block East
Washington Street.

Other Calls: Abandoned
property 6, Animal complaint
10, Burg/fire/panic alarm 44,
Civil Matter 2, Criminal assault/
rape 4, Criminal Mischief
5, Drunk (DWI, PI, DUI) 7,
Fight 2, Forgery 5, Injured or
sick person 36, Investigation
26, Major Disturbance 1,
Meet Complainant 29, Minor

Disturbance 16, Minor Traffic
Accident 32, Missing Person
6, Motorist assist/assist citizen,
Narcotics 2, Open building 6,
Ordinance /parking violation
16, Street blockage/hazard 6,
Suspicious person 66, Traffic
Complaint 6, Welfare concern
15.

Rockwall Fire/EMS
Nov. 2-9
Calls for Service: Alarm or
poisoning 1, Emergency medical
call 1, Fire Alarm 4, Grass/
wildland fire 1, Other fire not
classified 2, Smoke/smell odor
1.

Heath DPS Calls for Service
Nov. 2-9
Sunday, 2 November: Theft,
700 block Starlight Pass; Theft,
1300 Lakeway Drive.

Thursday, 6 November:
Burglary, 1400 block Laurence
Drive; Burglary, 100 block
Stoneleigh Trail; Burglary,
600 block Cheshire Court (2);
Burglary, 400 block Cheshire
Court; Theft, 800 block
Laurence Drive.

Other Calls: Animal
complaint 2, Burg/fire/panic/
alarm 13, Criminal assault rape
1, Fight 1, Fire Call 3, Follow
us investigation 1, Injured or
sick person 1, Investigation
3, Meet complainant 2, Minor
traffic accident 3, Missing
person 1, Open building
1, Ordinance violation 1,
Reckless driver/possible DWI
1, Suspicious person 11.

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Poster contest winners at the Rockwall Animal Shelter's Appreciate Week festivities were (left to right) Samantha Martin, third place; Sierra Gunter, second place; Simone Gunter and Kara Killingsworth, first place. The contest theme was, "A World Without Animal Services." Winners received trophies and a gift basket of people treats donated by the Red Wolf Inn of Rockwall.

Staff photo by Kathy Williams



The Rockwall Animal Shelter capped off Animal Shelter Appreciation Week with a doggie fashion show last Saturday, Nov. 8. Winners were, in third place, Taz, a Boston Terrier owned by Sharon Lewis of Rockwall; second place, Cuddles, a poodle owned by Brittany Patrick of Rockwall; and first place, Kachina, a Siberian Husky, owned by Sandy Stagnone.

Staff photo by Kathy Williams

Lt. Col. Max Corneau delivers Veteran's Day speech

Lt. Col. Max Corneau, a 24-year Army veteran of the Persian Gulf War and several other Combat Operations, delivered his final Veteran's Day speech in uniform early this week at Williams Middle

School. "Speaking to young people on Veteran's Day has been one of my missions for over a decade," he wrote.

Corneau piloted a variety of sur-

veillance and reconnaissance airplanes, including the OV-1 Mohawk, RC-12 Guardrail, and was a deputy crew commander on the Air Force Joint STARS jet.

He is a master aviator and senior space operations officer who has served throughout the world and has flown more than 3,000 hours as a pilot, with more than 320 hours flown in combat. After leaving the Army on active duty, he left the 16 years and moved his family to Rockwall, becoming one of the first employees of a new Rockwall defense contractor called ComCept. He returned to active duty after Sept. 11, 2001, and has served since that time as a senior space operations officer.

Corneau was decorated for actions in Operation Iraqi Freedom. In 2006 he served in the Pentagon and worked at the highest levels of the military Joint Chiefs of Staff advising the President's National Security Council on matters of space and intelligence.

Today Corneau serves as a senior field representative for one of the agencies in the Nation's Intelligence Community.

Pizza Getti marks 30th anniversary

Pizza Getti, located in the Rockwall Village Shopping Center, will celebrate its 30th anniversary on Friday.

Delores Conner went to work for the original Pizza Getti in Dallas in 1969 at the age of 12. She has worked longer for the restaurant than any other employee, moving first to the Lavon store and eventually to the Rockwall store.

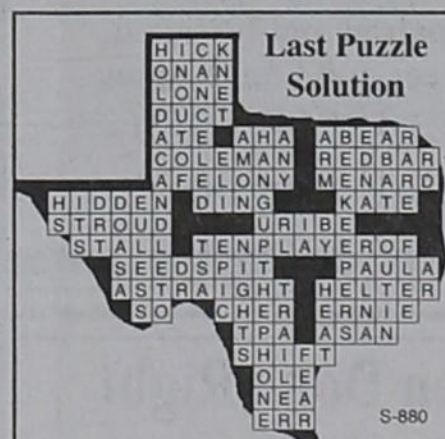
After working for Pizza Getti for 25 years, Conner purchased the Rockwall store in 1978. She has owned Pizza Getti in Rockwall for 15 years.

Pizza Getti has twice been recognized as having Rockwall's Favorite Pizza.

Conner is married and has one son.

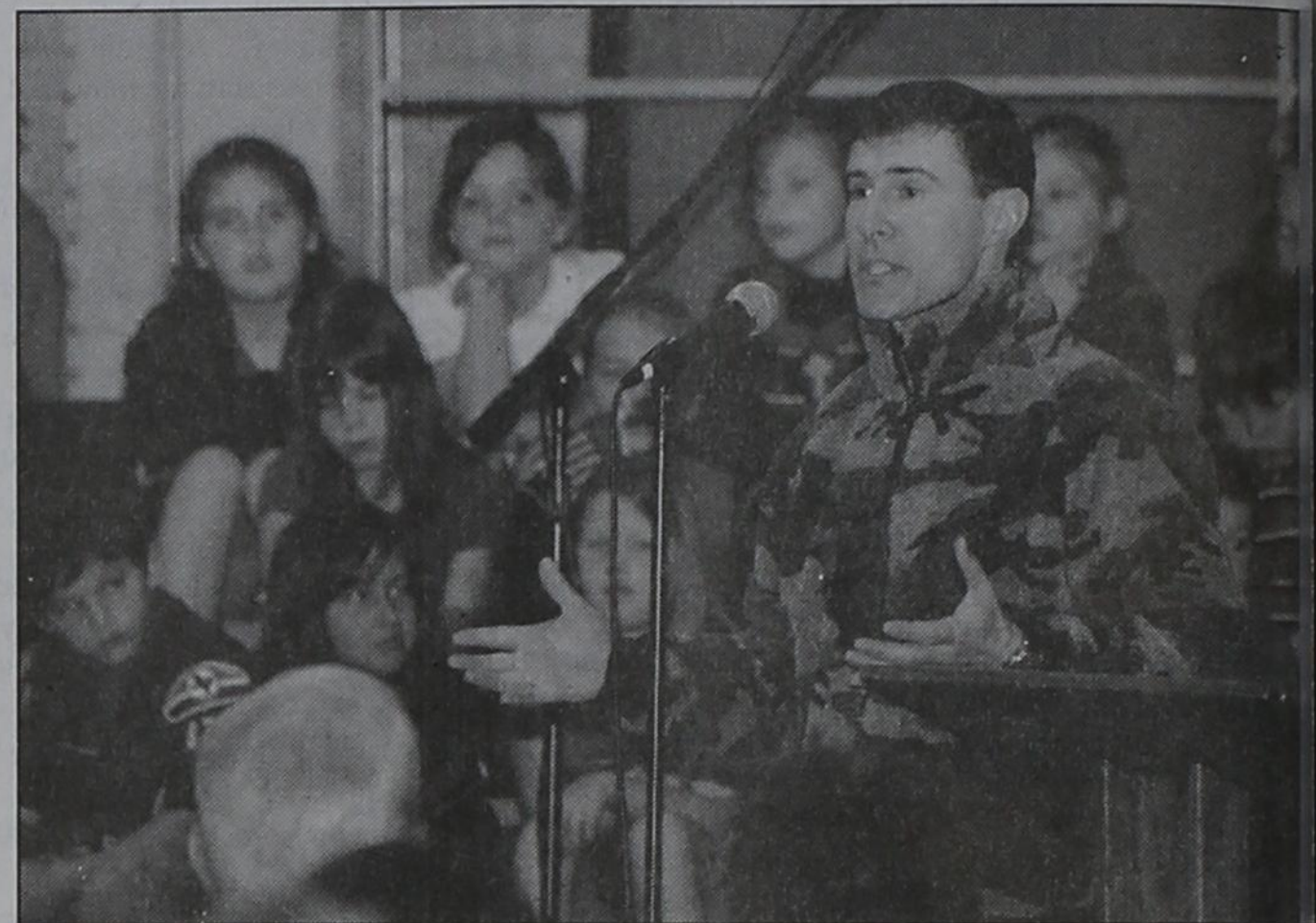
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Former U.S. Air Force pilot Capt. Scott O'Grady (center) emphasized faith in God and love of family in his inspiring Veterans Day message at Heritage Christian Academy Tuesday, November 11. O'Grady's aircraft was shot down over Bosnia in 1995 and he survived in a hostile environment for six days before being rescued. A graduate of Dallas Theological Seminary, he currently is a writer and motivational speaker.

Staff photo by Tim Burnett

College-prep event will target elementary students

An Elementary Parents College Awareness Night will begin at 7 p.m. on Nov. 20 at the Dorris Jones Elementary School cafeteria, 2051 Train Glen Drive.

Hosted by the school's PTA, the program will be led by the Rockwall-Heath High School and Rockwall High School counselors, Barbara Hollinghead and Teddi Cherry.

