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Rockwall-Heath High School students Tyler Wood and Lauren Hartnett (left to right) were named the 2010 Homecoming King and Queen at Friday's Homecoming victory against Richardson's J.J. Pearce High School. The Hawks won an early back and forth battle, pulling ahead of Pearce for a 45-20 win at Wilkerson-Sanders Stadium.

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Convicted sex offender wanted in Rockwall County arrested

by Kathy Williams

State and federal law enforcement officers have arrested David Ross Baxley, 67, a convicted sex offender wanted in Rockwall County and who has evaded arrest for at least seven years.

Baxley was apprehended Thursday, Sept. 23, in Vidor, Texas by officers from Texas Attorney General Greg Abbott's Fugitive Unit, the Department of Public Safety and the U.S. Marshal Service. He was booked into the Orange County Jail.

Baxley has been wanted in Rockwall County since 2003, when the Rockwall County Sheriff's Office issued a warrant for his arrest after he failed to register as a sex offender, according to a press release from the Texas Attorney General's office. New Mexico State Police had issued a warrant for his arrest in 2006 for failure to appear and the Sheriff's Department in Yoakum County, Texas had issued a third arrest warrant for Baxley for driving while intoxicated.

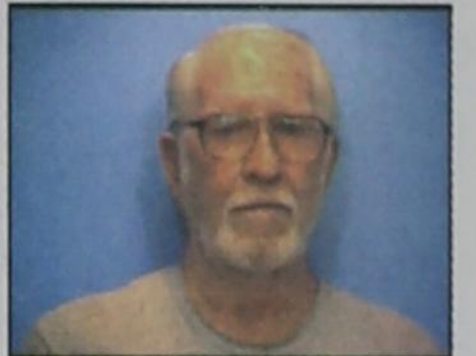
According to the Texas Department of Public Safety, Baxley's criminal history includes burglary, sexual assault, rape, indecency with a child, driving under the influence, driving while intoxicated, failure to register as a sex offender, and failure to appear. Baxley disappeared in 2003 and was then added to the DPS' Ten Most Wanted Sex Offenders list. He was considered armed and dangerous by law enforcement officials.

Rockwall County Sheriff

Harold Eavenson said Baxley was believed to have evaded authorities for so long by living under at least one or more assumed names. Investigators learned Baxley had been using the alias Edward Donald Taylor since 2006, information that led to the discovery of his location and subsequent arrest.

An Orange County Sheriff's Department spokesman said Rockwall County has two hold orders on Baxley on his failure to register as a sex offender warrants and the Rockwall Sheriff's Office has 10 days to retrieve him from Orange County.

According to the press release, Baxley's arrest was the third Top Ten Most Wanted Offender arrested the Fugitive Unit has assisted in over the past month. The



David Ross Baxley

Fugitive Unit located and arrested Michael Brian McCollum, 47, on Sept. 17 in Hurst. Fugitive Unit investigators also located Joel Burt Thompkins, 48, in New York, providing information to the New York Police Department which led to his Aug. 20 arrest. Both McCollum and Thompson were on DPS' Top Ten Most Wanted Fugitives list.

Heath sets budget, tax rate for 2010-11

At the Sept 21 meeting of the Heath City Council, council members ratified a budget of \$11 million in expenditures and an unchanged tax rate of .3433 per \$100 of appraised value.

Along with the budget and tax rate, the council adopted changes in fees for city services including increases in zoning change and condition use permits as well as appeals to the board of adjustments to reflect the costs of advertising.

When a zoning change is pro-

posed, the public must be informed and public hearings conducted, which is why there is an advertising cost.

The city also adjusted its fees for animal impoundment to coincide with City of Rockwall. The initial fee for impounding will drop from \$50 to \$30, but subsequent impounding will cost pet-owners rates that increase from 50 on the second event to \$100 on the fourth event.

Rates for city sports fields will

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Rockwall ISD trustees handle weighty agenda

At their Sept. 20 meeting, members of Rockwall Independent School District Board of Trustees had a full agenda.

Members heard reports on the district's program for beginning educators. The program is called BEST for Beginning Educators and Successful Teacher Program.

One of the highlights of BEST is that teachers received \$200 grants from the district's foundation to offset costs associated with putting together a classroom for the first time. Most teachers end up spending their own money on things ranging from classroom decorations to supplies.

The board also heard a report on the district's after-school program: ROCK (Reaching out to Connecting Kids). ROCK serves 61 students in third through sixth grades at the Amy Parks-Heath, Grace Harman, Dorothy Smith Pullen, Sharan Shannon, Doris Cullins-Lake Pointe and Delia Hays campuses.

The program began a year

and a half ago and offers an activity schedule that includes a snack and free time, homework/tutorials and enrichment lessons and activities including Spanish, math, science and computer. The program is staffed entirely by certified teachers.

Members of the Rockwall Business and Educational Council, tasked with drafting a plan to create an academy system within the district, also presented the trustees with a progress report.

The council reported that it has identified a desire to create a project-based and career-oriented system of academies in the areas of health professions; science, technology, engineering and math; arts, technology and communications; business and finance; and legal services.

To ensure local community values are reflected in the district's health education instruction, the board appointed a 20-member commission pursuant to the Texas Education Code. Half of the council members are non-

employee parents of students. Other members include the district coordinator of health services, director of child nutrition, director of student support, coordinator of wellness and coordinator of special projects along with principals and teachers.

Chief financial officer Mike Singleton reported that for the eighth year in a row the district received a superior achievement rating in financial integrity from the Texas Education Agency.

The rating is based on 22 criteria including student achievement, staff-to-student and teacher-to-student ratios, percentage of funds devoted to instruction compared to those devoted to administration and disclosures including making the superintendent's contract public.

Trustees also made new contracts for legal and financial services. The board approved the firm of Abernathy, Roder, Boyd & Joplin PC as the district's legal adviser and First Southwest Company as the district's financial adviser.



Jim "Texas Shorty" Chancellor, a fiddler from Rockwall, is shown accepting a National Endowment for the Arts National Heritage Fellowship Award from NEA chairman Rocco Landesman. "A master of the intricate and ornamented style of fiddling known as the Texas style, Jim Chancellor could fill a trophy case with the local, state and world championships he has won," Landesman said of the honoree. "He is a patient and skilled teacher of a new generation of fiddle artists across the country, but one who will remain always a sincere student of the tradition he loves." The presentation was made Sept. 22 at an awards ceremony at the Library of Congress in Washington, D.C. Chancellor was one of nine honorees, each of whom received an award of \$25,000. The NEA fellowships are the nation's highest honor in the folk and traditional arts. To hear clips of Chancellor's music, visit arts.gov/honors/heritage/fellows/fellow.php?id=2010_02.

Photo by Michael G. Stewart/Rockwall County News

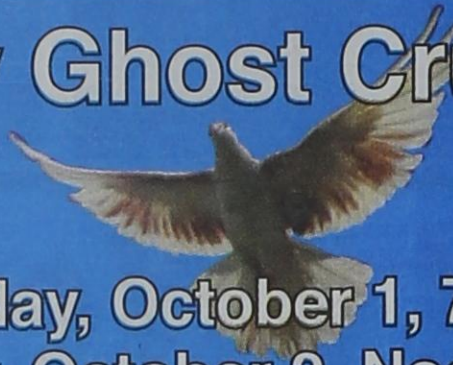
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The weather has finally turned cooler, which means time is running out to visit the Rockwall Farmers Market on the Downtown Historic Square. The last date for the market, which will join efforts with the San Jacinto Street Art Market the same day, is Saturday, Oct. 2. Shoppers can stock up on vegetables, fruit, flowers and plants, home baked goodies and other treats from local growers and farmers. The market is open from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. and the Art Market will run from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Downtown restaurants and cafes will be open for breakfast and lunch for shoppers to enjoy. The Farmers Market will return to the Square in May 2011. Introducing his daughter to the delights of the market is Matt Perkins, with his young foodie, Catherine.
Photo courtesy of Claudette Hatfield/Rockwall County News

Rockwall Pumpkin Patch plans Oct. 2 grand opening

The 22nd Annual Rockwall Pumpkin Patch, co-sponsored by the Rockwall County Friends of the Library and the Council of Catholic Women of Our Lady of the Lake Church, will officially open on Oct. 2 in the Ridge Road Shopping Center near Brookshires.

The market is invited to the ribbon-cutting ceremony and browse the display of holiday items, pumpkins, mums, lawn art, corn stalks, deli items and other wares. A maze of hay bales will be in place to provide a play area for children, and children's activities – clowns, face painting, balloon art and musical presentations -- are planned for each Saturday.

The Patch will be open from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. daily throughout October. For more details on the event, visit rockwallpumpkinpatch.com.



Decorating gourds for the upcoming Rockwall Pumpkin Patch are volunteers (left to right) Sara Cook, Louise Parent, Toni Humes, Nancy Beaty, Carolyn Duckworth and Teddie Degelia.
Courtesy photo/Rockwall County News

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Heath budget

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increase as well. Socioeconomic conditions will double from a \$10/gallon to \$20 and use of a footbridge will increase from \$15/gallon to \$20.

Base rates for water will increase. For example, rates for 5/8-inch and 3/4-inch meters will see a 39-cent increase and rates for 1-inch meters will see an increase of \$7.42. The rate for residential sewer service will increase from \$4.71, from \$57.99 monthly to \$62.70.

The council also approved a preliminary plat for the development of the Shores at Cedar Glen. The total size of the development is about 13 acres and will have two lakefronts. It will be accessed through the Cedar Glen subdivision.

The council also approved a preliminary plat for the water tower site built behind the Fulton Center. Construction is expected to begin in March or April. The tower is expected to be operational by June 2012.

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Senior Spotlight



Claire Tommey

Claire Tommey has been a member of Rockwall High School Stingerettes Drill Team for three years and the Senior Chaplin. She is a member of the school's PALS organization. After graduation, she plans to attend Texas Tech University to study for a degree in Nursing. Her parents are Terry and Carmy.



Amanda Bull

Amanda Bull has been a member of the Rockwall High School Stingerettes Drill Team for three years and is head JVI. She is also involved in Academic Booster Club, Crimestoppers, ASL Club and National Technical Honor Society. After graduation, Amanda plans to attend Hardin-Simmons University and major in Mathematical Education. Her parents are Carol and Alan Bull.



Lauren Hartnett

Head Cheerleader Lauren Hartnett is a fourth year cheerleader at Rockwall-Heath High School. She is a four year All-American Nominee and was chosen All American her senior year.

She has received the Academic Booster Club Award for four years and received the Lantern of Knowledge three years.

Lauren was voted Freshman Forthcoming Princess and was nominated for Junior Homecoming Princess. She is involved in D-FY-It, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, FCCLA, Rachel's Challenge, is an editor for the school yearbook and the Class of 2011 social chair, and was selected to be part of Shattered Dreams 2010 program.

Lauren is a member of Lake Pointe Church. She plans to attend college and pursue a career in fashion design and merchandising.



Kayla Hall

Kayla is an All American Varsity cheerleader at Rockwall-Heath High School. She has been involved in competitive cheerleading since first grade and was an 8th grade cheerleader for Cain Middle School. She has cheered at RHHS for four years.

Kayla is on staff of the RHHS school newspaper and yearbook, is an active member and board member of National Charity League, Academic Booster Club, having received the Chevron Award the last four years, participates in FCCLA, and dedicates many hours to coaching young girls cheerleading through Heath Hawks Community Athletics.

After graduation Kayla intends on cheering at the collegiate level. She will major in Journalism with plans to cross over into Fashion.



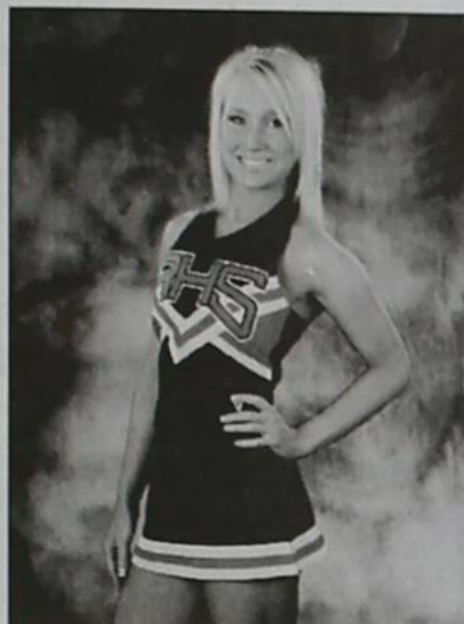
Kaitlyn McGuire

Kaitlyn is a Senior at Rockwall School and has cheered for five years. She is Head Varsity Cheerleader this year and served as captain sophomore year. She was chosen All American Cheerleader her sophomore and senior years. This year she received an NCA Staff Invitation to help conduct cheer camps. Kaitlyn is a member of National Charity League, D-FY-It, SAFE Club, Academic Booster Club, Young Friends of Rachel Club, and Social Charity League, where she held numerous officer positions during President.

Kaitlyn hopes to attend Texas Tech University next year majoring in Journalism.

Kaitlyn attends Our Lady of the Lake Catholic Church where she is a altar server.

She is the daughter of Mike and Beth McGuire and the older sister of Kurt and Kole.



Allegra Melton

Allegra is a senior at Rockwall High School and has cheered for five years. She is a four time All American nominee and was selected All-American her Junior and Senior years. She also received a NCA Staff Invitation. Allegra is a member of the National Society of High School Scholars and is an Academic Booster Club Lantern recipient. She is a member of Student Council, D-FY-IT, Friends of Rachel and Key Club. She volunteers for Relay for Life and has assisted with the NCA Stunt Clinic, Patriot Paws, and RHS Girl's Cheer Camps.

Allegra attends Lake Pointe Church and participates in Young Life.

Allegra will attend Texas A&M University following graduation.

She is the daughter of Noelle and Bryan Chilton and Tommy Melton.

Change on IH-30 to begin Oct. 7

Beginning Oct. 7 the north IH-30 service road between FM 549 and Townsend Drive will be changed to carry westbound traffic only, according to a news release from the City of Rockwall.

The change, which will be permanent, is being made as part of the John King/IH-30 interchange project. The Texas Department of Transportation agreed several years ago to allow the service road to remain two-way until Industrial Boulevard was constructed over the railroad tracks and connected to Airport Road. The extension of Industrial was completed in 2007, but TXDOT has allowed the service road to remain two-way until now. Contact Chris Bruner, TXDOT project manager, at 214-926-9095 or Chuck Todd, Rockwall city engineer, at 972-771-7746 for more information on this project.

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Rockwall P&Z plans Oct. 12 public hearing

The City of Rockwall Planning & Zoning Commission will conduct a public hearing at 6 p.m. Oct. 12 in the City Hall Council Chambers. Two agenda items are listed for discussion:

A city-initiated request to amend the Unified Development Code, Article IV, Permissible Uses, and Article V, District Development Standards. Proposed UDC amendments include the addition of land use, definition and standards for "winery;" the addition of land use, definition and standards for "solar energy collector panels and systems;" the addition of a 60-day notification delay for properties in the Historic Overlay district; and the addition of a "deck patio cover-pergola" as a permitted structure in the Takelene Overlay district.

A request by Richard Skorburg of Stone Creek Balance Ltd. for proposed amendments to Planned Development No. 70 District, a 395-acre area generally known as Stone Creek development, located along the east side of SH 205, south side of FM 552, west side of Hays Road and north side of Mill Run Road. The purpose of the amendment is to reconfigure the size and seven acres to approximately 8.66 acres the existing general retail tract located north of the existing CVS Pharmacy and west of fire station No. 3. For more details, visit rockwall.com/planning/zoningchanges.asp.

RHHS student is NASP semifinalist

A Rockwall-Heath High School student has been named one of more than 500 black American high school seniors designated as semifinalists in the 15th annual National Achievement Scholarship Program, according to a news release issued Wednesday.

Darara B. Borodje is the only area student listed as a semifinalist. Borodje now has the opportunity to continue in the competition for an Achievement Scholarship award to be offered in the spring. To be considered for a National Achievement Scholarship, semifinalists must fulfill several requirements to advance to the finalist level.

The National Achievement Scholarship Program, conducted by NMSC, is a privately financed academic competition that operates without government assistance. It was initiated in 1964 to recognize academically promising black students throughout the nation and to provide scholarships to the most outstanding program participants. To date, more than 30,300 young men and women have received Achievement Scholarship awards worth more than \$96 million.

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Rockwall County Obituaries

Clyde Henry Albright Sr.

Services for Clyde Henry Albright Sr., 69, a 36-year resident of El Paso, were conducted at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Sept. 28, 2010, in the Rest Haven Funeral Home-Rockwall Chapel with the Rev. Lynn Cypert officiating. Burial followed in the Rest Haven



Memorial Park.

He died Sept. 17.

Born Dec. 3, 1940, in Moscow, Tenn., to Sam and Lucy Ann (James) Albright, he served in Vietnam with the U.S. Army and was a technical writer and developer of training materials, as well as an expert in Army training development programs, procedures

and requirements. He was experienced in instruction of both U.S. and allied officers and enlisted personnel and in staffing, coordination and government/contractor and interagency relations and joint efforts. He retired from the Army in 1984 after reaching the rank of MSG/E8.

Following his retirement from the military he worked as a civil servant. He retired earlier this year.

Survivors include his son, Clyde Henry Albright II; his daughter, Zondra Harriston and her husband, Kevin, of Fate; his sisters, Edith Jones of Moscow, Tenn., Lucy B. Albright of Riley, N.C., and Dorotha Albright of Nashville, Tenn.; his granddaughter, Valentina Albright of Lubbock; and his grandson, Kevin Harriston of Roys City.

His parents and his brothers, Leo, Bobby and Sam, preceded him in death.

Barbara Ann Aliotta

Services for Barbara Ann Aliotta, 56, of Rockwall were conducted at 10 a.m. Sept. 25, 2010, in the Our Lady of the Lakes Catholic Church in Deltona, Fla. Burial followed in the Deltona Memorial Gardens. The Rest Haven Funeral Home-Rockwall Chapel was in charge of arrangements.

She died Sept. 16.

Born June 19, 1954, in Elmhurst, Ill., to Russell and Patricia (Jasik) Jensen, she was a bank liquidator specialist for the FDIC and a member of the Our Lady of the Lake Catholic Church in Rockwall.

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Survivors include her husband, John Aliotta of Rockwall; her daughters, Dena Rathbun and her husband, Steve, of Lavon and Tara Aliotta of Rockwall; her mother, Patricia Jensen of DeLand, Fla.; her siblings, Michael Jensen and his wife, Lynn, of Mooresville, Ind., Cathy Barlow and her husband, Dan, of Elk Grove, Ill., William Jensen and his wife, Valerie, of Lake Mary, Fla., Donna Aliotta and her husband, Michael, of Deltona and Carol Kimmel and her husband, Charles, of Killeen; her grandsons, Matthew, Andrew and Trevor Rathbun; and one granddaughter, Heather Andrews.

She was preceded in death by her father; one brother, Peter Jensen; and one sister, Deborah Cline.

Thomas A. Bandy

Graveside services for Thomas A. Bandy, 85, a 38-year resident of Rockwall, were conducted at 2 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 30, 2010, in the Rest Haven Memorial Park. The Rest Haven Funeral Home-Rockwall Chapel was in charge of arrangements.

He died Sunday, Sept. 26.

Born Feb. 2, 1925, in Lancaster to Thomas Olin and Rose (Angus) Bandy in the Merchant Marines and was a general contractor in the construction industry. He was a member of the Church of Christ.

Survivors include his wife, Margaret (Roushey) Bandy of Rockwall, Charles Bandy and his wife, Jan, of Forney, Tom Bandy and Cindy Perdue and her husband, Tony, of Rowlett; 11 grandchildren; great-grandchildren; and his sisters-in-law, O'Delle Davis and Melba Davis.

His parents, one brother and one sister preceded him in death.

Pastor Bryan Joel Clift

Services for Pastor Bryan Joel Clift, 38, of the Rockwall area were conducted at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Sept. 29, 2010, at the Lake Pointe Church with Pastor Mike Simons, Pastor Jerry Howell and Pastor Walter Halam officiating. The Rest Haven Funeral Home-Rockwall Chapel was in charge of arrangements.

He died Sept. 24.

Born March 19, 1972, in Odessa to Leon Joel and Katherine (Adams) Clift, he began playing piano, singing and writing music at the age of six. He spent his life leading praise and worship across the nation, including the First Family Church in Dallas, Promiseland Television Network, Benny Hinn Ministries, DailyLIVEworship.com, his personal website and many others.

Survivors include his wife, Kathy Clift; his daughters, Alyssa Aliyah and Alivia Clift; his parents, Pastor Leon and Kathy Clift; his mother, Edith Mayberry; his sister, Rebecca Wright and her husband, his mother-in-law, Marilyn Murphy, and her husband, David; his father, Richard Albriton, and his wife, Jan; his sister-in-law, Carole; his grandmother-in-law, Eunice Homiller, and her husband, Bill; nephews, Colton, Connor and Cody Bryan Wright.

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Jean Watson Henry



Funeral services for Jean Watson Henry, 83, of Dallas were conducted Monday, Sept. 27, 2010, at Rest Haven Memorial Park. Rest Haven Funeral Home-Rockwall Chapel was in charge of arrangements.

She died Sept. 22, 2010, at her home, 11111 Dallas Road, Dallas, Texas. She was born March 11, 1927, in Dallas, Texas, and was the daughter of Ida Mae (Clark) Watson and William Henry Watson. She worked as the national sales director for Mary Kay Cosmetics until her retirement in 1995. She was a member of the Unity Church of Dallas.

Survivors include her sons, Richard Henry and his wife, Shirley, of Dallas; Richard Henry of Rockwall; her grandchildren, Shawn, Allan, Travis and Shannon Trice; and her great-grandchildren, Nick and Shannon Trice.

Her parents and one brother, Merle Hartsfield, preceded her in death. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society, 4144 N. Central Expy., Suite 750, Dallas, TX 75204 or at alz.org/greaterdallas.

Kenneth Ray Lemons

Funeral services for Kenneth Ray Lemons, 65, of Grapeland were conducted at 10 a.m. Sept. 23, 2010, at the Parker Cemetery with Bro. Duane and Bro. Josh Mills officiating. The Bailey & Foster Funeral Home of Grapeland was in charge of arrangements.

He died Sept. 20 at Winfield Healthcare. He was born March 29, 1945, in Dallas to Theo and Judith Darr Lemons, he was a member of the New Hope Baptist Church for many years and had lived in the Palestine area since 1986. He was a veteran who served two tours in Vietnam.

Survivors include his wife of 18 years, Shirley Lemons of Grapeland; his daughter, Sue Lemons of Caddo Mills; his brother, Walter Lemons of Quinlan; his brother-in-law, Joyce Merchant of Grapeland; his brother-in-law, Bill Merchant of Grapeland; a sister-in-law, Jewel Lemons of Rockwall; Brenda and her husband, David, of Grapeland; many nieces and nephews and great-nieces and great-nephews; and his Jack Russell terrier, Mollie.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his sisters, Ruth Wilson and Elsie; his brother-in-law, Carl Moore; a nephew, Kevin Mason; and two brothers, Clifford Darr and Bill Lemons.

Funeral services were held at New Hope Baptist Church - Angel Diaz, J.C. Duval, Steve Duval, Max Borman, Hollis Daniels, Stephen Reynolds, David and Buddy Taylor. Honorary pallbearers were James Watson, Michael Watson, Chris Watson, Marcus Lemons and Marvin Woodson.

Online condolences or sign the online guestbook visit baileyandfosterfuneralhome.com.

Jim M. Tripp Nolan

Funeral services for Jim M. Tripp Nolan, 69, of Rowlett were conducted at 3 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 30, 2010, in the Rest Haven Funeral Home-Rowlett Chapel. He followed in the Sacred Heart Cemetery.

He died Saturday, Sept. 25, 2010, at his home, 10101 Grand Prairie, Grand Prairie, Texas. He was born Jan. 10, 1941, in Grand Prairie to James and Wanda Bell (Hope) Nolan and served in the U.S. Navy. A

Ruth Harris Woods



Funeral services for Ruth Harris Woods, 90, of Grand Prairie will be conducted at 11 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 2, 2010, in the Rest Haven Funeral Home-Rockwall Chapel. Burial will follow in the Royse City Cemetery.

The family will receive friends one hour prior to the service at the funeral home.

She died Monday, Sept. 27, 2010, at her home, 11111 Dallas Road, Dallas, Texas. She was born Jan. 26, 1920, in Wylie, Texas, to Luther Hayes and Katie Elvira Soden Harris, she was a graduate of Saint Paul School of Nursing and served as a Lt. U.S. Army Nurse Corp during World War II where she met her husband, Capt. Richard Lowell Woods of Crawfordsville, Ind. She retired from the Grand Prairie Independent School District in 1985 after 25 years as a school nurse.

Survivors include her daughter, Nancy Woods; her granddaughters, Julie Miller and Jodie Couch; her great-grandson, Ryan Couch; her great-granddaughters, Meagan Carroll and her husband, Matt, and Shannon Miller and her fiancé, Chace Bergeron; her sister, Daisy Prince; her brothers, Arsie Harris and his wife, Dorothy, and Mickey Harris and his wife, Charlee Jo; her brother-in-law, Dr. Edward Seinfeld; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; a grandson-in-law, Ronald L. Miller; her sisters, Eva Harris, Lilly Springer and Tinnie Seinfeld; her brothers, Robert Harris and Soden Harris; and her nephews, Phillip Birkes, Jeffrey Birkes, Darrin Harris and David Seinfeld.