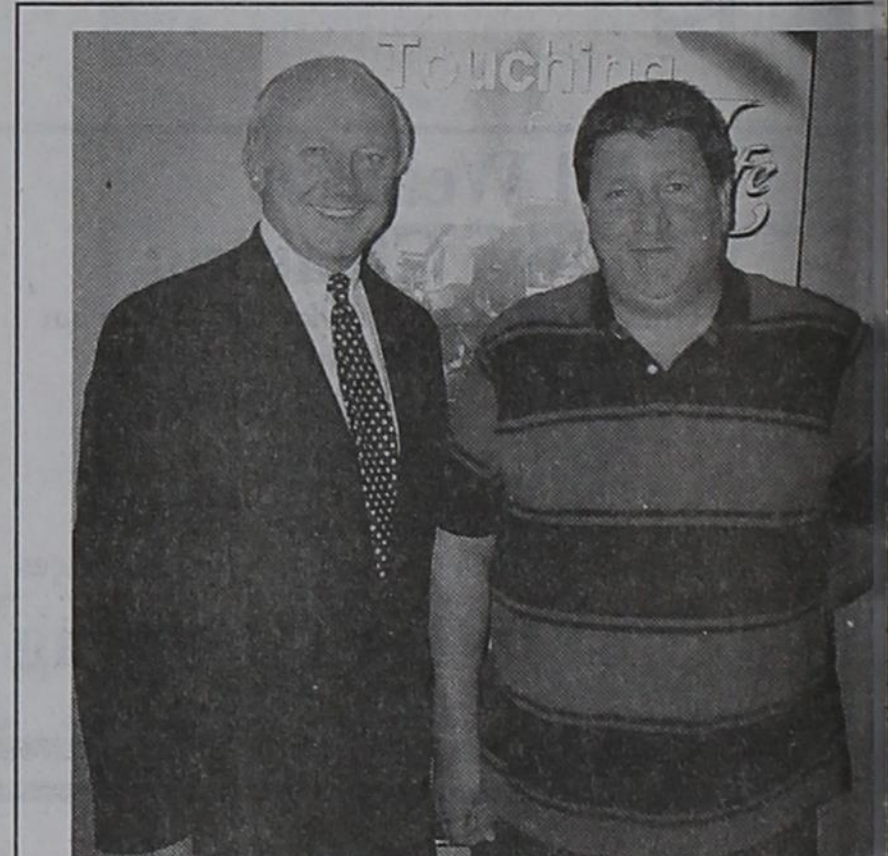
Parents of all Rockwall elementary students are invited to attend to learn about the school district's middle school and high school credit systems and elective process. Parents also will receive information needed to aid their children in preparing for college academically, financially and mentally.

Topics to be covered include

the TEA state credit system; Pre-AP, AP courses and electives beginning in the sixth grade; how the TAKS factors into course selection; the difference in the district's three graduation plans; college financial resources; activities and

community service; and Early Do I Prepare for Kindergarten.

Childcare is available for children ages 2 and older on a reservation only. To request a reservation, contact the PTA president at 214-207-4455.



Rockwall's Wes Fritz was honored for 20 years of service with the Visiting Nurses Association at an Oct. 29 ceremony at VNA's 11th headquarters. Fritz is the VNA purchasing supervisor and was presented with the award by Robert Carpenter (left), president and chief executive of the home care and hospice agency.



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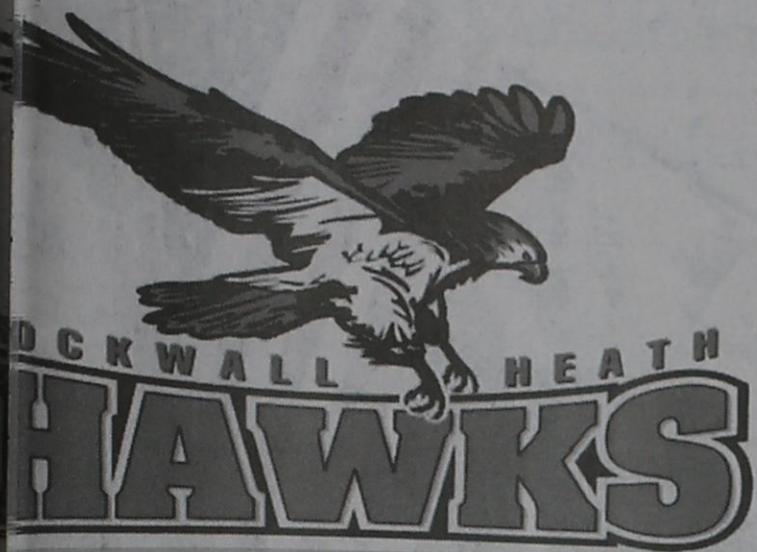
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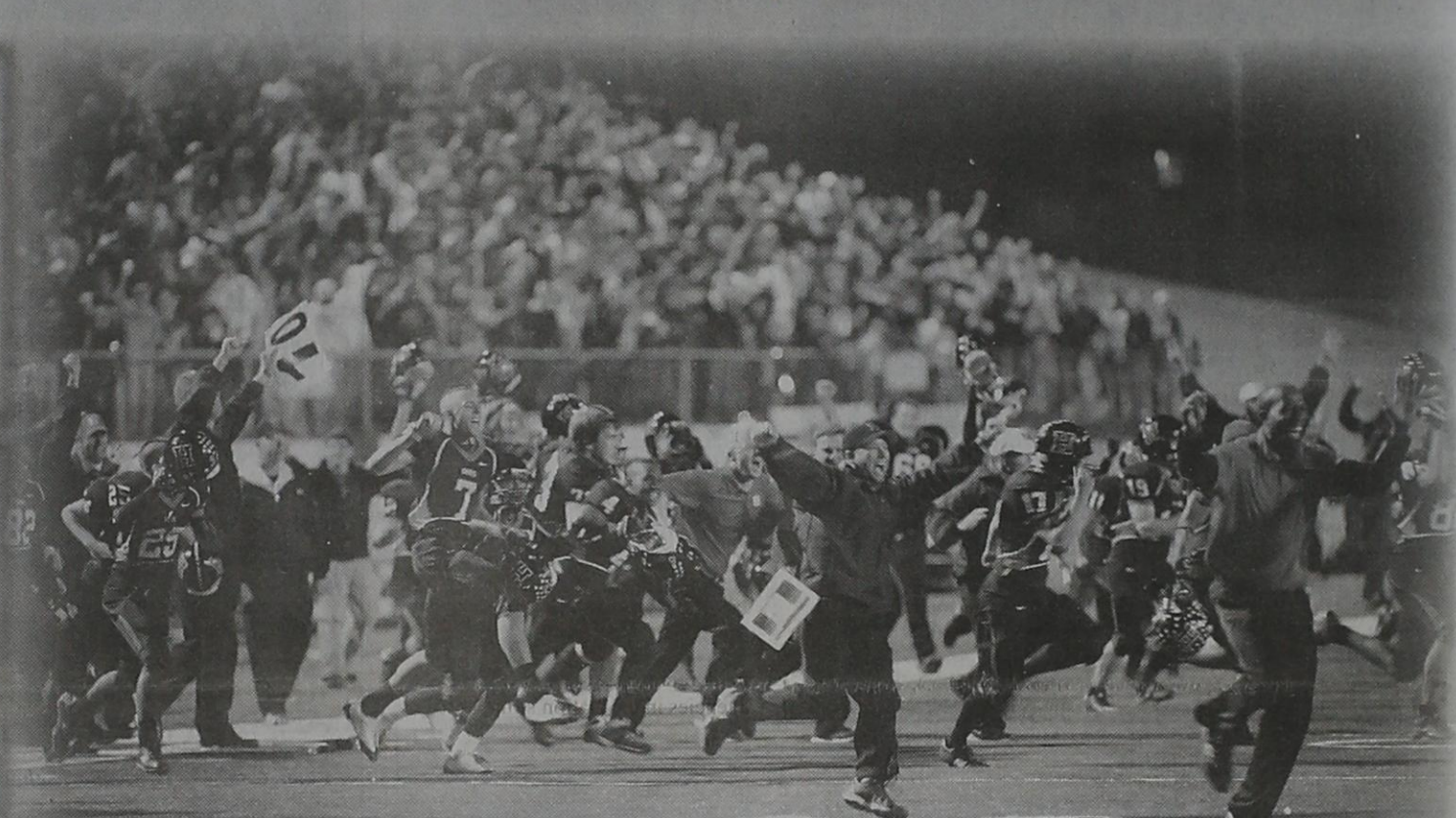


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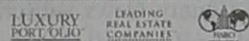
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The Fulton School kindergarten classes of Allison Burney and Jan Brooks recently took a field trip to the new Rockwall County Library. During the visit, one of the librarians took time out from her duties to read to the kindergarteners.
Photo Courtesy The Fulton School

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2008 Holiday Schedule

Pre-Thanksgiving Special Edition

Tuesday, November 25, 2008
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Friday, November 28, 2008
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Those interested in helping the Meals on Wheels campaign call 972-722-3099 to order a subscription. "We're offering a special two year subscription for \$30," Burnett added, "it's a great gain."

Health fair set Nov. 22 at Lake Pointe Church

Lake Pointe Church, Rockwall, will host a health fair from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Nov. 22 in the church gym, located at I-30 and Rockwall Road.

A blood drive will be conducted at the fair.

Other agencies, organization and services to be offered include:

- Bone density screening, Lake Pointe Medical Center
- Rowlett Fire Department
- Adoption/foster parenting, Children's Protective Services
- Blood pressure testing, Helping Hands of Rockwall
- Flu shots, Helping Hands of Rockwall
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- Chiropractic services
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Rockwall County Sports

Greenville Christian takes district title with 70-40 win over HCA

Heritage Christian Academy jumped to an 18-6 lead early in the first quarter, but Greenville Christian School's offense proved to be the Eagles to stop.

Brandon Fauley accounted for seven touchdowns as Greenville (9-0) exploded for a 70-40 victory in a matchup at Heath High School that determined the district champion-

ship. A 22-yard run gave HCA a 6-0 lead. After GCS tied the first of three scoring passes from Fauley to Trevor Barnes, HCA's Zach Read threw for touchdowns to Spencer Noah Ward.

Ward then scored five of the next six TDs to take command at halftime, then Jordan Henderson returned the kickoff for another score.

Henderson finished with 301 yards and four touchdowns passing, completing 10 of 22 passes for 172 yards and 2 touchdowns. Read completed 10 of 22 passes for 172 yards and 2 touchdowns.

Ward and GCS are advancing to the TAPPS 6-Man Division I playoffs with its victory, GCS also received a first-round playoff bye.

The playoffs will open Saturday at 2 p.m. against Marble Hill Academy (6-4) at Dobbs Elementary School.