Her great-grandsons and nephews will serve as pallbearers.

The family has extended their thanks to the staff at Clyde W.

Cosper Texas State Veteran's Home in Bonham, American Hospice in McKinney and Phoebe Hughes of C.W. Cosper Texas VA for their care. In lieu of flowers, the family has suggested donations may be made to

Susan G. Komen for the Cure North Texas at P.O. Box 261730, Plano, TX 75026 or at komenorthtexas.org.

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Notice of Test of Automatic Tabulating Equipment

Notice is hereby given that the Automatic Tabulating Equipment that will be used in the General Election held on November 2, 2010 will be tested on October 7, 2010 at 10:00 a.m. at 107 E. Kaufman St., Rockwall, Texas to ascertain that it will accurately count the votes cast for all offices and all measures.

Issued this the 28th day of September, 2010

Glenda Denton
Elections Administrator
Rockwall County

Aviso de la prueba del equipo de tabulación automático

El aviso por este medio se da a eso el equipo de tabulación automático que será utilizado en la elección general celebrada el 2 de noviembre de 2010 será probado el 7 de octubre, 2010 en 10:00 a.m. en 107 E. Kaufman St., Rockwall, Tejas para comprobar que contará exactamente los votos echados para todas las oficinas y todas las medidas.

Publicó esto el 28th día del septiembre, 2010

Glenda Denton
Administrador de las elecciones
Condado de Rockwall

PUBLIC NOTICE

On September 17, 2010, Atmos Pipeline - Texas, a division of Atmos Energy Corporation ("APT" or the "Company"), filed a Statement of Intent to change its natural gas transportation rates for firm and interruptible customers and implement a new schedule of rates and riders applicable to all transportation customers receiving service under existing Rate Schedules CGS and Rate Schedule PT. The proposed effective date of the requested rate changes is October 22, 2010. If approved, the proposed changes will affect approximately 4 firm transportation customers and 63 interruptible transportation customers. APT's Other Revenue customer class is not affected by this filing.

If approved, the proposed rates will increase the Company's annual revenues by \$38.9 million. The proposed change in rates constitutes a "major change" as that term is defined by Section 104.101 of the Texas Utilities Code. In addition, the Company seeks to recover all rate case expenses as allowed by law. The exact amount of rate case expenses will not be known until the case is completed.

Based on the proposed rate design, the meter charge will be eliminated, and the capacity charge and usage rate applicable for each of the customer classes affected by this filing will increase by the amount shown in the table below:

Customer Class	Current Meter Charge	Proposed Meter Charge	Difference
CGS - Mid-Tex	\$4,356.69	\$0.00	(\$4,356.69)
CGS-CoServ	\$4,356.69	\$0.00	(\$4,356.69)
CGS - Other	\$2,425.17	\$0.00	(\$2,425.17)
PT	\$6,124.34	\$0.00	(\$6,124.34)

Customer Class	Current Capacity Charge	Proposed Capacity Charge**	Difference
CGS - Mid-Tex	\$0.9988	\$4.8444	\$3.8456
CGS-CoServ	\$0.8507	\$3.9815	\$3.1308
CGS - Other	\$0.9988	\$3.9815	\$2.9827
PT	\$0.0000	\$2.6276	\$2.6276

**The customer charge reflected on the bill for each customer class is calculated as follows: customer charge = MDQ (Maximum Daily Quantity) * capacity charge (customer charge will vary by customer based on the customer's MDQ).

Customer Class	Current Usage Charge	Proposed Usage Charge	Difference
CGS-Mid-Tex	\$0.2103	\$0.0276	(\$0.1827)
CGS-CoServ	\$0.1778	\$0.0276	(\$0.1502)
CGS-Other	\$0.2103	\$0.0276	(\$0.1827)
PT-1st Tier	\$0.1739	\$0.0163	(\$0.1576)
PT-2nd Tier	\$0.1579	\$0.0163	(\$0.1416)

In addition to rate revisions, APT seeks to adopt a Rate Schedule CGS - Mid-Tex to be applicable solely to Atmos Energy Corp., Mid-Tex Division. This Rate Schedule will, consistent with the Commission's Final Order Nunc Pro Tunc in GUD No. 9869, include recovery of ad valorem taxes related to Mid-Tex's working gas in storage, as well as the return and related taxes on Mid-Tex's working gas in storage, the Accumulated Deferred Income Tax for UNICAP Section 263A and the WACOG to FIFO change related to the Mid-Tex working gas in storage. A second Rate Schedule CGS - Other is proposed for all other city gate customers that is identical to the proposed Rate Schedule CGS - Mid-Tex with the exception of the requested changes related to Mid-Tex's working gas in storage. Other proposed tariff changes include a new Rider REV, a new Rider WGIS, and minor wording changes in the other existing Riders applicable to service provided by APT. Specifically, APT seeks to adopt a new, revenue tracking mechanism (Rider REV) that will adjust Rate CGS and Rate PT annually for changes in the level of revenue received from APT's "Other Revenue" customer class in the prior year. APT also proposes to adopt a new Rider WGIS to establish a twelve (12) month surcharge to be applicable to Atmos Energy Corp, Mid-Tex Division to recover the regulatory asset balance in Account 182.3 - Other Regulatory Assets that has accumulated since the entry of the Commission's Final Order Nunc Pro Tunc in GUD No. 9869. APT proposes to adopt minor wording changes to all of its existing Riders, including a change in the title of Rider FF to Rider MF. Additional minor changes to APT's other Riders are proposed that will, for example, delete unnecessary definitions.

Persons with specific questions or desiring additional information about this filing may contact Atmos Energy Corporation at 1-214-206-2809. Complete copies of the filed Statement of Intent, including all proposed rates and schedule changes, are available for inspection at Atmos' offices located at 5420 LBJ Freeway, Suite 1600, Dallas, Texas 75240. In addition, any affected person may file in writing comments, a request for intervention or a protest concerning the proposed change in rates with the Docket Services Section of the Office of General Counsel, Railroad Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 12967, Austin, Texas 78711-2967, at any time within 30 days following the date on which the change would or has become effective. Please reference GUD Docket No. 10000.

Este es un aviso a los clientes de APT División de Atmos Energy Corporation, (la "Compañía"), que la Compañía está solicitando un cambio en la tarifa de transportación de gas natural para clientes firmes e interruptibles. Si usted tiene preguntas con respecto a este cambio, por favor llame a Atmos Energy Corporation al 1-214-206-2809.

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Jean's ministry was brought forth to proclaim His overcoming power. As she ministers revelation, truths come forth with an anointing of joy and laughter. The Holy Spirit confirms with signs, miracles, and wonders, which follow with ease as the gifts of the Spirit are present.

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Rockwall County News Briefs

RPA meeting planned Oct. 1

The Rockwall Preschool Association will meet at 9 a.m. Oct. 1 at the Free Methodist Church, 315 Dalton Rd., in Rockwall. Speaker Tiffany Olson will talk about holiday traditions. RPA's primary objective is fellowship and educational opportunities for mothers and preschoolers. RPA is open to Rockwall-area mothers with children ages birth through kindergarten; new members are welcome. For more details visit rockwallpreschoolassociation.com.

Bridge tourney offered to seniors

A bridge tournament for individuals 50 and older will begin at 10 a.m. Oct. 1 at The Center. Chicago-style scoring will be used; prizes will be awarded to the top three. Participants must have a partner to play. Cost will be \$3 for Rockwall residents, \$5 for non-residents. For more details call the Parks & Rec Department at 972-771-7740.

Team Spirit Luncheon set at The Center

A free Team Spirit Luncheon will be conducted from noon to 1:30 p.m. Oct. 1 at The Center. Participants should wear their favorite pro, college or high school team apparel. The event is open to individuals ages 50 and older. For more details call the Rockwall Parks & Rec Department, 972-771-7740.

RC Pumpkin Patch opening set

The Royse City Pumpkin Patch will observe its grand opening with a ribbon cutting at 4 p.m. Oct. 1 at 117 E. Main St., Royse City. Organizers will unveil a new art feature — a mural depicting the city's Main Street. The Pumpkin Patch will run throughout the month of October. For more details call 972-636-2184 or visit khollifield@roysecity.com.

R'wall Pumpkin Patch to open

The grand opening of the 22nd Rockwall Pumpkin Patch will take place at 9 a.m. Oct. 2 at the Ridge Road Shopping Center near Brookshires. The community is invited to attend and browse the display of holiday and fall items, pumpkins, mums, lawn art, corn stalks, deli items and other wares. The Patch will be open from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. daily throughout the month.

Rockwall FD plans open house

The annual Rockwall Fire Department Open House will run from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Oct. 2 at Fire Station No. 2, located at 920 Rockwall Parkway. The event will include food, family activities and fire safety tips for the home. Demonstrations will include fire extinguisher use, a fire safety house with live sprinkler activation demonstrations, and vehicle extrications. Admission to the open house will be free.

PTA plans Oct. 3 Fun Fest

The Grace Hartman Elementary PTA will host Fun Fest from 3 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Oct. 3 at the school. The event will feature a Messy Obstacle Challenge, followed by a hose-down courtesy of the Rockwall Fire Department, along with family friendly games, bounce houses, a dunking booth, food and an auction. The public is invited.

Republican Lunch Bunch to meet

The Rockwall County Republican Lunch Bunch will meet at 11:30 a.m. Oct. 6 at Luigi's Italian Café, Rockwall. Cost will be \$10, which includes lunch, beverage, tax and tip; pay at the door. No reservations required for this informal social gathering of area Republicans. For more details call Dalton Kennimer, 972-636-4034.

RCC plans Oct. 6 meeting

The Rockwall Computer Council will meet at 6:30 p.m. Oct. 6 at The Center, Rockwall City Place, at 108 Washington St. Carl Sherman will give the program. Two subjects will be covered — the ROKU streaming video adapter and the Vonage voiceover Internet telephone adapter (VOIP). A Q&A session will follow. The RCC is open to anyone interested in the use of computers in the home or office. For more details, call 972-772-0307.

'Talking Tombstones' set Oct. 8

The Rockwall County Historical Foundation will present "Talking Tombstones" at noon Oct. 8 as part of the Brown Bag Lecture Series at the Historic Courthouse. The program will be free and open to the public.

Blood drive set at Heath City Hall

The City of Heath will host a blood drive from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Oct. 8 in the Multi-Purpose Conference Room of City Hall. Visit redcrossblood.org and use sponsor code cityofheath.com for an appointment.

FOL Lunch Basket event slated

The Friends of the Library Lunch Basket will begin at 11 a.m. Oct. 12 in the library's Community Room. MusicFest will present "A Walk Down 42nd Street," and lunch will be catered by the Rockwall Cake Factory at a cost of \$15 per person. Reservations needed by Oct. 8; call 972-771-8976 or e-mail cplagens65@aol.com.

Church plans Blessing of the Pets

The First Church, 3375 Ridge Road in Rockwall, will conduct a Blessing of the Pets ceremony at 5:30 p.m. Oct. 10 on the church grounds, followed by a pet parade. Participants are encouraged to bring an offering of pet food or treats for donation to the Rockwall Animal Shelter. All pets are welcome as long as they are leashed or in a protective carrier. The community is invited to participate. For more details call 972-771-5526.

RARTA meeting set Oct. 11

The Rockwall Area Retired Teachers Association will meet at 1:15 p.m. Oct. 11 at the RISD Administration Complex. June Hand of Purple Ranch Lavender Farms will be the speaker. All retired school employees and their guests are welcome to attend.



Buddy is a lively, lovable Catahoula who is just waiting for a loving home. He is available for adoption at the Rockwall Animal Adoption Center for someone to take him home. He will pay for his treatment when he is adopted. To adopt Buddy to see the many animals waiting for a loving home, see the Center at the City of Rockwall's web site at www.rockwall.com, page on the Center at 1825 Airport Rd in Rockwall. The Rockwall Animal Adoption Center can be reached at 972-771-7750.

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Retirement planning session slated

The AARP and the North Central Texas Area Agency on Aging will present a free presentation on retirement planning for "Baby Boomers" from 8 p.m. to 8 p.m. Oct. 12 at Lake Pointe Church (enter through building's west side, past the parking lot). Topics will include Social Security, Medicare and other benefits and services. Those planning to attend should call 972-8300 so organizers can make plans for refreshments and seating.