This article includes material provided by Jeff Mateer.

| | 1st | 2nd | 3rd | 4th | Total |
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| GCS | 6 | 32 | 24 | 8 | 70 |
| HCA | 12 | 14 | 14 | 0 | 40 |

| | GCS | HCA |
|--------------|---------|---------|
| First downs | 15 | 13 |
| Rushing yds. | 22-66 | 16-154 |
| Passing yds. | 301 | 219 |
| Passing | 19-27-0 | 16-32-1 |
| Punts-avg. | 0 | 2-42.0 |
| Penalties | 4-45 | 5-56 |
| Fumbles-lost | 1-1 | 1-0 |

HCA – Josh Points 22 run (kick blocked)
 GCS – Trevor Barnes 17 pass from Brandon Fauley (kick failed)
 HCA – Spencer McAfee 30 pass from Zach Read (kick failed)
 HCA – Noah Ward 4 pass from Read (kick blocked)
 GCS – Fauley 1 run (Nick Nelson kick)
 GCS – Barnes 46 pass from Fauley (Nelson kick)
 HCA – Kevin Prater 60 run (Aaron Mateer kick)
 GCS – Barnes 26 pass from Fauley (Nelson kick)
 GCS – Fauley 13 run (Nelson kick)

GCS – Jordan Henderson 56 kickoff return (Nelson kick)
 HCA – Points 46 run (kick failed)
 GCS – Fauley 3 run (Nelson kick)
 GCS – Blake Caspari 22 pass from Fauley (Nelson kick)
 HCA – Ward 2 fumble return (Mateer kick)
 GCS – Henderson 1 run (Nelson kick)

Individual statistics

Rushing – GCS: Brandon Fauley 17-67, Jordan Henderson 1-1, Jake Schumann 2-minus 1, Aaron Howell 2-minus 1; HCA: Josh Points 9-67; Kevin Prater 1-60, Josh Peschell 3-12, Zach Read 2-9, Travis Arterburn 1-6.

Passing – GCS: Brandon Fauley 19-26-0-301, Jake Schumann 0-1-0-0; HCA: Zach Read 10-22-1-172, Josh Peschell 6-10-0-47.

Receiving – GCS: Tanner Barnes 6-131, Blake Caspari 5-79, Nick Nelson 3-50, Jake Schumann 3-24, #11 2-17; HCA: Spencer McAfee 3-88, Kevin Prater 4-76, Noah Ward 2-19, Travis Arterburn 2-14, Josh Points 3-11, Josh Peschell 1-6, Micah Griffey 1-5.

Sports Notes

School plans Juvenile Diabetes Kids Walk

In recognition of this week's World Diabetes Day, Amy Parks Elementary School students will host a Juvenile Diabetes Kids Walk to raise money to help find a cure for the disease. Students will raise funds for two weeks prior to the walk. To participate, sponsor a child, join in the walk or make a donation to the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation. Contact the school for more information.

RHHS Seniors to host golf tourney

The Rockwall-Heath High Class of 2009 will host a Senior Pride Golf Tournament & Silent Auction/Dinner Saturday at the Buffalo Creek Golf Club. The tourney will have a shotgun start at 12:30 p.m.; fees are \$100 per player (or register as a team). Team sponsorships are available. Auction donations are needed. Proceeds will benefit the prom and after-party. For tourney details, contact Blair Garrett at jgarrett1@covad.net. For details on the dinner and/or auction, contact Renee Aube at raube@swbell.net.

Tournament to benefit Toys for Tots

The Toys for Tots Christmas Tournament, a two-person scramble, will take place Dec. 6 at the Stone River Golf Club. Cost will be \$35 per person plus a new, unwrapped toy for Toys for Tots. Closest to the pin and long drive contests also are scheduled. Horseshoe Grill will provide lunch. Shotgun start at 1:30 p.m. For more details call Randy Wade at 972-636-2254. All Toys for Tots toys will go to needy Roysie City youths.

Jingle Bell Run set Dec. 13

A family-friendly 5k run/walk and a one-mile run through Harry Myers Park in Rockwall will begin at 9 a.m. Dec. 13. The Jingle Bell Run for Blane Thompson is designed to raise funds for a Rockwall High student scholarship. Post-race snacks and activities are planned, and race awards will go to the top three adult and student participants. For more details visit run4blane.org. To register go to active.com.



Selected to play in the Texas Association of Private Schools All-Star Volleyball game Tuesday, October 28 are Heritage Christian Academy eighth grade students Anabel Burk (left) and Cate Walker (right).

Photo courtesy of Sarah Walker



Heritage Christian Academy defenders bearing down on a Greenville Christian School ball carrier during last Friday's game at the RHHS field are Travis Arterburn (25), Kevin Prater (34) and Josh Peschell (10). Photo by William Crowe

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Rockwall County Schools • Rockwall-Heath

Hawks stun Highland Park for District title

Unbreakable defense, unstoppable Lawrence

by Matt McGillen

If the Rockwall-Heath Hawks were going to have any chance of knocking off undefeated and third-ranked Highland Park and snapping the Scots' incredible 45-game district winning streak in a game that would decide the District 10-4A championship Nov. 6 at Wilkerson-Sanders Stadium, they would need to do two things:

First, led by middle linebacker Austin Moss, the defense would need to greatly amp up its performance.

Having surrendered almost 600 yards through the air and seven touchdowns passes two weeks earlier against Richardson Pearce, the Hawks would need to at least slow down Highland Park quarterback Luke Woodley, who came into the game with over 2,000 passing yards and 22 touchdowns.

Second, they would also need superman Kendial Lawrence — he of the 1,700 plus rushing yards and 30 touchdowns — to somehow play even better.

Make that three things: they would also need to overcome that Highland Park "mystique", that impossible-to-define quality of perennial winners. That aura that seemed to make the calls and the bounces go their way.

The "it" factor that had helped the Scots avoid tasting a district defeat since 2001, when Moss and Lawrence, as well as the rest of the Heath seniors, were still in the fifth grade.

Consider it done and done. And done.

Hawks open playoffs against outmanned Frisco Centennial

by Matt McGillen

On paper it doesn't look like much of a contest.

And when the undefeated and eighth-ranked District 10-4A champions Rockwall-Heath Hawks travel to Wylie's Pirate Stadium Nov. 14 to meet the undermanned Frisco Centennial Redhawks, it probably won't be much of a Bi-District game on the field either.

Heath is 10-0 and coming off a huge 38-31 overtime win over previously undefeated and at the time third-ranked Highland Park, that not only earned the Hawks the first district title in the school's short history, it also snapped the Scots 45-game district winning streak.

The Redhawks, meanwhile, 6-4 for the year and the third place finisher in District 9-4A with a 4-3 record, ended their regular season with a 17-14 overtime win against winless Frisco.

To make matters worse for the Redhawks, starting quarterback Ryan Mossakowski has missed his team's last four games with a season-ending shoulder injury.

Before he was hurt, Mossakowski had completed 125-of-184 passes for 1,345 yards and 15 touchdowns with seven interceptions and was also the team's leading rusher with 250 yards.

In his absence, backup QB Antwan Mitchell is a modest 48-for-89 with four scores and three picks. Bryan Singer and Dominique Carroll lead the Redhawks receivers with 35 catches each for 450 and 451 yards, respectively, and 11 combined TDs, but have only one touchdown between them since Mossakowski went down for the year.

The remaining top rusher for Centennial is Aaron Kilpatrick, who has rushed for just 175 yards on 23 carries.

Which is more than 30 yards less than Heath's superback Kendial Lawrence averages per game.

The nearly uncatchable Lawrence has rushed for 2,069 yards on 229 carries, an average of just over nine yards every time he touches the ball, and has scored an astonishing 35 touchdowns. His backfield mate, Everett Gilbert, has rushed for 587 yards and seven scores as well as having caught 32 passes for another 476 yards and another touchdown.

Quarterback Drew Hollingshead is 92-for-136 (68 percent) for 1,378 yards and nine scores without a single interception.

Lady Hawks lose leading scorer Sequeena Thomas, then season opener to Lady Tigers 53-51

by Matt McGillen

When the Rockwall-Heath Lady Hawks opened their non-district basketball season with a 53-51 loss to the Terrell Lady Tigers Nov. 1 at Terrell ISD Athletic Complex, it had all the signs of a first game of the year:

Lots of turnovers, bad passes, missed shots and confusion on defensive assignments.

What it didn't have for the Lady Hawks, was their best player from last year's 28-6 team that finished as runnerup in the District 10-4A to advance to the playoffs.

Sequeena Thomas, a first-team All-District selection who would have been a senior and averaged a double-double with 20 points and 12 rebounds, moved to Pennsylvania early in the school year, leaving the Hawks with only one returning starter, junior Shanae Lowrance.

"Losing Sequeena kind of levels the field for everyone else," said Heath coach Donna Walker. "We'll just see what we see."

What Walker saw against the Lady Tigers was to her liking, despite the loss.

"You can't win them all. But I think that there was great effort, and that is more important at this point," Walker said. "And it could easily have gone either way there at the end."

And it could have.

The Lady Tigers, coming off a miserable 7-18 record in 2007, including a 3-11 district finish, led the Lady Hawks by as many as five points midway through the final period, 46-41.

Heath reeled off six straight points, four by Lowrance, however, to take its last lead of the game 47-46 with 2:11 to play.

Terrell's Aron Garcia, niece of first year Lady Tiger coach Orlander Joseph, scored on a fastbreak layin to stretch the lead back to three, 50-47, before Lowrance countered with a three-point play to knot the score at 50 apiece.

After Terrell hit a pair of free throws when Lowrance committed her fifth personal foul and went to the bench with 48.8 seconds left, sophomore Brooke Eddy hit one of two foul shots to make the score 52-51 with 23 seconds to play.

Forced to foul, the Hawks sent Garcia back to the line for a double bonus, where the 6-2 junior made the first, but missed the second with 6.8 ticks left, but the Lady Hawks were unable to get off a shot as time expired.

Lowrance had game-highs in points and rebounds with 21 and 15, respectively. Junior Katelyn Morris added 10 points and eight rebounds.

Neither team shot was as the Lady Hawks converted just 35 percent of their field goals, although they did connect on 17-of-22 free throws, 77 percent. The Lady Tigers, who showed no fear at hoisting up shots from most anywhere on the floor, made 21-of-48 field goals (43 percent) but just 7-of-24 foul shots (29 percent).

Terrell committed 25 turnovers compared to Heath's 32.

Next up for the Lady Hawks will be trip to Frisco Liberty Nov. 14, before opening the home portion of their schedule against Richardson Nov. 18.

With Moss and his defensive posse holding the Scots 140 yards and 18 points under their season averages, and Lawrence turning in a performance for the ages by rushing for 365 yards and all five Heath touchdowns, the Hawks crumpled Highland Park 38-31 in overtime to claim the first district title in the school's short history.