City plans outdoor family campout

The Rockwall Parks & Rec Department will host an outdoor family campout Oct. 16-17 at Harry Myers Park. Activities such as fishing, disc golf and kayaking are planned; participants should bring their own gear for the Oct. 16 noon meal, but dinner will be provided that evening. A campfire and cowboy singer/poet will round out the evening. Bring your own gear and tents (tents are available if needed; let organizers know if you need them). Cost is \$100 per Rockwall family, \$150 for non-residents. To register call 972-771-7740.

Rockwall County News

Opinions

None Dare Call It Tyranny

by Sheldon Richman

If you want to know what tyranny is like, look around. The national government - specifically the executive branch - can do pretty much what it wants. It could bomb Iran tomorrow without a declaration of war from Congress. It can - and does - conduct secret wars and covert operations against countries that have done nothing to us. Of course, they are secret only to the ignorant taxpayers who must finance them and perhaps suffer when the provoked retaliation occurs. It can have men behind PlayStation consoles in Nevada fire Hellfire missiles from aerial drones on people in Pakistan, Yemen, and elsewhere. This tyrannical government can send any foreigner picked up anywhere in the world to third countries known for torturing prisoners. It can hold people accused of nothing indefinitely in prisons in Cuba and Afghanistan and torture them into making false confessions. It can conduct a war crimes trial in a military kangaroo court for a man, Omar Khadr, held captive for eight years after he was picked up at the age of 15 during a U.S. assault on villagers near Kabul. His torture-induced "confessions" will be admissible. All this is in violation of commitments under the Optional Protocol on the Involvement of Children in Armed Conflict not to treat children in war as though they were adults. It can assassinate even American citizens abroad without a scent of due process. It is a government that can write its own warrants without judicial review - and call them national security letters - in order to conduct fishing expeditions in anyone's electronic records. But that isn't enough power for the present Progressive administration, which wants the freedom to examine our browser histories and email correspondents' names. The Bill of Rights, like the Geneva Convention, has become "quaint" and obsolete. Unlike any self-respecting tyranny, it tries to keep the truth from its subjects. Comforting words camouflage the 50,000 armed and combat-ready troops that will remain in Iraq after "withdrawal." Their "primary" mission is to train an army whose own general says won't be ready for years. This gross deception follows on the heralded "surge," which supposedly turned things around in Iraq. What "worked," however, was

not U.S. military prowess or Gen. David Petraeus's brilliance, but the spreading of American taxpayers' cash to buy off Sunni insurgents and the denouement of ethnic cleansing in Baghdad. And, again, like any self-respecting tyranny, it bled at leaks of classified documents that tell the people the truth. Senior administration officials condemn Wikileaks and its sources for supposedly jeopardizing U.S. troops and Afghan collaborators, while adding that nothing new had been revealed. With no sense of irony, the same officials find blood on the hands of Wikileaks' Julian Assange, ignoring the rivers of blood their policies and weapons have produced in the Middle East and South Central Asia. Without those policies, there would be nothing to leak. Some call for the assassination of Assange, and for all we know he is on President Obama's kill list. Meanwhile a courageous young soldier, Bradley Manning, who apparently leaked video of American troops committing cold-blooded murder in Baghdad, faces 52 years in prison. Now we are being softened up for the next war, against Iran. As in 2002 with Iraq's phantom WMDs, the empire advance men tell us Iran is building nuclear weapons, and Obama and Secretary of State Clinton say "all options are on the table," which phrase includes hydrogen bombs. Once again a Big Lie is repeated without proof. The reason is simple: all evidence runs the other way. The government's own intelligence agencies say Iran has no nuclear-weapons program, and the International Atomic Energy Agency is on the scene. But no matter. If it suits the tyrannical administration or its partner in empire, Israel, bombs of some kind will fall. The consequences all around will be horrible. Can it really be tyranny if we get to vote? Yes. Jeffreyerson warned of "elective despotism." How valuable is your one vote when the government manipulates and distorts the flow of information, when Congress capitulates, and when the "adversarial" mainstream media act like government press agents, if not adoring lapdogs. The ugly truth is out there, but you have to want to know it. Sheldon Richman is senior fellow at The Future of Freedom Foundation, author of *Teethered Citizens: Time to Repeal the Welfare State*, and editor of *The Free Market Magazine*. Visit his blog "Free Association" at www.sheldonrichman.com.

Offending Offensive Mosque builders

by Andrew Leonie

My best friend's father was a physician in New York. He died there in 9/11. Dr Stoller was semi-retired but immediately after the air attacks on the World Trade Towers, he went to Mt. Sinai Hospital to assist in the ER in anyway he could. He was so shocked by the enormity of the tragedy and by the number of victims reminiscent of the holocaust, that he was overwhelmed with a fatal heart attack and died there at the hospital.

You've no doubt seen and heard about the controversy surrounding the building of a planned mosque two blocks away from the ground zero site of the attacks. Families of the 9/11 victims and over 70% of the American public oppose the location of that mosque so near to ground zero.

The primary reason this area is considered "hallowed ground" is because bodily remains were collected within a 6 block radius of the site. Over a thousand victims have still not yet been accounted for. If radical Muslims attacked the United States in the name of their religion, it seems to be a slap in the face of the victim families and most of the people who can now build a victory mosque within that area.

Is it an unalienable right?

But President Obama and his host of other political leaders of all stripes stood up for the right of Muslims to build their mosque there. Others have characterized the right to build that mosque as an "unalienable right". The Imam leading the building project also warned that he would oppose that mosque would incite the relocator of the mosque world against America. He also refused to consider relocating the mosque because that too, he says, would incite Muslim anger and violence against the United States.

In Afghanistan multiple crowds chanted "Death to America" and in Florida a church planned to hold a Quran burning day. President Obama and many political and religious leaders urged the Pastor to change his plans, again saying that action would further incite Muslim anger and violence.

Did you hear Obama or any leader of note mention the "unalienable right" of the Pastor and his church to burn a Quran?

No one stood up for the free speech right to burn a Quran. Why not? No one agreed or disagreed with the wisdom of such an action, so people pointed out that such an action is considered by the U.S. Supreme Court "protected speech" under the First Amendment to the Constitution. No one was all too concerned about offending the Muslim world and avenging their anger against America.

My question is, which one is truly an unalienable right? Is building a mosque an unalienable right or is free speech an unalienable right? Is one really a natural right that exists prior to, above and beyond constitutional guarantee of that right?

Dr. Stoller and other 9/11 victims supporting the American people's right of life including our constitutional guarantees of true unalienable rights. That freedom is what opponents truly find offensive.

Andrew Leonie is a lawyer who has lived with his family in Rockwall County for over twenty years. The views expressed are his own.

The simple road to economic well being: Follow the U.S. Constitution

by Ron Paul

In the wake of another uptick in the official unemployment rate, the administration continued to claim that their economic policies were working, just not fast enough. This administration inherited an unemployment rate of 7.7% and promised a peak of no higher than 8% if their policies were followed. Not only does the administration have a funny way of ending a war, but now they claim their economic policies are successful. For whom, I wonder? These policies are not working for the 9.6% of Americans who are out of work, nor for the over 16% underemployed. They are not working for nearly 3 million Americans who have declared bankruptcy in the last two years, or the 40 million currently on food stamps. Nearly 1 in 6 Americans depend on those and other government anti-poverty programs such as Medicaid and unemployment benefits. As more Americans are added to the unemployment rolls, the tax base from which to hand out their benefits is shrinking. Still, businesses are being taxed and regulated out of the market, adding to the problem. What solutions are put forth? More government spending — even as each citizen's portion of the public debt is over \$43,000 and expected to increase by \$250,000 over the next 40 years.

No, this economy is not working for these people. But current economic policy does "work" for some people. For example, it has worked out very well for certain bankers and large corporations, who took on too much risk and got themselves in hot water, and were declared "too big to fail" which is really a euphemism for "friends in high places". It works well for large, well-connected military industrial corporations, who can always count on perpetual war and conflict to keep them in business. It also works for those on the government's payroll, which is increasing as the tax base is decreasing. So where does the government get all this money even as its most obvious stream of revenue dries up? How can it keep spending seemingly indefinitely? Once it steals as much from you as it can get away with through taxation, it steals even more from you through what central bankers like to call quantitative easing, which is more or less the same thing as counterfeiting. When the money is no longer based on a finite quantity of something of value, like a store of gold or silver, the amount of money in circulation is not limited by anything but the restraint of those in control of the printing presses, in our case the Fed and the US Treasury. When increasing pressure is put upon them by irresponsible politicians, it is predictable that out of thin air, more money will be

created to satisfy the insatiable appetites of those on political spending spree. As money becomes more plentiful, it becomes less valuable. The average citizen suffers again as the value of their savings evaporates. It has happened over and over in history, and what usually follows is the total debasement of the currency, hyperinflation and chaos.

Sound economic policy would be to take our foot off the gas and put the brakes to government spending as the economic cliff approaches. We must get back to where our economy produces actual wealth, rather than mere paper wealth.

The road back to fiscal sanity and a strong economy is simple. Progress just needs to get back to following the Constitution.

Government which ignores our constitution and our individual rights is not worthy of our support.

City of Rockwall holds tax rate steady for third year

Rockwall City Council voted Sept. 20, to approve an ordinance adopting the 2011 budget, final vote to take place at next week's meeting. The new budget begins Oct. 1.

The council also passed an ordinance setting the ad valorem tax rate at 50.31 cents per one hundred dollars of assessed value.

According to the city's estimate, the new budget will "raise more property taxes than last year's by \$455,888 and of that amount, \$732,007 is tax revenue to be used from new property added to the tax roll this year."

Councilman Matthew Scott said this is the third year in a row the city has held the property tax rate steady. "In the worst economy of my lifetime, certainly I think the worst economy since the Great Depression, for three consecutive years we have managed to have a balanced budget with no property tax increase."

Most individuals will actually see a decrease from the city this year, he said, "because their existing properties went down."

Scott also said that the city has continued to maintain a level of services that is acceptable, although it hasn't grown as our community has grown. But I think it's important to note that for three years we held property taxes the same while this year folks will actually see a decrease from the city side."

Other business, the council approached by members of Rockwall Baseball Association (RBA) about the possibility of building more sports facilities in the city.

Rockwall Girls Softball Association and Brad Bassett from Lake Pointe Church Youth Sports.

Wimpy said the RBA currently has 40 baseball teams and Lake Pointe Church sports serves at least 475 youth. Rockwall Girls Softball Association has only nine fall teams and there are no organized adult teams.

Wimpy said Rockwall soccer teams play at RISE, Lake Pointe Church and the YMCA, but the city offers no competitive outdoor soccer program and has no outdoor public fields.

Rockwall city parks that offer baseball fields are at Harry Myers Park and Tuttle Athletic Complex. Wimpy said Tuttle has six fields and the organizations competing for space include the RBA, RGSA, Rockwall Adult Softball, Angel League, Special Olympics and private teams. He said there used to be a Hispanic baseball league, but it left town.

RBA has only four shared, lighted fields and RGSA has two shared, lighted fields.

Stubbs offered the council a presentation of the youth athletic amenities in 19 surrounding communities of varying populations. Rockwall's current population of just over 31,000 is less than Duncanville at 36,472, and more than Cleburne, with 29,931.

The city of Duncanville offers 13 city parks, 24 tennis courts, 16 soccer fields, 14 baseball and softball fields and one football field.

Cleburne has a new youth sports complex, covering 90 acres and boasting seven baseball/softball fields, 20 soccer fields, two football fields, two playgrounds, batting cages and four pavilions.

Another Rockwall neighbor, the city of Greenville, with a population

of 25,551, has at least two parks with facilities for youth sports: Warren Park, which has practice fields and Greenville Sports Park, with soccer fields, six lighted ball fields, exercise and jogging trails, basketball courts and playgrounds.

"Youth sports to me is more than just kids playing baseball or playing football. We all had an opportunity when we were young to play some competitive sport and I promise you that everyone in this room remembers a time from that, when they learned something from a coach. They remember a time on the field when they helped a player," McGuire said.

"It becomes part of their character, part of who they are. And we need to keep teaching kids how to win and how to lose with character. And more important than anything, they need to learn how to compete."

McGuire continued, "We would love for you to put this to a public vote. If the citizens for some reason say no, that's fine. We've done our due diligence. But if we don't do that, I think we are missing the boat. We are failing to compete with our neighbors. When Terrell is beating me with their baseball facilities, it doesn't feel good. When Farmersville has a better complex than I have, it doesn't feel good."

Councilman Cliff Sevier said the council realizes the need for better sports facilities for all sports, but he thinks the hard work will be convincing the general public in Rockwall of the need for such a facility.

"I don't think you see a lot of opposition from the people here (on the council). Where we're going to have our work cut out is convincing a lot of people that these little guys and girls need a place to go in their hometown that they can be proud of."