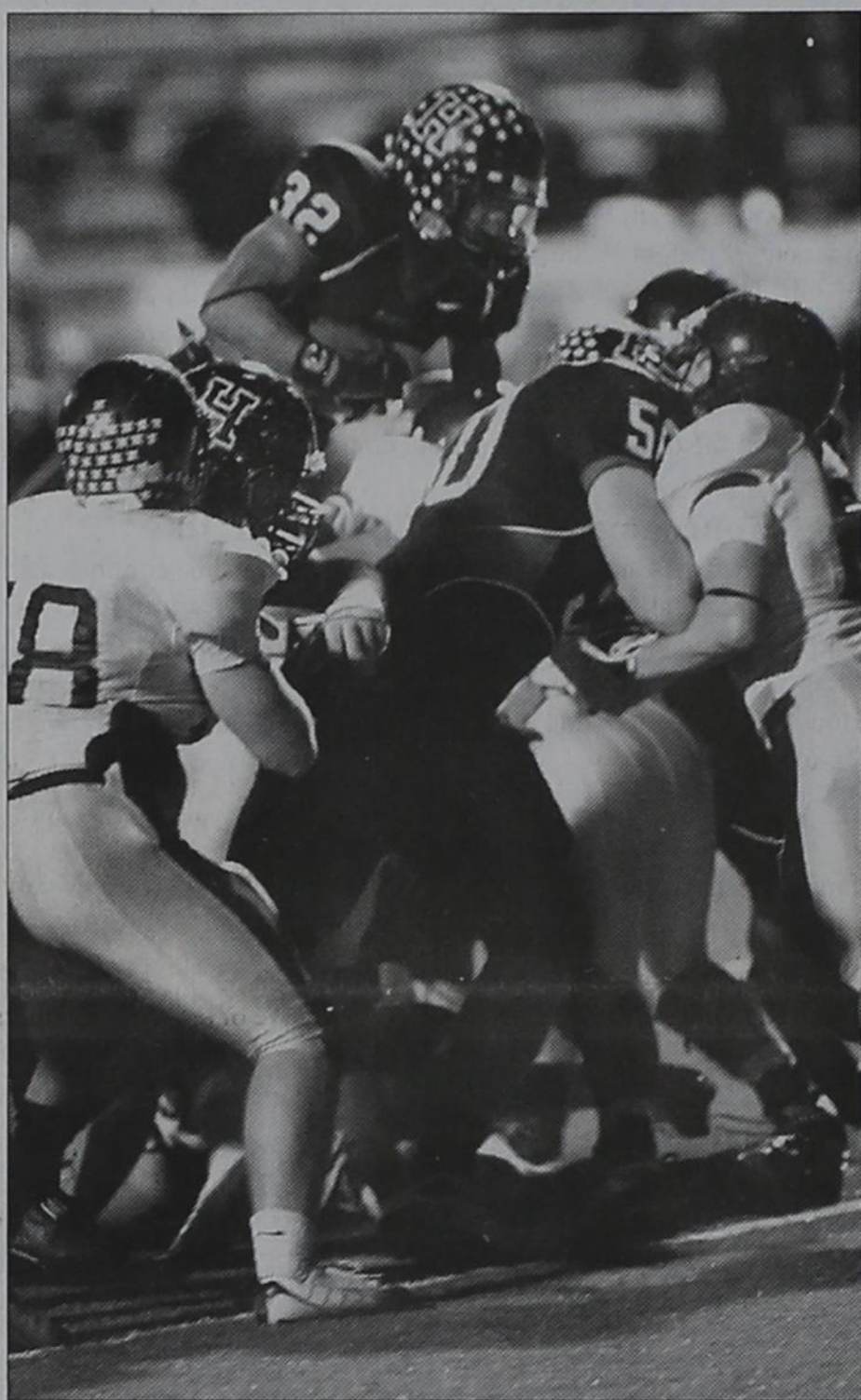
Heath, now 10-0 overall and 7-0 in district, will face Frisco Centennial (6-4, 4-3) in the first round of the playoffs Nov. 14 at 7:30 at Wylie's Pirate Stadium.

"We were never really focused on how great they were", said Heath coach Mickey Moss, the father of Austin Moss. "We just focused on what we needed to do to get better. It's a big win, especially for the school. Just the excitement and energy it brings. What an experience for the players to go through. For them it's a one-time go round in high school; most of these kids won't play again (after high school)."

And there will be no rematch.

Because no matter what happens in the postseason the rest of the way, their will be no chance for redemption for the Scots. Because the 4A playoffs are divided into two categories — Division I and II — based on enrollment, the Hawks and Highland Park will be in different state tournaments. "Maybe next year," said Moss.

Tied 31-31 at the end of regulation, Heath won the toss and opted to take the ball first in the extra period.



Heath Hawks running back Kendial Lawrence leaps over the Highland Park defensive line from the one yard line for a second half touchdown putting the Hawks on top 31-24 during last Thursday's final season game in Wilkerson-Sanders Stadium. Assisting in blocking on the offensive line is Austin Woods (50). The Hawks 38-31 overtime win gave them the 2008 UIL District championship.
Staff photo by Carl McClung

Hawks CC season ends at regionals; girls miss state by one place

As if senior Vanessa Bovee failing to qualify for state by less than two seconds wasn't heartbreaking enough, the entire Rockwall-Heath Lady Hawks cross country team missed the trip to Round Rock Nov. 15 by one place in the team standings at the Region II 4A cross country championship at Vandergriff Park in Arlington Nov. 8.

Bovee was timed in 12:00, just behind the tenth and final qualifying runner Megan Siebert of Richardson Pearce who crossed the finish line in 11:58.93

Forney won the girls championship followed by Highland Park and Frisco. The top three teams advance to the state meet.

Sophomore Carly Kitts of Midlothian was the individual winner with a time of 11:18.24, overtaking last year's state champ senior Sara Sutherland of Highland Park, who was timed in 11:22.28.

"I am very proud of them," said Heath coach Libbey Holley after her team's narrow failure to move on. "They are a great group of kids. I was impressed with their desire and their dedication. I was very pleased with the overall effort. The competition was tougher this year as all ten (individual) qualifiers were under 12 (minutes). Cassie Munoz had a great race, with a 13-second PR (personal record)."

Holley, in just her second year as the Heath coach, led both the girls and boys team to regional berths.

Heath individual results: Girls — 11. Bovee 12:00, 16. Andrea Moeller 12:16, 30. Aly Coughlin 12:32, 44. Cassie Munoz 12:47, 68. Jackie Myers 13:11, 86. Lenica Morales 13:42, 107. Cori Kelly 13:58.

Boys — Mitchell Howell 18:03, Aaron Contreras 18:03, Hunter Beauchamp 18:14, Carlos Zaldivar 18:23, Sam Stone 19:55, Christian Johnson 22:55, Eddie Lopez 22:59.

Starting from the 25, Lawrence ripped off runs of six and 11 and put the ball at the eight-yard line, where the shifty senior made the end zone on the very next play.

The Hawks were called for holding, however, and the ball went back to the 18.

No matter.

The 5-10, 180 pound senior simply shredded the exhausted Scots' defense to score again on the following play to put the Hawks in front and turn things over to the defense to complete the mission.

They were up to the task.

After three snaps put the ball on the five to give the Scots a chance, and one, Woodley threw incomplete and running back Bryan D was stuffed for a yard loss, bringing up a nailbiting fourth-and-one to the Scots, who went 15-1 last year, the only loss coming in championship game.

Under heavy pressure and unable to find an open receiver, Lawrence finally fired a low desperation pass that fell incomplete, unless sea of black and red, as Heath players, coaches and fans pounced on the field.

Although the Highland Park mystique showed up briefly in the game when a punt deflected off the back of a Heath special teamer for a fumble giving the Scots new life that led to the tying drive over the overtime, the aura of near-invincibility surrounding the 2007 force runnerup began to crack the 13th time Lawrence took the ball.

With Heath down 10-0 with 4:35 left in the first half, Lawrence, through the line of scrimmage, made a couple of jukes, and the end result through the middle of the befuddled and suddenly slow Scots' defenders for a 70-yard touchdown.

"That was big," Moss said. "You could just tell he was saying going carry this team on his back."

That would literally come later.

More cracks appeared in the second half after Brad Howe's 43-yard field goal sent the teams into the locker room knotted 10-10.

Down 17-10 after Woodley scored from 2 yards out, despite a call to fumble the ball before he crossed the goal line, Lawrence carried the ball four times for 59 yards including a final 45-yard burst to 17-17 with 6:12 left in the third period.

And in perhaps the game's biggest momentum changer, I powered in from 25 yards out four minutes later, literally dragging Highland Park defenders with him into the end zone the last time to give the Hawks their first lead, 24-17, at the 2:02 mark of the quarter.

After Highland Park retied the game when Woodley hit Josh for a 13-yard score, the Scots forced the Hawks into a three-and-eight with 8:05 left in the game.

But starting from their own 17 after a 52-yard punt by Heath's Drew Hollingshead, the Scots' aura completely fell apart as suddenly-ordinary Woodley threw incomplete twice.

The usually calm and composed 6-4 senior then made perhaps the worst decision of the season — maybe of his career — launching a third down pass into triple coverage just as he was about to be intercepted by the wobbly, off-target pass landed in the arms of Hawks' linebacker George Bamfo for an interception at the 25, which he returned for a 18-yard gain.

Reversed there, after a three-yard gain, Lawrence started right into the end zone on the next snap to make it 31-24.

The Scots tied the score once more on a five-yard pass from Austin Mai with 3:08 to play.

Austin Moss finished the night with a game-high 13 touchdowns, a season high for the year. His linebacking wingmen, Bamfo and Moseby, ended the game with 12 and nine respectively.

The Scots, who had averaged 49 points and almost 500 yards per game were held to 350 yards of total offense. Woodley was a respecter for 54 for 255 yards, but below his season average of 288.

"We did change some of the specific techniques we used on Frisco," Moss said. "As far as them being a dominating type team, I think we changed a little bit."

With Lawrence all but unstoppable, Hollingshead threw 14 passes, but increased his interception-free string to 136 attempts.