Debbie Clay and Wilma Brown were commissioned as leaders of the First Christian Church's Stephen Ministry last month. The pair attended the Stephen Leader Training Course in Dallas in June. Stephen leaders help train and resource the Stephen Ministry care program. The Stephen Ministry is an international program that began in 1975 and has more than 10,000 congregations in numerous denominations. The Stephen Ministry at the First Christian Church provides one-on-one care for its members, as well as for individuals outside of the congregations. Pictured above with Clay and Brown is the church's pastor, Mark Irons. For more information on the church and the ministry program, call 972-771-5526.



Several Rockwall Area Retired Teachers Association members attended the District X convention in Allen Sept. 20. The program included information on the issues and challenges facing the Teacher Retirement System of Texas. The TRTA state membership chairman discussed strategies for increasing membership, and the wife of Democratic gubernatorial candidate Bill White spoke about her husband's education goals (an invitation extended to the Republican candidate for governor was not answered). RARTA members attending included, from the left, back row, Mary Ellis, Marvin Lee, Johanna Ash and Sue Clayton and, at front, Barbara Bateman, Ginny Progelhof, Linda Cardwell, Jannie Clark, Darlene Bealmear, Becky Cecil and Janet Carter.

'Picture Yourself Healthy' is focus of Lake Pointe campaign

The Lake Pointe Breast Center is encouraging women to "Picture Yourself Healthy" this October. "Picture Yourself Healthy," a campaign created by Lake Pointe's sister hospitals, is designed to encourage each woman to "take one picture that could save her — a mammogram."

"Picture Yourself Healthy is about more than just remembering to get a mammogram," said Barbara Quast, RN, breast health nurse coordinator with the Lake Pointe Health Network. "It is about women keeping themselves in the picture and making their health just as much of a priority as are their families and

careers." As part of the campaign, the network will offer extended weekday and Saturday hours for screening mammogram appointments at locations in Rockwall, Rowlett and Forney. The Lake Pointe Imaging Center in Rockwall will be open from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. Oct. 7, 14, 21 and 28 and from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Oct. 2, 9, 16, 23 and 30.

To schedule a digital screening mammogram, call 1-866-424-5362.



Martin-Goodman, Collins announce engagement

Kimberly Eaton of McKinney and Anthony Goodman of Rockwall are proud to announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Nikki Ryan Martin-Goodman of Rockwall, to Brandon Scott Collins of Forney, son of Kim and Dewayne Gover and William and Pat Collins of Forney.

The bride-elect is a 2007 graduate of Rockwall High School. She attends Eastfield College where she is pursuing a teaching degree.

She is the granddaughter of Sarah Goodman of Tennessee and Elaine Martin and Jackson Martin and the great-granddaughter of Beatrice Evans of Tennessee.

The prospective bridegroom graduated from Rockwall High in 2006 and Trinity Valley Community College in 2009. He graduated from the Kilgore Firefighter Academy in 2010 and plans to pursue a career in fire service.

He is the grandson of Dewey Collins and Larry and Lois Glass. A March 24, 2010, wedding is planned.

Fulton School receives TAAPS re-accreditation

The Fulton School was reviewed and re-accredited by the Texas Alliance of Accredited Private Schools on Sept. 21, according to a news release from the school.

TAAPS accreditation effort reviews a school's academics, faculty, facilities, governance, administration and other key criteria.

"The TAAPS Review Committee gave our faculty a commendation for our exceptional learning environment, superior curriculum, commitment to the school's vision and mission, and attention to the safety and security of our children," said Matthew Burgoyne, Fulton's head of school. "The Fulton School is pleased with the re-accreditation and proud to provide an exceptional private school experience for Rockwall County and surrounding communities."

Rahm on props crew in Hendrix production

Emily Rahm of Rockwall will serve as part of the props crew in performances set for Sept. 24-25 at Hendrix College in Conway, Ark.

The Hendrix-Murphy Foundation and the Hendrix Department of Theatre Arts and Dance are presenting the variety show production entitled, "Make 'Em Laugh." Inspired by "Laugh-In" and "The Carol Burnett Show," the production will consist of a variety of comedic sketches, including a parody of the cartoon "Scooby-Doo."

Rahm, a senior theatre arts major, is the daughter of Frank and Tracy Rahm.



The 91st annual Reassembly Tea of the Friday Study Club took place in the home of Carolyn Cullins recently. Members and guests were served punch, coffee, tea and an assortment of fruits, desserts and sandwiches. Pictured, from the left, are hostesses Sharon Shannon, Becky Cecil, Martha Baker, Dona Gene Gardenhire, Mary Vervalin, Cullins and Dorothy Ramsay. Special projects of the Friday Study Club, which meets monthly from September through May, include the Terrell State Hospital and the Rockwall County Library. Other projects are typically added through the year.



The award-winning Mighty Hawk Band from Rockwall-Heath High School led the annual Homecoming Parade down Laurance Street last Wednesday, Sept. 22. The band was joined by the Highsteppers Drill Team, the Hawk cheerleaders, the school's sports teams, and the Homecoming Court nominees and Princes and Princesses. Athletes, cheerleaders and the drill team from Cain Middle School, as well as Hawk Youth Sports participants also marched in the parade to boost the Hawk football team's spirits towards victory. The Hawks won their Friday night Homecoming game against Richardson's J.J. Pearce High School. 45-20.

Royse City News

Royse City ISD voters approve district tax increase

By a vote of 680 for and 233 against, Royse City residents approved an ad valorem tax rate of \$1.56 per assessed value in Royse City ISD for the current year. The rate is \$0.13 higher per \$100 valuation than the district's roll back tax rate.

Royse City ISD Superintendent Randy Hancock said passing the increase is "good for our kids, good for our school district."

The increase, he said, was needed in large part to have a balanced budget for this year, next year and the year after that. But he said the state legislature would need to make some hard choices in the coming session as the school district struggles just to keep up with economic times.

"This is not a long-term fix. This will just help us keep doing what we're doing, not even adding anything," he said. "There will be very little of anything that's new this year."

Royse City Pumpkin Patch, ribbon cutting

A ribbon cutting to mark the completion of a new art feature at 117 E. Main Street in Royse City is set for Oct. 1. The event will be conducted in conjunction with the grand opening of the Royse City Pumpkin Patch. Rockwall artist Michael Ramsey created the mural, which depicts Royse City's Main Street.

The Pumpkin Patch, sponsored by Helping Hands and the Royse City Main Street program, will run through the month of October. Proceeds from the event will go toward regional marketing and tourism efforts on Main Street.

The Pumpkin Patch will be open until 7 p.m., with specials offered in Main Street businesses. Local vendors are welcome to the Fall Market as space allows. Contact the Main Street office at 972-636-8000 or khollifield@roysecity.com for more details.



A pair of local Civil Air Patrol cadets – Camryn Golin, pictured second from the left, and Sean C. Tedder, shown second from the right – recently earned the Billy Mitchell Award. The award honors the late Brigadier Gen. Billy Mitchell, aviation pioneer, advocate and supporter of an independent air force. Cadets who receive the award are eligible for advanced placement to the grade of E-3 (airman first class) should they choose to enter the U.S. Air Force. Pictured with the honorees, at left, St. Steve Jaynes and, at right, Mayor Steve Hudson, who presented the awards.

Civil Air Patrol cadets receive Mitchell awards

Two Civil Air Patrol cadets, both members of the Lakeshore Composite Squadron 354 headquartered in Rockwall, recently earned the Billy Mitchell Award.

Sean C. Tedder, a student at Royse City High, and Camryn Golin, a Rowlett High School student, were the recipients.

The award, established in 1964, honors the late Brigadier Gen. Billy Mitchell, an aviation pioneer, advocate and supporter of an independent air force. Cadets who receive the award are eligible for advanced placement to the grade of E-3 (airman first class) should they choose to enter the U.S. Air Force.

Presenting the award, during a ceremony at Harry Myers Park, was Group II CAP Commander Major Steve Hudson.

"This award vaults the young men into the cadet officer ranks," Hudson said as part of the ceremony. "They'll participate in more missions of the Civil Air Patrol and encounter plenty of challenges along the way."

Golin attended CAP encampments, participated in Glider Orientation Flights and was a staff member at a Cadet Airman Leadership School during the past year.

Tedder also attended Texas Summer Encampment, flew numerous Orientation Flights and maintained leadership positions at Cadet Training Camps.

For more information about the CAP, visit gocivilairpatrol.com. For more details about the Lakeshore Squadron 354, which currently has a roster of 45 members, visit caplakeshore.org or look for the group's Facebook page.

Applications being taken for Fate CERT volunteers

Applications for Community Emergency Response Team volunteers in Fate are now being accepted. CERT is organized to "bridge the gap from when a disaster strikes until professional help arrives," according to information on the Fate Fire Department website. CERT skills also can be utilized during smaller emergencies and crises.

Training, equipment and ongoing volunteer opportunities are provided. A one-year commitment is requested. The program is a division of and co-sponsored by Fate Fire Rescue.

For more details, drop by the Fate fire station, call 972-772-7994, e-mail seanf@fatefire.com or visit citizencorps.gov/cert.



Junior defensive tackle Josh Martinez (70) gives the Texarkana quarterback a strong Bulldog 'hug' stopping the play in its tracks during last week's game at Texarkana. (See story for more details on Page 10)

Photo by Erin Strahl/Rockwall County News



Greg Landrum (center) of Royse City received a blessing from his pastor, Charles Reese (right) during the dedication of Landrum's new home courtesy of Habitat for Humanity Rockwall Area on Saturday, Sept. 25. Royse City Mayor Jerrell Baley gifted Landrum with a Unity States flag that was flown at the U.S. capitol building in Washington, D.C. Joining Landrum and Reese at Saturday's festivities were (left to right) President of Habitat for Humanity Rockwall Area Larry Wells; Royse City Mayor Jerrell Baley; and Royse City Councilmen Tom Crowland and Brooks Williams. Family, friends, neighbors, co-workers and Habitat volunteers also joined Landrum in celebrating his new home. Recipients must meet certain criteria before they are accepted into the Habitat program, including performing a certain number of sweat-equity hours in the building of their home. Rockwall Habitat is currently building a home at 803 Peter's Colony in Rockwall and expects to begin another house next door to that site sometime in October. For more information on Habitat for Humanity Rockwall Area, visit rockwallhabitat.com.

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Habitat for Humanity Rockwall Area dedicated two new houses on Saturday, Sept. 25 in Royse City, ending months of hard work and celebrating bringing two families home. Joining homeowners Ann Hargrow, second from the left, on the porch of her new home on Joe Bailey Drive were family members (left to right) future son-in-law Matthew Hollon, daughter Erin Hargrow, sister-in-law Tracy Bell, daughter Denitha Alexander and granddaughter Destiny Alexander. Members of the Royse City city council, city officials, Habitat volunteers and executives, friends, co-workers, neighbors and extended family joined Hargrow as Royse City Mayor Jerrell Baley dedicated her house and welcomed her home. To be accepted into the Habitat program, applicants must meet a list of criteria, including contributing a certain number of sweat-equity hours to help build their own house. For more information about Habitat for Humanity Rockwall Area, visit rockwallhabitat.com.

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Rockwall County Sports



Yellowjackets on the move

Rockwall senior defenders Jarrett Spencer (81) and Walter Garrett (55) converge on Highland Park quarterback Jake Howeth (10) last Friday at Highland Park. See Page 10 for game details.

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Rockwall-Heath Hawks take care of business

Amaris Fields (3) dives in for a Hawks' touchdown during last Friday's game against Richardson Pearce. (See Page 10 for details)

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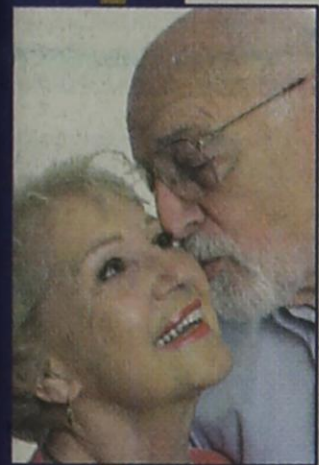
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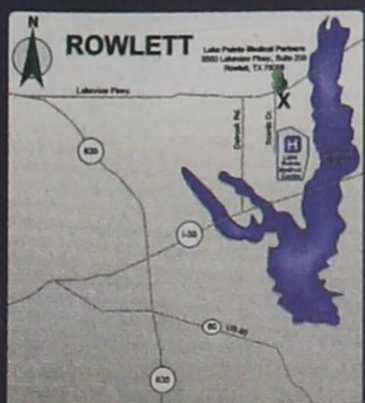


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The event will take place in our parking lot which is located at 7501 Lakeview Parkway (highway 66) Rowlett, TX at The Lake Pointe Medical Arts building.

We will be administering flu vaccines between the hours of 10am to 2pm. If rain is in the forecast we will move inside the building to the lobby on the main floor.