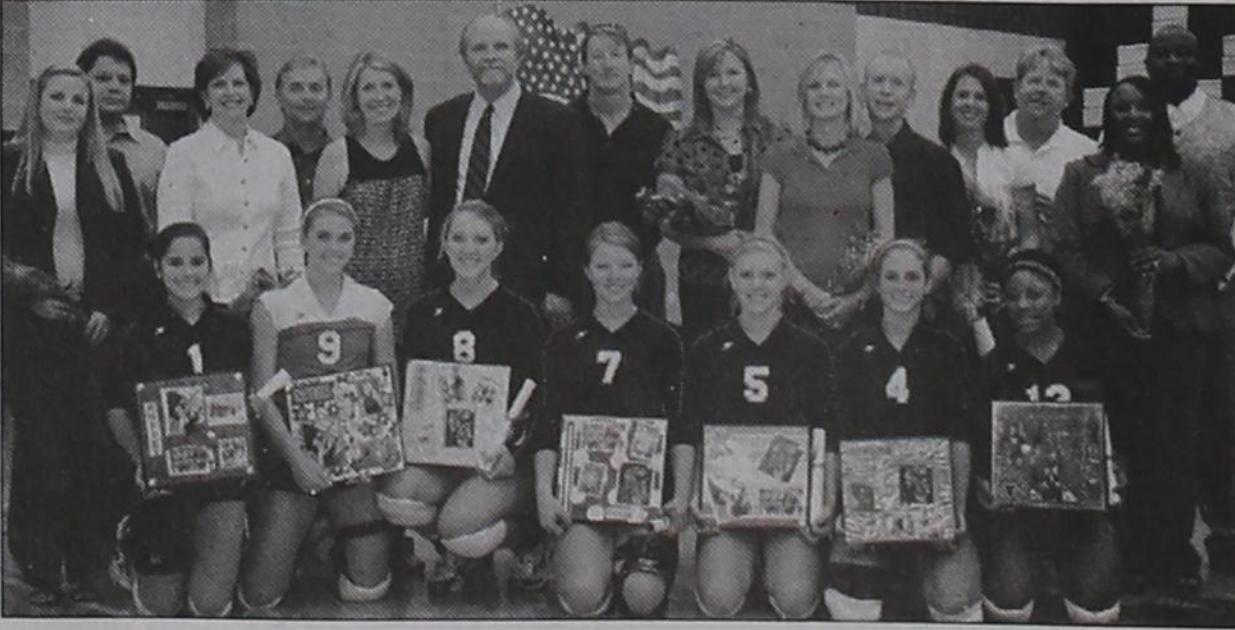
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|----------------------|--|----|----|----|------|
| Highland Park | 0 | 10 | 7 | 14 | 0-31 |
| Heath | 0 | 10 | 14 | 7 | 7-38 |
| HP - Matt Bonano | 39 field goal | | | | |
| HP - Bryan Dickenson | 2 pass from Luke Woodley (Bonano kick) | | | | |
| RH - Lawrence | 70 run (Howes kick) | | | | |
| RH - Howes | 27 field goal | | | | |
| RH - Lawrence | 45 run (Howes kick) | | | | |
| RH - Lawrence | 25 run (Howes kick) | | | | |
| HP - Josh Francis | 13 pass from Woodley (Bonano kick) | | | | |
| RH - Lawrence | 1 run (Howes kick) | | | | |
| HP - Austin Mai | 5 pass from Woodley (Bonano kick) | | | | |
| RH - Lawrence | 18 run (Howes kick) | | | | |

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|---------------|---------|--------|
| First downs | HP | RH |
| Rushes-yards | 21-95 | 51-389 |
| Passing yards | 255 | 48 |
| Passes | 33-54-1 | 5-8-0 |
| Punts-ave | 4-37.0 | 3-37.3 |
| Penalties | 3-30 | 5-45 |
| Fumbles-lost | 2-0 | 2-0 |

Individual statistics
Rushing: HP - Dickenson 15-75, Will Glascock 1(-1), Woodley 10-10, Heath - Lawrence 39-365, Everett Gilbert 10-36, Hollingshead 3-33. Passing: HP - Woodley 33-53-1-255, RH - Hollingshead 4-8-0. Receiving: HP - Dickenson 7-37, Francis 6-55, Chris Hipps 2-23, Liefeste 4-26, Morgan Stringer 10-111, RH - Bielski 1-7, Gilb Lawrence 1-3.

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Lady Jackets senior volleyball players recognized



The Rockwall Heath High School girls' volleyball team celebrated Senior Night Tuesday, Nov. 11. The team, which will graduate seven members this spring, recognized the first graduates to play all four years at Heath. The senior players are (from left to right) Marjorie and Elise Cavendish, Cindy and Blair Garrett, Tricia Patrick Short, David and March English, and Garon Horton, Paula and Mike Aker. Laverne and Robert Pratt. Senior are (from left to right) Audrey Cavendish, who lettered one year; Garrett, lettering three years; Rachel Short, two years; Emma English, one year; Hailey Hill, two years; Jordan Hill, three years; and Sha Pratt, two years.

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Jackets finish by beating Greenville Lions but miss playoffs

It wasn't the intensity of the previous week's emotional loss at Park, but Rockwall mustered enough energy to win its final game this season 20-7 over Greenville.

The game before Wilkerson-Sanders Memorial Stadium brought yet another victory because the Yellowjackets left knowing that their only hopes were with Richardson Pearce leading Carrollton to the playoffs.

Lightning went out on a game played in barely two hours came Pearce had won the game, keeping the Jackets in fifth place in the 10-4A with a 3-4 record (4-6 overall). The top four teams made the playoffs.

It appeared that the Yellowjackets might eliminate themselves led 14-0 at halftime after scoring in the final minute of each of the two quarters, but had the ball for just eight plays in the third quarter.

Lions quarterback Alton Dennis, who didn't start for two seasons, led an 86-yard drive in 10 plays to his own six-yard touchdown run.

Rockwall punted after a three-and-out series, and Greenville again took over in Jacket territory. A fourth-down pass that would have given Rockwall a first down inside the 20 yard line was dropped. That kept Rockwall from scoring a game-tying touchdown.

The Jackets took advantage of that break. Adam Dingwell passed for 135 yards and Jarron White ran for two more. With the ball at the end of the game, linebacker Aaron Arterburn carried the ball into the end zone.

"It was a struggle," said Jackets head coach Scott Smith. "We made a lot of mistakes early." Beddow made up for one of those mistakes, a dropped pass, by completing a similar play-action pass from Adam Dingwell for a 31-yard

touchdown with 33 seconds remaining in the first quarter.

Beddow stepped up as Rockwall's leading receiver, with six catches for 60 yards while playing in place of Will Beasley. The Jackets' season leader in receiving yardage missed the game because of a lacerated liver and surgery to repair a fractured finger.

With 40 seconds remaining in the first half, Dingwell completed a fourth-and-seven pass to Luke Wardell for 15 yards. Two plays later, the quarterback ran six yards to score.

RHS' offense ran for 194 yards – just 10 fewer than Greenville, whose Dakieston Williams and Dennis each gained more than 900 yards this season. That enabled Rockwall to finish the season with 1,511 yards on the ground, just four fewer than the 2007 team gained in 11 games.

Smith said, "Our offensive line blocked well. We could keep banging inside for four or five yards every time. We were having Anthony Strange do that early, and we switched to Jarron White later because he's so small a lot of times the defense can't see him."

The coach also was pleased with his own defense.

"The defense really played well. Greenville is very athletic. It helped on fourth down when they went for it and didn't catch the ball."

Here's a look at the Jackets' statistical leaders this season:

Passing – Dingwell 135-for-217, 1,833 yards, 16 touchdowns, six interceptions.

Rushing – Josh Broach 120 carries, 621 yards, 5.2-yard average, six TDs.

Receiving – White 32 catches, 463 yards, 14.5 average, three TDs; Beasley 31 catches, 497 yards, 16.0 average, three TDs; Broach 23 catches, 159 yards, 6.9 average, four TDs.

Yards from scrimmage – Broach 780 (621 rushing, 159 receiving); White 728 (275 rushing, 463 receiving).

Scoring – Broach 60 points, White and Arterburn 36, Gunderson 33. Arterburn was the most versatile Jacket, scoring three touchdowns rushing, two receiving and one with an interception.

| | 1st | 2nd | 3rd | 4th | Final |
|------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-------|
| Greenville | 0 | 0 | 7 | 0 | 7 |
| Rockwall | 7 | 7 | 0 | 6 | 20 |

Rock – Drew Beddow 31 pass from Adam Dingwell (Grant Gunderson kick)

Rock – Dingwell 6 run (Gunderson kick)

Green – Alton Dennis 10 run (Ryan Rumph kick)

Rock – Aaron Arterburn 2 run (bad snap on PAT)

| | Greenville | Rockwall |
|--------------|------------|----------|
| First downs | 13 | 19 |
| Rushing yds. | 44-204 | 38-194 |

Lady Jackets win big in basketball season opener

The weekend foretold a lot about what would happen in Rockwall's 2008-09 girls' basketball opening game Tuesday.

On Saturday, juniors Peyton Adamson (37 points) and Vertashia Dean (18) led the Lady Jackets past Mesquite in their final preseason scrimmage. Also that day, Parish Episcopal was winning the TAPPS 4A volleyball championship.

When RHS hosted Parish Episcopal Tuesday, five of the Lady Panthers' players – all 5'9" or taller – had been given time off after winning the state title with the volleyball team.

So with Adamson scoring another 37 points and Dean adding 16 in her first varsity game, the Lady Jackets raced to an 84-13 victory.

"We played well. Defensively, I was pleased for sure," said head coach Jill McDill.

The Lady Jackets held Parish scoreless in taking a 29-0 first-quarter lead, and extended that to 45-3 at halftime and 70-6 after three quarters. Freshmen scored all of the visitors' points.

Rockwall also was playing shorthanded. Senior post player Jordan Anterhaus will be out at least until Monday's home game against Mesquite Horn because of a back injury. That left the Lady Jackets with just nine players.



Jarron White (5) bursts down field for more Yellowjacket yards during last weeks season ending 20-7 win at Greenville. Staff photo by Roy Heath

| | | |
|--------------|--------|---------|
| Passing yds. | 69 | 112 |
| Passing | 5-11-0 | 11-16-0 |
| Punts | 6-30.7 | 4-39.5 |
| Penalties | 3-12 | 1-5 |
| Fumbles-lost | 1-1 | 3-2 |

Individual statistics

Passing – Greenville: Alton Dennis 3-7-0-47, Devonte Green 2-4-0-22; Rockwall: Adam Dingwell 11-16-0-112.

Rushing – Greenville: Dakieston Williams 27-155, Alton Dennis 11-54, Spencer Bennett 2-13, Ezekiel Prado 2-5, Devonte Green 2-minus 23; Rockwall: Jarron White 12-55, Josh Broach 12-47, Anthony Strange 7-43, Adam Dingwell 5-28, Aaron Arterburn 2-1.

Receiving – Greenville: Devonte Green 3-47, Dijuan Sheppard 2-22; Rockwall: Drew Beddow 6-60, Luke Wardell 2-29, Mark Ulbik 2-8, Josh Broach 1-minus 5.

Season ends RHS' volleyball playoffs

Rockwall exceeded its goal, but still there was a sense that it wasn't over Richardson Pearce eliminated the Lady Jackets from the playoffs with a regional quarterfinal sweep Tuesday night.