The cost of the flu vaccine is \$25. During the FLU DRIVE event on Saturday October 2nd we will only accept cash or checks.

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Rockwall County Sports

Hawks come from behind in 45-20 win over Richardson Pearce

There might have been some doubt in the first half, but nobody was questioning the Rockwall-Heath Hawks after their second-half performance Friday, Sept. 4.

RHHS trailed until just before halftime, but outscored Richardson Pearce 20-0 in the second half for a 45-20 victory that kept the Hawks undefeated in four games this season.

More important, the Homecoming game at Wilkerson-Sanders Memorial Stadium gave Rockwall-Heath a 1-0 record in what should be a competitive District 10-4A.

The Hawks had plenty of heroes.

Jovan Hernandez ran for 189 yards and three touchdowns when he wasn't returning punts or kickoffs. He's also Rockwall-Heath's punter, but the Hawks' best offensive showing this season meant he had to punt only once.

Quarterback Ross Hudson had 54 of the Hawks' 313 rushing yards and passed for a career-high 161 yards and three touchdowns. Two of those throws went to Amaris Fields. The other, for 17 yards to Tyler McLoughlin, put RHHS ahead to stay at 25-20 just seconds before the first half ended.

McLoughlin and the special teams continued to shine. He set up a Hawks score with a 75-yard kickoff return.

Then the Hawks' defense took over in the second half, shutting out the Mustangs. The pass rush pressured quarterback Mac Morse as the Mustangs (1-3, 0-1) tried to come back. Sophomore safety Raquan Davis had a team-leading 15 tackles.

RHHS also controlled the ball, with Hernandez running for two of his touchdowns in the second half. He finished with 184 rushing yards.

The Hawks took a 13-0 lead after the first quarter on touchdown runs of 1 yard by Hudson and 6 by Hernandez.

Pearce scored all of its points in the second half. The Mustangs first went ahead 14-13. Then Hudson's 17-yard touchdown pass to Fields gave Rockwall-Heath a very short-lived 19-14 edge.

On the next play, Jonathan Cosby returned Trevor Pinkston's kickoff

97 yards to put Pearce back ahead by a point.

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Total
Pearce	0	20	0	0	20
RHHS	13	12	13	7	45

RHHS -- Ross Hudson 1 run (kick blocked)
 RHHS -- Jovan Hernandez 6 run (Trevor Pinkston kick)
 Pearce -- Corey Coleman 1 run (Evan Harmon kick)
 Pearce -- Jett Robertson 1 pass from Mac Morse (Harmon kick)
 RHHS -- Amaris Fields 17 pass from Hudson (run failed)
 Pearce -- Jonathan Cosby 97 kickoff return (pass failed)
 RHHS -- Tyler McLoughlin 17 pass from Hudson (pass failed)
 RHHS -- Fields 10 pass from Hudson (Pinkston kick)
 RHHS -- Hernandez 1 run (Pinkston kick)
 RHHS -- Hernandez 1 run (kick blocked)

	Pearce	RHHS
1st downs	22	29
Rushes-yds.	27-116	43-313
Comp-Att-Int	24-40-112-16-0	
Passing yds.	216	164
Total yds.	332	477
Punts-avg.	2-37.0	1-37.0
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	0-0
Penalties-yds.	6-55	11-110

Individual statistics

Passing - Pearce: Mac Morse 24-40-1-216; RHHS: Ross Hudson 24-40-1-164.

Receiving - Pearce: Corey Coleman 5-72, Blake Durant 8-63, Floyd 6-38, Jett Robertson 3-29, Garrett Thompson 1-6, Jonathan 1-6; RHHS: Amaris Fields 5-54, Clark Pope 2-46, Tyler McLoughlin 1-17, Tyler Wood 2-18, Jovan Hernandez 1-9.

Rushing - Pearce: Jonathan Cosby 14-63, Mac Morse 8-33, Coleman 5-23; RHHS: Jovan Hernandez 20-189, Jeffrey Irokwu 1-11, Ross Hudson 11-54, Tyler McLoughlin 1-6.



Hawks' Jesse Irokwe (13) dashes and leaps for a gain against Richardson Pearce last Friday.
 Photo by Carl McClung/Rockwall County News

• Rockwall County News Exclusive

Big plays and missed plays put Yellowjackets behind Scots

The statistics showed Rockwall leading in almost every major offensive category: rushing yards, passing yards, first down.

The scoreboard showed Highland Park with a 37-30 victory, after which the undefeated Scots (4-0 overall, 1-0 District 10-4A) must have breathed a sigh of relief.

Rockwall fell behind 30-9 in the first half at Highland Park, but had a chance in the closing minutes to try to recover an onside kick in hopes of upsetting the Scots.

Quarterback Alan Reed led the Yellowjackets with 55 rushing yards and a touchdown. He also threw for 301 yards and three TDs. Reed Loftis caught two of the scoring passes; Blake Turner grabbed the other and gained 107

yards with just three catches.

RHS (1-3, 0-1) gained 493 yards to 437 for HP.

The outcome came down to big plays and missed opportunities.

HP's big lead came mostly from three touchdown passes - of 52, 72 and 39 yards - to Dalton Stogner. He finished the game with five catches for 188 yards, but grabbed just one pass for nine yards after halftime.

"There were three big plays that beat us. We shot ourselves in the foot. We were inside the 5 yard line twice and didn't get any points."

The Scots used a surprise factor, having Jake Howeth, considered their "running" quarterback, throw long to Stogner on plays that bracketed Travis Shinn's 39-yard field goal and put HP ahead 14-3.

Stogner's third TD, on a pass from "throwing quarterback Brady Burgin, came on the first play after the Jackets failed on a fourth-and-1 fake punt from their 39.

In the second half, Rockwall held Highland Park to 84 yards and one touchdown. The defense stiffened even though it was missing safety Spencer Edwards, who left in the second quarter because of a knee injury. Quarterback Hinkleley played a larger role with Edwards out. His absence also led Smith to use Alex Ntchobo and Omari Broussard at running back in place of the two-way starter.

Smith said, "Our defense played really well in the second half. They felt those three touchdowns were pretty cheap and that they could stop Highland Park. They made three stops." Three turned out to be one too few.

Howeth's 12-yard run put HP ahead 37-16 early in the fourth quarter, and seemingly out of danger.

Then Reed completed a long pass to Blake Turner that went for a 76-yard touchdown to cut the deficit to 37-23 with 8 minutes, 36 seconds.

Next came another missed opportunity. The Jackets recovered the onside kick and drove to the Scots' 11 yard line, but failed to convert a fourth and one to a first down.

Rockwall forced a punt, and took over at HP's 32. It took just four plays to move within a touchdown at 37-30 when Reed threw a 12-yard touchdown pass to Reed Loftis. However, just 1:28 remained to play. The Scots recovered the onside kick, and RHS didn't get the ball back again.

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Total
Rockwall	3	13	0	14	30
Highland Park	14	16	0	7	37

HP -- Dalton Stogner 52 pass from Jake Howeth (Nick Rose kick)
 RHS -- Travis Shinn 37 field goal
 HP -- Stogner 73 pass from Howeth (Rose kick)
 RHS -- Alan Reed 3 run (kick failed)
 HP -- Howeth 5 run (Howeth run)
 HP -- Stogner 39 pass from Brady Burgin (Patrick Campbell punt)
 RHS -- Reed Loftis 27 pass from Reed (Shinn kick)
 HP -- Howeth 12 run (Rose kick)
 RHS -- Blake Turner 26 pass from Reed (Shinn kick)
 RHS -- Loftis 12 pass from Reed (Ted Gates kick)

	RHS	HP
1st downs	20	15
Rushes-yds.	45-193	28-148
Comp-Att-Int	15-28-0	18-26-1
Passing yds.	299	289
Total yds.	492	437
Punts-avg.	3-41.3	3-42.0
Fumbles-Lost	1-1	0-0
Penalties-yds.	8-55	5-48

Individual statistics

Passing - RHS: Alan Reed 15-27-0-299, Wes Davis 0-1-0-0; HP: Howeth 8-12-0-156, Brady Burgin 10-14-1-133.

Receiving - RHS: Blake Turner 3-43, Andrew Hinkleley 2-19, Spencer Edwards 1-4, Alex Ntchobo 1-5; HP: Dalton Stogner 5-187, William Morris 4-44, Stringer 4-31, Preston Miller 2-14, Ben McElroy 2-13, Patrick Campbell 1-3.

Rushing - RHS: Alan Reed 15-55, Darian Moseley 11-51, Spencer Edwards 10-40, Wes Davis 4-30, Alex Ntchobo 3-11, Omari Broussard 2-6; HP: Preston Miller 10-82, Jake Howeth 13-70, Patrick Campbell 1-1, Brady Burgin 1-minus 6, Team 1-minus 14.



Yellowjackets' senior wide receiver Wesley Davis (11) follows the ball into his hands during last Friday's game against Highland Park.
 Photo by Roy Heath/Rockwall County News

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Texarkana wins first match up with Royse City Bulldogs

Royse City's football team made the first trip in its district the longest trip.

The ride home must have seemed even longer after Texarkana Texas High School ripped the Bulldogs 56-0.

Texas (3-2 overall, 1-0 in District 13-4A) took a 44-0 halftime lead and coasted from there.

At halftime, the Tigers removed starters. Included were quarterback Levi

Saxby, who had passed for 216 yards and three touchdowns, and running back Kody Sutton, who already had 158 yards and three TDs rushing.

RC's offensive output of 314 yards doesn't look bad - until you compare that number with Texas' 643 yards, including 435 in the first half.

Compounding Texas' City's yardage problems were the four interceptions and one lost fumble that turned the ball over to the Tigers.

Jonathan Burns led the Bulldogs (0-5, 0-1) with 73 rushing yards. Taylor Corbin passed for 187, but also threw four interceptions.

Royse City now has a bye week to recover before its home game against Denison Friday, Oct. 8.

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Total
RCHS	0	0	0	0	0
Texas 20	24	10	2	56	

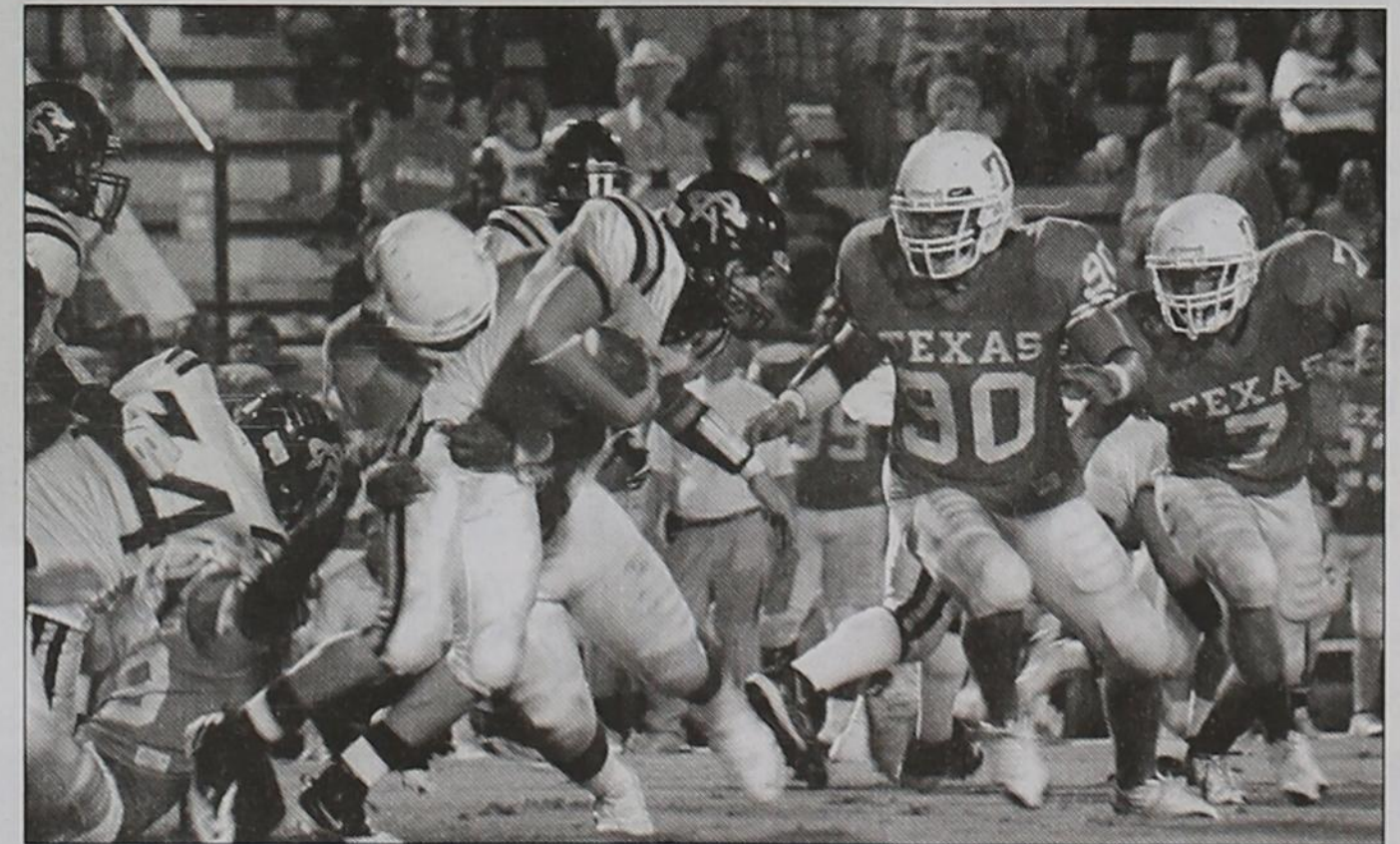
Texas -- Kody Sutton 6 run (Michael Stanley kick)
 Texas -- Sutton 7 run (Stanley kick)
 Texas -- Caleb Adams 52 pass from Levi Saxby (kick failed)
 Texas -- Brandon Welch 60 pass from Saxby (Stanley kick)
 Texas -- Stanley 22 field goal
 Texas -- Sutton 2 run (Stanley kick)
 Texas -- JoJo Thurman 35 pass from Saxby (Stanley kick)
 Texas -- Stanley 37 field goal
 Texas -- Trey Rush 74 pass from Austin White (Stanley kick)
 Texas -- Safety, ballcarrier tackled in end zone

	RCHS	Texas
1st downs	18	25
Rushes-yds.	28-88	34-296
Comp-Att-Int	20-38-4	10-21-0
Passing yds.	226	347
Total yds.	314	643
Punts-avg.	3-40.0	1-55.0
Fumbles-Lost	1-1	1-0
Penalties-yds.	6-45	5-48

Individual statistics
 Passing - RC: Taylor Corbin 19-37-4-223, Stephen Ashcraft 10-20-0-187, Levi Saxby 7-13-0-216, Austin White 3-8-0-131.

Receiving - RC: Jonathan Burns 6-83, Torrell McQueen 3-31, Horbacz 4-35, Jared Ainsworth 2-27, Taylor Pollock 4-24, Oscar 1-19; Texas: Brandon Welch 3-110, Trey Rush 1-74, Caleb Adams 1-35, JoJo Thurman 2-53, Kody Sutton 2-44, Logan Preston 1-8.

Rushing - RC: Jonathan Burns 11-62, Taylor Corbin 9-35, Saul 2-5, Taylor Pollock 2-5, Team 4-minus 19; Texas - Kody Sutton 11-117, Urian Nevels 5-60, Henry Martinez 3-25, Jacoby Rush 2-17, J.R. LaJoedacie Smith 2-7, Damien Roberts 1-4, Anthony Burton 1-3, Levi Saxby 2-3



Bulldogs' Taylor Corbin (8) drives forward for more yards against the Texarkana Texas defense during last week's game at Texarkana.
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In accordance with Federal Regulations, Individuals with Disabilities Educational Act, Child Find Identification (34CFR section 300.125, 300.451), this is notification that Royse City Independent School District, Located at 810 E. Old Greenville Road, Royse City, TX has a child find system for indentifying, locating and evaluating all children with disabilities, from birth through 21 years of age, residing in the district, including children with disabilities attending private schools, regardless of the severity of their disabilities, and who are in need of special education and related services.

If you have any questions please call the Special Services office at 972-636-9514.

- Public Notice -

The City of Rockwall City Council will hold **two (2)** public hearings on **Monday, October 18, 2010** in the City Council Chambers at Rockwall City Hall, 385 South Goliad, Rockwall, Texas, to consider the annexation below.

The **first public hearing** will be held at **6:00 p.m.** on Monday, October 18, 2010, in the City Council Chambers.

The **second public hearing** will be held at **6:30 p.m.** on Monday, October 18, 2010, in the City Council Chambers.

A2010-002

Hold a public hearing and consider a City-initiated request to annex land in accordance with previously approved Chapter 212 Texas Local Government Code Development Agreements, specifically for two (2) tracts of land comprising approximately 58.584-acres located along the south side of Clem Road east of FM 1141, and contiguous to the existing City Limits line, and more specifically described as follows:

BEING two (2) tracts of land comprising approximately 58.584-acres situated in the W.M. Dalton Survey, Abstract No. 72 in the County of Rockwall, Texas and being more particularly described as follows:

Tract	Owner	Size of Tract
Abstract 72, Tract 17	Glen D Walker	37.844-Acres
Abstract 72, Tract 22	Allen G Stevenson et ux	20.74-Acres

All interested parties are encouraged to attend. Please contact the City of Rockwall Planning and Zoning department at (972) 771-7745, or visit our website at www.rockwall.com/planning/annexation.asp, with any questions.

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A2010-003

Hold a public hearing and consider a City-initiated request to annex land in accordance with previously approved Chapter 212 Texas Local Government Code Development Agreements, specifically for ten (10) tracts of land comprised of approximately 68.954-acres generally located south of SH 276 and west of FM 550, and contiguous to the existing City Limits line, and more specifically described as follows:

BEING ten (10) tracts of land comprised of 68.954-acres overall and situated in the Dowell Road Addition; R. Dickens Survey, Abstract No. 73; J.H. Bailey Survey, Abstract No. 22; J.H. Bailey Survey, Abstract No. 34; and J.H. Bailey Survey, Abstract No. 45; in the County of Rockwall, Texas and being more particularly described as follows:

Tract	Owner	Size of Tract
Lot 3, Dowell Road Addition	Rainey D & Sonja L Pearce	3.787-Acres
Lot 4, Dowell Road Addition	Steven D Sexton	3.787-Acres
Lot 6R, Dowell Road Addition	David L & Amanda Turner	5.98-Acres
Lot 7R, Dowell Road Addition	Ronald Glenn Wylie	5.98-Acres
Tract 4, Abstract 34	Steve A Bobalik	1-Acre
Tract 4-1, Abstract 34	Steve A Bobalik	9-Acres
Tract 1, Abstract 45	Richard H Mills	5-Acres
Tract 8, Abstract 73	Timothy E White	2.77-Acres
Tract 4, Abstract 22	Harry Schroeder	30.15-Acres
Tract 8-3, Abstract 22	Craig Jackson	1.5-Acres

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ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Sealed bids addressed to Mr. Chuck Todd, P.E., City Engineer, will be received at the office of the Purchasing Agent, 385 S. Goliad, City Hall, 1st Floor, **October 8, 2010**, until the hour of 3:00 PM, for the following project:

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The project includes 570 LF French Drain System (with 8-inch PVC Drainage Pipe), 31 SY 5-inch Reinforced Concrete Driveway (3600 PSI, 6.5 Sack Cement), 4 Each TXDOT 12" x 12" Grate Inlets, 55 LF Modified TXDOT Roadway Slotted Drain (in driveways), 655 SY Grass Sod, and other miscellaneous items.

Bids shall be submitted in a sealed envelope externally marked: **FM-740 Parkway Drainage Improvements**.

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Prequalification is not required. Completion time is **30 Calendar Days**. The City reserves the right to reject any and all bids, to waive any irregularities and/or to accept the bid or bids deemed best for the City.

A 5% Bid Bond is due with the bids. A Performance, Payment, and Maintenance Bond (2-year) is required for this project.

Contractors must conform to the Prevailing Wage Rates as established by the City of Rockwall.

Plans and specifications may be examined and procured at the Rockwall Engineering Office located at the Rockwall City Hall, 385 S. Goliad, 1st Floor, Rockwall, Texas (phone numbers 972-771-7746/fax 972-771-7748), at a non-refundable cost of \$10.00, beginning September 24, 2010. Only those Bids received from Contractors who have purchased the plans and specifications for this project from the office of the City Engineer and are listed on the City's plan holders list, will be opened at the Bid Opening for consideration.

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NOTICE TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS AGAINST THE ESTATE OF MARJORIE BOYD BURDETT, DECEASED

Notice is hereby given that the final Notice of Testamentary Administration of the Estate of MARJORIE BOYD BURDETT, Deceased, was filed on August 25, 2010 in the County of Rockwall, Texas in the Court at Law of Rockwall County, Texas to:

Raymond Boyd Burdett and Barbara Burdett Wood

The address of such Independent Co-Executors is Harris County, Texas and Dallas County, Texas. The post office address is:

Estate of MARJORIE BOYD BURDETT, Deceased

c/o John R. Bauer

Shackelford, Melton & Moore, LLP

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All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently administered are required to present them within the time and manner prescribed by law.

DATED this 27th day of September, 2010.

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- Must be able to perform the essential job functions of a Public Safety Officer.
- Must have 45 hours of college from an accredited college or university.
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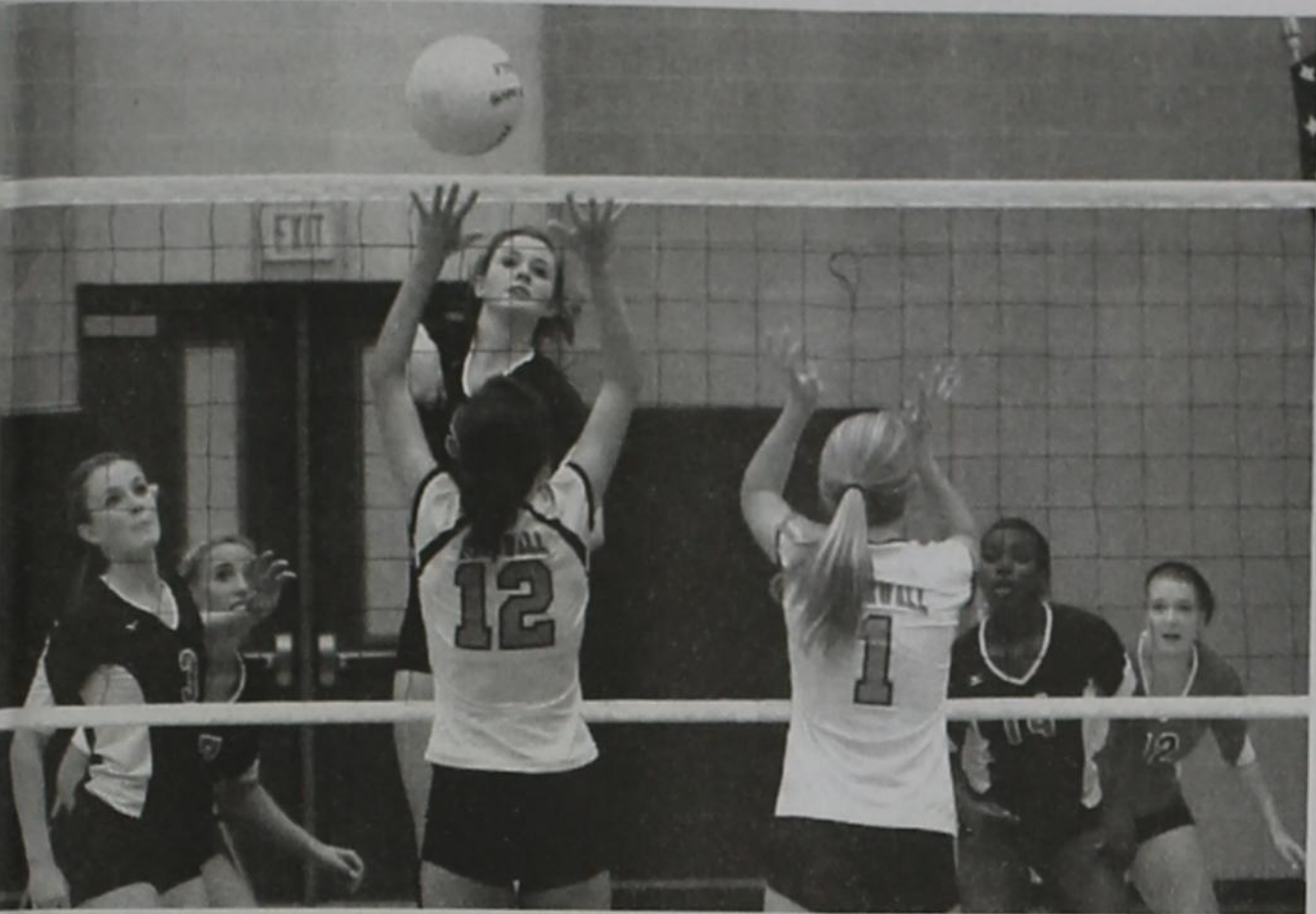
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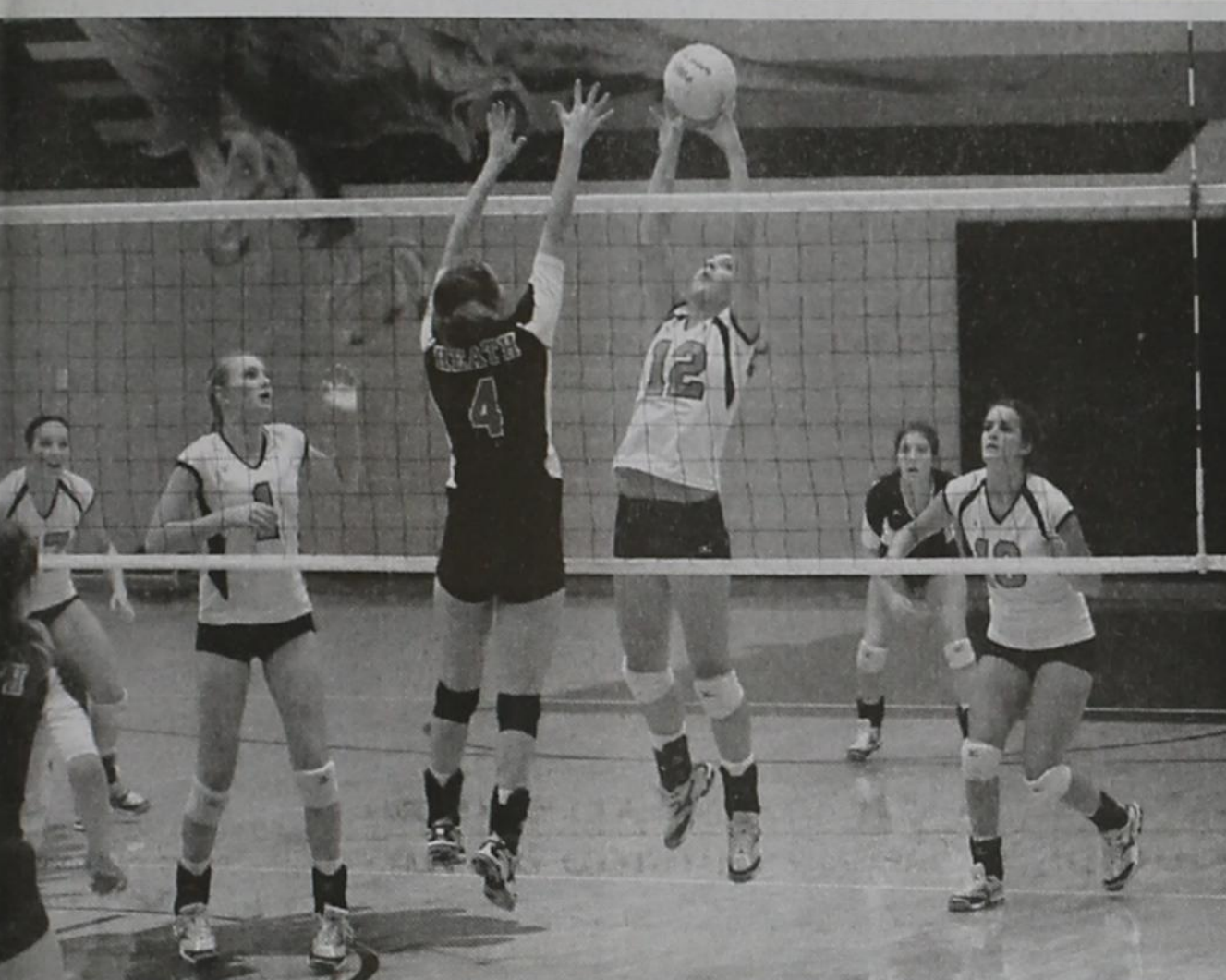
Kills by Tillis, Carpenter are golden for RHHS