Head coach Damon Wilson arrived in Rockwall last spring, and the first things he noticed was that among the banners in the RHS gym were none celebrating Area or Bi-District championships in volleyball.

When he met with his senior-studded team, they agreed on one goal: win the Area championship.

The Lady Jackets met that goal with a four-game win Tuesday, Nov. 4, at Mesquite. RHS then added an Area championship Saturday by defeating Dallas Woodrow Wilson at North Mesquite, by a score of 3-0 in each game.

Captains Stephanie Shaw and Kimberly Grinnan led Rockwall to victory with nine and six kills, and Morgan Edwards added four. Wilson said, "You have to have balance. One player won't get it done."

Some problems with serves, the Lady Jackets were confident Tuesday's match at Sachse against District 10-4A champion which had dispatched Rockwall in three games in both district semifinals.

Rockwall scored the first point in each of the first two games, and led 4-2 in the second. But those leads disintegrated in similar fashion, and in 25-18 and 25-15.

In the third game, the only 1-0 lead belonged to the Lady Mustangs. The advantage grew to 4-0 and 11-5, but Rockwall didn't give up.

Wilson served an ace, and when Jordan Latus and McKenna Abbott served for a block that fell to the floor on Pearce's side of the net, Rockwall's deficit was down to 11-9. Grinnan's next serve hit the net.

Rockwall led 16-10 when Katie O'Brien's serve hit the net and rebounded off Rockwall players on the other side of the net for an ace. It was also a reminder of the misfortune on Grinnan's serve.

The Mustangs (38-7) remained in charge for a 25-17 victory that ended RHS' season at 27-15-1.

Wilson praised his players, who were disappointed in defeat. "They fought hard. They showed a lot of character. They're a great team. What they achieved is very special. They should hold their heads high."

Wilson continued, "Give credit to Pearce. It wasn't for a lack of effort or lack of skill on our part. If you make a little mistake with Pearce, in a little while you're down a five-point run. We should be favored from our region to go to state. Their servers are good. They don't make mistakes, and they're not just patty-caking it."

The Lady Mustangs won at Rockwall, they did it with finesse. Tuesday's match, Pearce brought out heavy artillery. O'Brien, Grinnan and Stephanie Holland – all sophomores – had at least 10 kills. Unofficially, Grinnan led the Lady Jackets with nine.

Wilson said serving problems from the Wilson match showed up again. Wilson said serving wasn't spectacular, but it wasn't terrible by any means. "We had a couple and we hit a couple to easy."

Wilson said mistakes played big dividends for Pearce, which Wilson admitted was "just a better team."

Rockwall Yellowjackets' schedule this week

Monday, Nov. 15 – Varsity and JV boys' basketball: scrimmage at 8 a.m.

Tuesday, Nov. 16 – Freshman A and B girls' basketball: at Duncanville 8 a.m.

Wednesday, Nov. 17 – Girls' basketball: at Frisco Liberty Tournament 8 a.m.

Thursday, Nov. 17 – Girls' basketball: home vs. Mesquite Horn, freshman 6 p.m., and varsity 7:30 p.m.

Friday, Nov. 18 – Varsity boys' golf: at Hebron Tournament, The Golf Club, 8 a.m.

Saturday, Nov. 18 – Girls' golf: at Hebron Tournament, The Tribute Golf Club, 8 a.m.

Sunday, Nov. 19 – Freshman 1 boys' golf: at Rowlett JV Invitational, Waterview Golf Club, 8 a.m.

Monday, Nov. 19 – Varsity and JV boys' basketball: at Plano Clark, 6 p.m.

Tuesday, Nov. 19 – JV boys' basketball: home vs. Terrell, JV 6 p.m., and varsity 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, Nov. 20 – Varsity and JV girls' basketball: at Allen High School, 8 a.m.

Thursday, Nov. 20 – Varsity and JV girls' swimming: at TISCA meet, Corpus Christi High School, 8 a.m.

Friday, Nov. 21 – Varsity and JV wrestling: at Dallas Sunset Invitational, 8 a.m.

Saturday, Nov. 21 – Varsity and JV girls' basketball: at North Mesquite, freshman 4:30 p.m.; JV 6 p.m.; varsity 7:30 p.m.

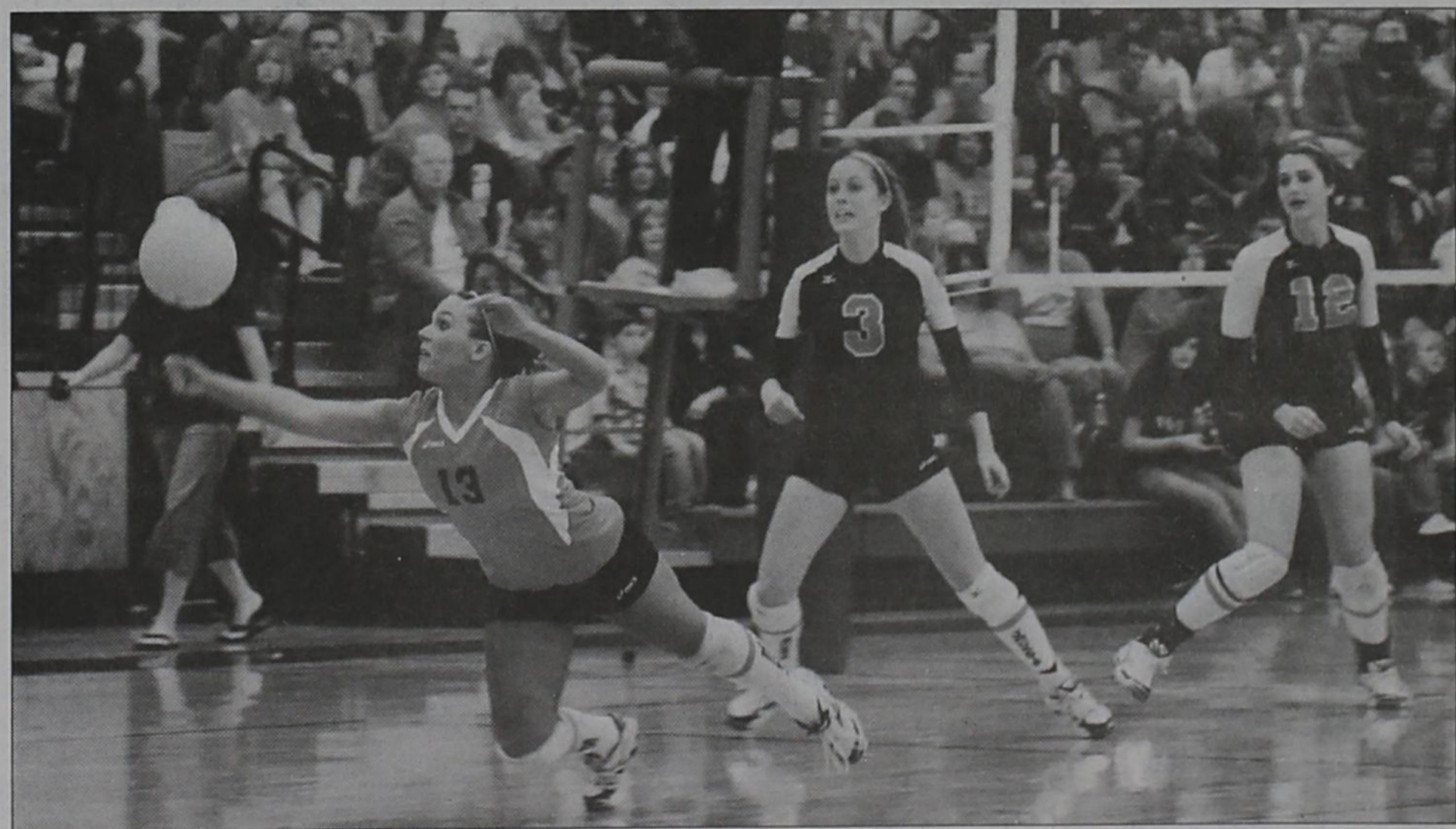
Sunday, Nov. 22 – Varsity and JV girls' basketball: at Burlison, 6:30 p.m.

Monday, Nov. 23 – Varsity and JV girls' basketball: at Rockwall-Heath, 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, Nov. 24 – Varsity and JV girls' basketball: at Allen Tournament, 8 a.m.

Wednesday, Nov. 24 – Varsity and JV girls' swimming: at North Zone TISCA meet, TBA

Thursday, Nov. 25 – Varsity and JV tennis: home for RHS Turkey Round Up, Uteley Freshman Center, 8 a.m.



Lady Jacket Sarah Hubbins (13) dives to keep the ball in play against Dallas Woodrow Wilson during last Saturday's match at North Mesquite High School. Ready to assist in the play are teammates Melissa Donham (3) and Kimberly Grinnan (12). The Ladies' Area Championship win over Woodrow Wilson was shared by many people from Rockwall County who filled the Rockwall side of the stands (back). Staff photo by Tim Burnett



The Rockwall High School Cross-Country Varsity Boys team won the District 10-4A Championship on Saturday, Nov. 1 by beating Highland Park. Proud team members are (left to right) freshman Thorne Pettigrew, junior Jacob Phillips, senior Captain Corey Miller, senior Captain Jack Hammond, senior R.J. Pettigrew and senior Josh Smith. The team advanced, along with Rockwall Heath and Highland Park High Schools, to the Region II meet held Nov. 8 in Arlington. Photo courtesy of Debbie Hammond

Yellowjackets Cross Country District Champs

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Royse City routs R.L. Turner in playoff warmup game



Bulldogs running back Ryan Fedric (9) finds a hole in the R.L. Turner defense with the strong blocking support of his offensive line during last Friday's 48-0 win against Turner at Royse City.
Staff photo by Amy Smith



The Bulldogs defense shuts down the R.L. Turner running and passing game during last Friday's game at Royse City. The Dawgs finished the season with a 48-0 win over Turner.
Staff photo by Amy Smith



The Royse City High School Drill Team floats through the air dazzling the Bulldog fans during last Friday's game against R.L. Turner.
Staff photo by Amy Smith

by Lary Bump

Royse City had nothing to lose against Carrollton R.L. Turner night, and the Bulldogs didn't even come close to losing.

After taking a 38-0 halftime lead, Royse City coasted to a victory and gave its reserves plenty of playing time against District last-place team, which finished the season 0-10 overall and 0 district.

This week the Bulldogs, who already had clinched third place district and a 4A Division II playoff date with Denison, will move from 9-4 to first. Denison's Yellowjackets defeated Sherman to take the 9-4A title with a 7-0 record, 10-0 overall.

Like those 'Jackets, Royse City (5-2 in 10-4A, 7-3 overall) got off to business early. The Dawgs took a 14-0 first-quarter lead on Dave's 3-yard touchdown run and Richard Morrison's 19-yard Devin Bryant.

Morrison threw another touchdown pass, his 21st this season, Jacobs, and Ryan Fedric ran four yards for a TD that made the score 28-0 in the second quarter.

Head coach Greg Strahm began substituting at that point. Lew ran 14 yards for his first touchdown this season before Koll kicked his first of two field goals for the 38-0 halftime advantage.

Playing in his first game, backup quarterback Dylan Duncan took a 24-yard pass with senior Keenan Austin for his first touchdown. That concluded the scoring in the fourth quarter.

As good as Royse City's offense was, rolling up 413 yards, it was even better. The Bulldogs held the Lions to 179 yards, just 10 on the ground. In contrast, RC averaged 7.7 yards per carry on its 36

| | 1st | 2nd | 3rd | 4th | Total |
|-------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-------|
| R.L. Turner | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Royse City | 14 | 24 | 3 | 7 | 48 |

- RC - Frank Dave 3 run (Kollin Padon kick)
- RC - Justin Bryant 19 pass from Richard Morrison (Padon kick)
- RC - Devin Jacobs 14 pass from Morrison (Padon kick)
- RC - Ryan Fedric 4 run (Padon kick)
- RC - Lewis Mapps 14 run (Padon kick)
- RC - Padon 40 FG
- RC - Padon 40 FG
- RC - Keenan Austin 24 pass from Dylan Duncan (Padon kick)

| | Turner | Royse City |
|--------------|--------|------------|
| First downs | 7 | 16 |
| Rushing yds. | 25-7 | 36-276 |
| Passing yds. | 172 | 137 |
| Passing | 9-23-2 | 10-16-0 |
| Punts-avg. | 6-27.0 | 1-46.0 |
| Penalties | 2-15 | 7-63 |
| Fumbles-lost | 2-1 | 3-2 |

Individual statistics

Passing - R.L. Turner: Mikal Patterson 8-20-1-165, Dakota Whitehead 1-3-1-7; Royse City: Richard Morrison 6-9-0-71, Dylan Duncan 6-6-0-66.

Rushing - R.L. Turner: Brent Bilger 7-13, Sergio Tamayo 4-4, Mikal Patterson 5-minus 5; Dakota Whitehead 6-1-0-10, Royse City - Ryan Fedric 9-88, Lewis Mapps 8-74, Trevor Walker 6-43, Frank Dave 6-43, Justin Jacobs 1-23, Dylan Duncan 4-minus 7.

Receiving - R.L. Turner: Matt Bernal 6-139, Marcos Rami 1-7, Ismail Solis 1-7, Sergio Tamayo 1-0; Royse City: Justin Jacobs 2-42, Devin Bryant 2-26, Jason Luna 2-24, Eric Smith 1-5.

Bulldogs to meet Denison in Bi-District playoff

Who: Royse City Bulldogs vs. Denison Yellowjackets
When: Friday, Nov. 14, 7:30 p.m.
Where: Ford Stadium, Southern Methodist University
Records: Royse City 7-3 overall, 5-2 (third place) in District 10-0 overall, 7-0 (first) in 9-4A

Last game: The Bulldogs took a big bite out of Carrollton R.L. Turner 48-0 Friday at Royse City ISD Stadium. That night, Denison Sherman 34-17 to take the district title.

Injuries: Yellowjackets quarterback Jordan Taylor, who had a month because of a broken collarbone, returned to play against Sherman. The Bulldogs did not report any new injuries.

History: Royse City moved up from 3A this season and does a history of playing against Denison. However, the teams did not meet in late August, with the Yellowjackets outscoring RC in the quarter.

What to look for: This game showcases two of North Texas' top quarterbacks, Royse City senior Richard Morrison and Denison senior running back D.J. Jones.

During the regular season, Morrison passed for 2,191 yards and ran for 551 additional yards. He has verbally committed to play at the University of Arizona. The 6'0", 205-pound Jones has been a fielding college offer after a season in which he ran for 2,200 yards and scored 34 touchdowns.

But these are not one-man teams. Each has a potent defense. Off the ball player. For the Yellowjackets, it's linebacker Jeffrey. Making the Dawgs' offense go is tackle Brock Wemp. He is one of the nation's top high school linemen.

Cody White coached Denison to the highest point total in its history. The 'Jackets outscored their opponents 479-190. Consider too the points allowed came in Denison's closest game, a 65-64 victory over playoff-bound McKinney. The fewest points scored by the Yellowjackets were their 34 against Sherman.

The Bulldogs outscored their opponents 349-237. It was a 14-0 attack, with 23 TDs passing and 20 rushing. They scored at least once in every regular-season game, and gave up the most (46) at Highland Park, another playoff team.

Royse City had enough offensive weapons to average 415 yards per game. Morrison's most frequent receiver was Justin Jacobs (51-889 yards and seven touchdowns). The quarterback was the Bulldogs' leading rusher, with Ryan Fedric adding 482 rushing yards and Frank Dave 368.

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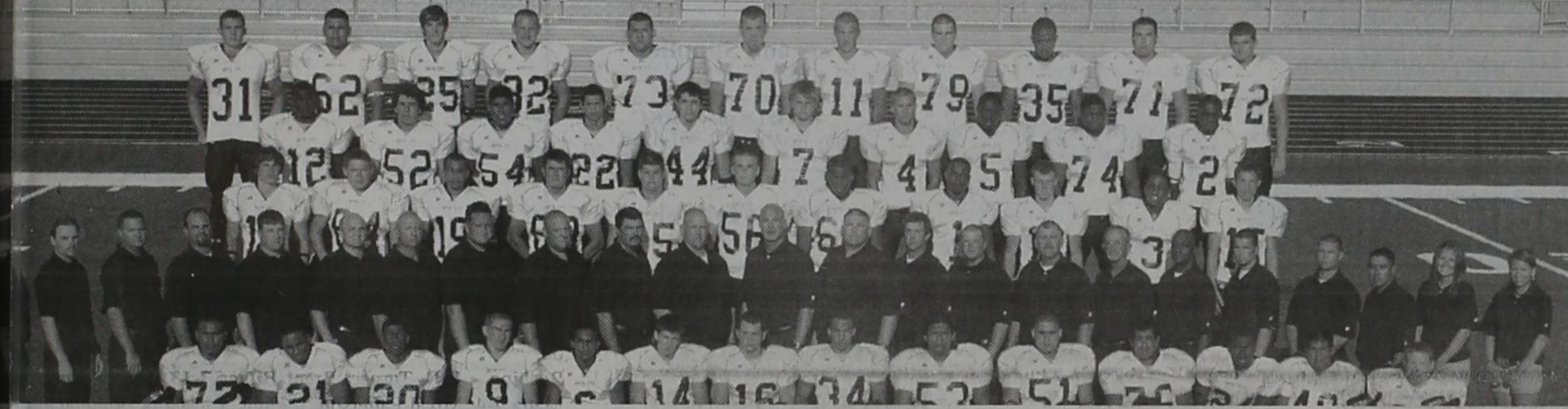


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Rockwall-Heath High School Varsity Football District Champions

(back row, left to right) Alex Young, Austin Woods, David Abercrombie, Brad Yarbrough, James McClintic, Seth Adams, Drey Head, Cameron Wilson, Zack Young, Bryan Foster, Tyler Harding, Temple, Kevin Rodgers, David Tanner, Chase Bell, (second row from back) Chris Dophied, Adrian McFadin, Matt Smith, Keith Sullivan, Austin Moss, Ryan Mosby, Drew Benefield, Alex Hart, Parker Harrison, Justin Roberts, Zach Salinas, Wyatt McGee, Brad Howes, Pruitt, (third row from back) George Bamfo, Darius Jones, King, Gene Rogers, David James, Kyle Peterson, Justin Powers, Walker, Ryan Lamberth, Ryan Peterson, Charlie Wilson, Will Jacob Houpt, Blaine Snider, Aaron Pierce, (front row) Matt Bielski, Gilbert, Jesse Irokwe, Matt McGowan, Armondo Villa, Undre Kendial Lawrence, J.J. Brown, Greg DeLoache, Pablo Cruz, Bear, Court Bookhout, Anthony Wilson.



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Dustin Gibson, Charles Mask, Ty Young, Austen Sharp, Grant Campbell, Ethan Morris, Jarvis Loftis, Trevor White, Kevin Williams, Justin Rogers, Keenan Austin, (front row) Eddie Mancias, Frank Dave, Demond Francis, Ryan Fedric, B.J. Farrar, Colton Gardner, Preston Corbin, K.C. Jones, Garbriel Marinez, Cruz Carr, Augie Hernandez, Lewis Mapps, Angel Hernandez and Sterling Smock.



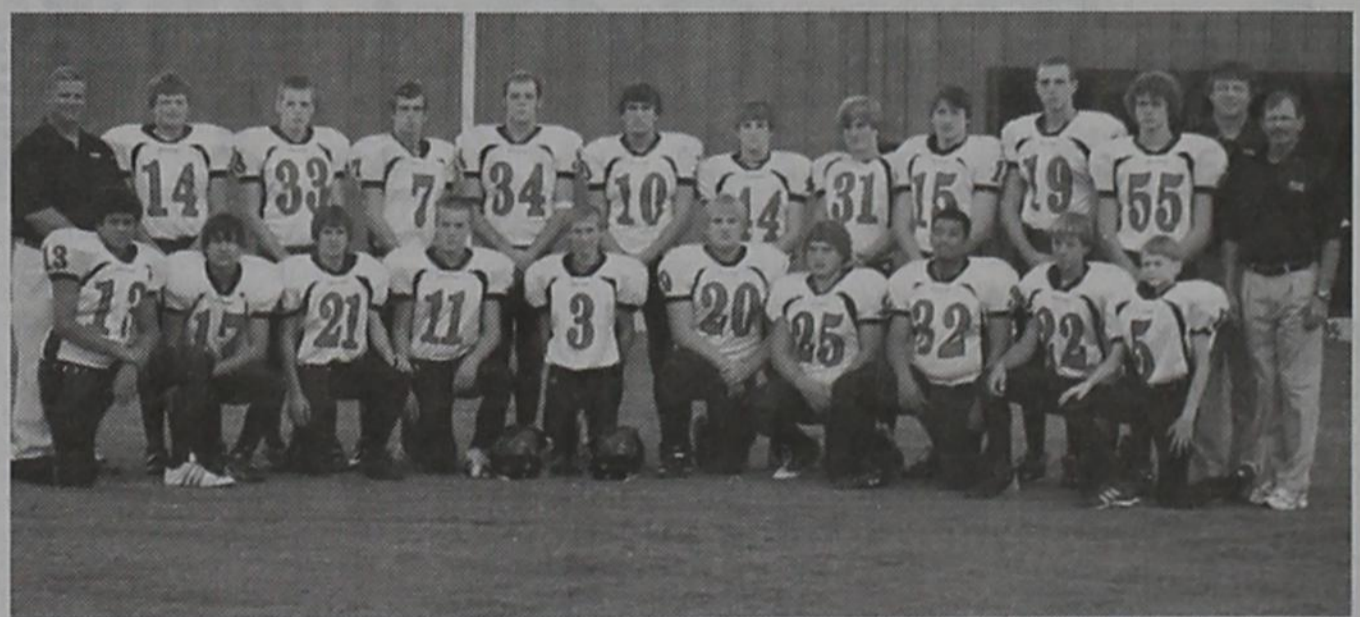
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(back row left to right) Mark Jones, Harrison Cleek, Key Phillips, Brian Tiffie, (middle row) Husanah, Taylor Fitzwilliam, Tyler Johnson, Tim Borgen, (front row) Kendall Johnson, Brett Han, Adam Gilbreath, Austin Reid.



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No, the Government can't solve problems

by Sheldon Richman

Barack Obama will assume the presidency on a wave of hope among millions of Americans that he will deliver on promises that countless politicians have made before him. Rising above partisanship and committed to solving long-festering problems, Obama will inspire and unify the American people and, as a result, move the crusty Washington political apparatus to at long last serve the interests of all.

At least that's the theory and the widely held expectation. The truth is that some political promises cannot be kept because they run up against the wall of reality, namely, the unyielding laws of economics. The sooner Obama learns this, the easier it will be on everyone and the more good he will be capable of.

Because of those laws, which are every bit as real as the laws of physics, government cannot directly do the things Obama wants to do: raise wages, create jobs, provide universal medical care, improve education, innovate on energy, and the rest. But indirectly he can help bring those things about. How?

By freeing the economic process of all impediments and distortions, including taxes on production, regulations, subsidies, and guarantees to business. The free market, which consists of free individuals cooperating through consent and the division of labor, can deliver those things and more.

It may seem strange to hear that economic laws limit our options. Obama's slogan was "Yes we can." In part he means there's nothing "we" can't do if we put our minds to it. And by "we" he means government. All that is holding us back, he is saying, is the lack of will and commitment. We can have all the things he promises if we want them enough and are willing to work together.

But this is naïve. If he said we could repeal the laws of physics if we worked hard enough, no one would believe him. So why believe his suggestion that we can achieve things in defiance of the laws of economics?

It takes a certain humility to acknowledge our limitations. While ambition and audacity are admirable, some things are beyond human capabilities. For example, the laws of economics — which are laws of human action — dictate that all choices have costs and tradeoffs.

In a world of scarcity, efforts to achieve A mean abstaining from efforts to achieve B. It's in the nature of things, and we have no choice about it. Given this fact, it is good that people confront the costs of their actions, for those costs prevent us from achieving the less valuable at the expense of the more valuable.

Government cannot change this law, but government can obscure it by hiding or shifting the costs. For example, subsidies and regulations can make medical care appear cheaper than it really is. When government does this, it upsets the balance of supply and demand, raising prices for the uninsured and creating other hardships.

At that point, government will either have to back off or expand its intervention in an attempt to fix the problems it caused. But new interventions will beget new problems, and the cycle begins again.

The upshot is that when government tries to ignore the laws of economics, it throws things out of whack, makes things worse, and provides excuses for the exercise of more power. The results are undesirable from the point of view of most people: fewer and less desirable goods and services, and a shrinking of freedom as government power grows.

It is important to realize that intentions are irrelevant in this regard. The logic of human action operates with implacable regularity whether intentions are good or bad. That logic can no more be annulled than can the laws of the natural sciences.

Barack Obama is no doubt a remarkable political figure. But he's not that remarkable. If he wants a successful presidency, he'll have to learn to live with the laws of economics — and liberate the American people from government restrictions on their peaceful activities.

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Capitalism and the financial crisis

by E. Williams

It has always been contempt for economic liberty. Historically, it was an important, not complete, exception. It took the Great Depression to bring about today's level of devotion to economic liberty. Now we have another government calamity that has the prospect of moving us even further away from economic liberty with the news media and pundits creating the myth that the current crisis can be blamed on capitalism. We see such as those in the New York Times: "The United States has not celebrated laissez-faire capitalism as the economic ideal. For years, the nation's political system has been tilted in favor of deregulation and against new rules." Another says, "Since Gordon Brown (the British Prime Minister) has been a powerful voice for the Labor Party's embrace of an American-style economic system that was light on regulation."

What is laissez-faire capitalism? Broadly defined, it is an economic system based on private ownership and control over the means of production. Under laissez-faire capitalism, government is restricted to the protection of the individual's rights against the initiation of physical force.

George Reisman has written a very insightful article on his website, "The Myth that Laissez Faire Is Responsible for Our Crisis." (<http://georgereisman.com/blog/2008/10/myth-that-laissez-faire-is-responsible.html>) You can decide whether we have in fact a laissez-faire economy.

The 15 cabinet departments, nine of which control various aspects of the U.S. economy. They are the Departments of: Agriculture, Education, Energy, Labor, Agriculture, Commerce, and Interior. There is the alphabet soup cluster of federal agencies such as the FRB and FDIC, the EPA, FDA, SEC, CFTC, NLRB, FTC, FEMA, FAA, CAA, INS, OSHA, CPSC, NHTSA, EEOC, NIH, and NASA.

My question to you: Can one be sane and at the same time hold an unregulated laissez-faire economy? Better yet, tell me a businessman, or for that matter you, can do that does not involve

some kind of government regulation. A businessman must seek government approval for the minutest detail of his operation or face the wrath of some government agency, whether it's at the federal, state or local level.

Just about everything we buy or use has some kind of government dictate involved whether it's package labeling, how many gallons of water to flush toilets or what pharmaceuticals can be prescribed. You say, "Williams, there's a reason for this government control." Yes, there's a reason for everything but that does not change the fact that there is massive government control over our economy.

It is incorrect to say that laissez-faire or free markets are unregulated. There is ruthless regulation, but it's not by government. Take the mortgage industry. In the absence of government interference, it is unlikely that a lender would extend a mortgage to a person with a poor credit history, making no down payment, and providing no verifiable employment history. But under the pressure of the government's Community Reinvestment Act and Freddie Mac buying up or guaranteeing such mortgages, a lender will.

When businesses make unwise decisions that lead to bankruptcy, their assets are sold off to someone else who might be able to put them to wiser use. Government bailouts give businesses a reprieve that the market wouldn't give them. Bailouts have at least two effects. They permit continued unwise use of resources and it creates what economists call moral hazard, the expectation of future bailouts and others hopping on the bailout wagon.

The blame for our current financial mess rests with government, with the major player being the Federal Reserve Board keeping interest rates artificially low and the congressional and White House market interference in the name of more home ownership. In the clamor for more regulation over our financial institutions, has anybody bothered to ask whether people in government know what they're doing?

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Culture war and Obama

by Bill O'Reilly

The interesting thing about Barack Obama's election is that few seem to know exactly how the man is going to govern. Will he be a Nancy Pelosi enthusiast, a far-left guy? Or will he move to the right like President Clinton did? Even his devoted followers don't know how he will initially use his power.

An old country saying: "You dance with the one who brung you here." After Obama's victory, the far-left MoveOn outfit issued a release saying that during the campaign it had raised an estimated \$88 million on behalf of the president-elect. The timing of the statement was no accident: It was a subtle reminder that the left expected.

For the left zealots, the goal is a European-like entitlement culture where the government provides direct assistance to those without a lot of money. Like France and Sweden, there are no demands placed upon anyone earning less than a certain amount. If you want to buy a car or drink vodka until your legs give out, fine — you still get it.

Historically, Americans have rejected that kind of nanny state. But the left mistake: That is what the far left see as "economic justice." There are "San Francisco values." That is the George Soros philosophy: legalized narcotics and prostitution, unfettered abortion, legalized euthanasia, and gay marriage, to name just a few social ills, a big-time contributor to MoveOn, believes America should be a libertine society where moral judgments about social issues are unacceptable.

Will Obama stand on those issues? He says he personally supports gay marriage, but I can't imagine him working against it. He's been vocal about abortion in cases where the health of the mother is at issue, the health of the mother could be a panic attack or a heart attack. Based on his voting record in the past, I expect Obama to be liberal when social legislation is presented to him. I also expect Obama to have a new best friend if a Supreme Court decision occurs.

When Obama tacks to the left on entitlements and the social issues, his appeal to working Americans might diminish — especially if the economy doesn't turn around. When Obama was winning liberal California, voters were overturning

the gay marriage law imposed upon them by activist judges. The United States is still a center-right country when it comes to traditional values.

I believe Obama and his advisers understand that. But I am also sure that the MoveOn brigades and devoted liberal media outlets are hungry for more "progressive" change. This is a dicey situation for the newly elected president. The words "rock" and "hard place" come to mind.

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An open letter to the people of Heath

by Wesley W. Burnett

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Although we may be unwelcome or unpopular inside the halls of government, we assure you that we understand and accept that sometimes uncomfortable role. Government officials almost universally consider newspaper folks to be a threat.

And for good reason. For it is our duty and responsibility to air the dirty laundry and shed light on matters that often are embarrassing, or worse. Most of you will not attend city council meetings or hearings. That's what you expect of us, and that is our obligation to you.

We are your eyes and ears, keeping a close watch on your appointed and elected officials. When you open the pages of the Rockwall County News, we know that you trust us to tell you about the facts as we know them.

It is our duty to report to you what we see and hear, unfettered by fear of retribution, without bias or opinion in the reporting. That's what we do, and we do it so you will be better informed. It's as if you are sitting next to us, and realizing that were you there, you'd see and hear what we see and hear.

Sometimes we'll tell you that your government officials have strayed from their oaths of office. As was the case on November 4 at your city council meeting, we simply report to you the facts, it's up to you to decide what do about it. One of the most important functions of a newspaper is to be a watchdog of government.

Although we are not crusaders, we may at times be "investigative" reporters. Yet, we don't go digging around for bad stuff. But when we know of unlawful government acts, you can be certain that we will tell you about them. It's a matter of trust.

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