Bump
Rockwall County News' score sheet for Tuesday's Rockwall vs. Heath volleyball was littered with "14K" notations. It had nothing to do with gold, but they did denote some golden moments for RHHS.
The number 14 stood for kills by number 14, who is Regina Tillis for the Lady Hawks. And the most golden of those, in a long moment, came during the one of a match that was tied after the first two games.
Rockwall had a 20-16 lead, and seemed on the way to an upset in the best-of-five match.
Tillis and her teammates were having none of that. They scored the next two points, four of those with a "14K" notation. The Lady Jackets finally

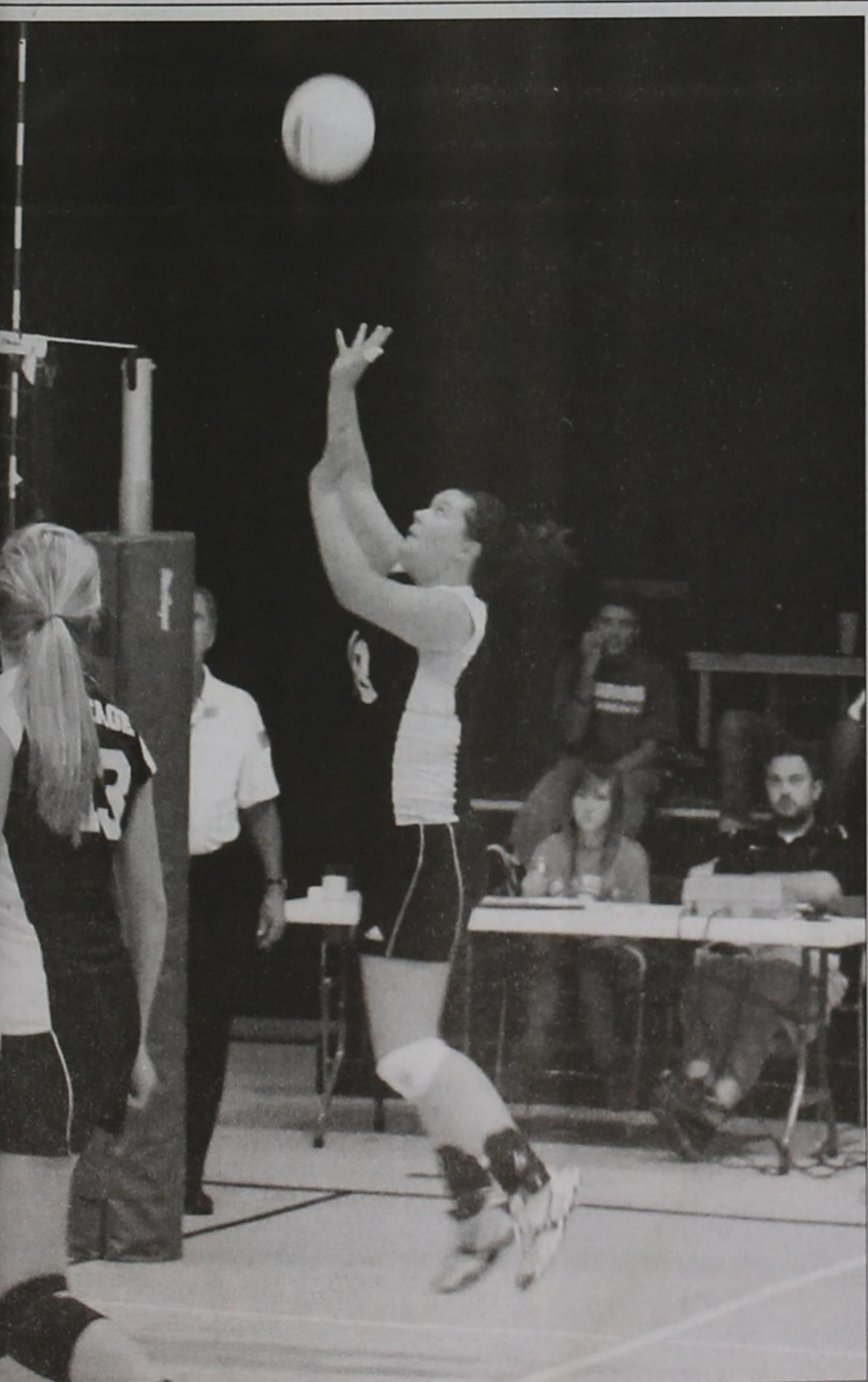
earned a point to keep the game alive, but Tillis quickly ended it with a hit RHHS couldn't return.
Rockwall-Heath wrapped up the victory by pulling away to score 14 of the last 19 points to complete the evening by the score of 22-25, 25-13, 25-21, 25-16. The Lady Hawks improved their record to 23-6, 2-2 in District 10-4A. RHS fell to 13-14 and 0-4.
What made it more difficult for Rockwall to defend was that Tillis was not a one-woman show. The freshman led both teams with 23 kills, but senior teammate Caley Carpenter added 20 kills noted by "9K."
"I was impressed," said Maggie Younger, who had a front-row seat as RHHS' head coach. "In the fourth game, they took ownership of their house. It could have gone any way before that."



Lady Hawks' senior Caley Carpenter slams the ball to Rockwall defender Melanie Pugsley (12) during the recent game in the Rockwall-Heath gym. Heath teammates assisting in the play are (left to right) Katherine Olmstead (3), Audrey English (7), Regina Tillis (14) and Rachel Hilton (12). Rockwall teammate ready to assist is Lindsey Wheeler (1).
Photo by Carl McClung/Rockwall County News



Melanie Pugsley (12) gently pushes the ball over the net for the Lady Jackets as Lady Hawks' defender Morgan Hawkins (4) makes counter adjustments. Rockwall teammates assisting in the play (left to right) Liz Lee (17), Lindsey Wheeler (1), Allie Cecil (8) and Ashlynn Broussard (18). Heath teammate assisting is Katherine Olmstead (3).
Photo by Carl McClung/Rockwall County News



Heritage Christian Academy sophomore Taylor Powers hits the ball over the net against Rockwall Christian Academy during the recent game in the RCA gym. Assisting in the play is teammate Hailee Johnson. HCA won 25-8, 25-22, 25-12.
Photo by Sarah Walker/Rockwall County News

"They all definitely played well. It was a result of team unity. That's what we've been trying to focus on."
Younger noted that the teams were so evenly matched that there were some long rallies. For a time, the longest of those seemed to have turned the match in Rockwall's favor. With both teams scrambling to save points, it finally ended when the Lady Jackets' Liz Lee buried a shot just inside RHHS' end line for a 3-2 lead. The Lady Hawks led only briefly between then and their late eight-point run; RHS seemed to be in control.
The Lady Hawks have a chance Friday to equal the Rockwall-Heath season record of 24 wins, set last year. That won't be easy because the opponent is Richardson Pearce, the state's top-ranked 4A team. The Mustangs defeated Highland Park Tuesday even though Stephanie Holland, who has committed verbally to play at TCU, couldn't play.
To give RHHS fans time to get to the Homecoming football game, the varsity will play at 5:30 p.m. and the junior varsity at 6:30.

Lady Bulldogs rally past Greenville, take 1st place

Winning the first game of a best-of-five volleyball match should be a good sign of success.
Royle City, however, hasn't been comfortable with that approach. In the Lady Bulldogs' last three months, the team winning the first game has lost the match.
That has been good for RC, which has come back to win two of those three matches. As a result the Lady 'Dawgs lead the District 13-4A standings halfway through their district schedule.
RC went to Greenville Tuesday knowing that the match's winner would take over first place alone. The Lady Bulldogs might have wanted to test their theory a little more, but almost went too far. They lost the first two games to the Lady Lions 25-20 and 25-22.
The match appeared on its way to an early conclusion when Greenville took a 12-10 lead in the third game. Then Royle City's Jennifer Null scored three consecutive points, and the Lady Bulldogs didn't trail again in that game, which they won 25-20.
The fourth game was a relatively easy 25-16 victory for RC, squaring the match at two games each. In the tiebreaker game, the Lady Lions pushed the Lady Bulldogs to the limit before they won 16-14. That put Royle City on top with a 5-1 district record (21-10 overall). Greenville fell to 13-14, 3-2.
At Texarkana Texas High School Friday, Sept. 24, Royle City also lost the first game, 25-14. The Lady Bulldogs roared back to win in four games by winning the next three 25-22, 25-13 and 25-13.
The streak of first-game losers, match winners had begun Sept. 21 when RC won the first two games against Sherman before losing the last three games for their only losing match in the district this season.

Heritage Christian Academy roars past Denton Calvary

Six different players scored touchdowns as Heritage Christian Academy defeated Denton Calvary Academy 46-0 Thursday night at Denton High School's Bronco Stadium.
Austin Pettit completed four passes, but those produced 139 yards and three touchdowns. One of the touchdown passes was to his brother, Evan Pettit, who also ran 20 yards for a TD.
The game ended barely four minutes into the third quarter when HCA scored twice in less than a minute. After Evan Pettit scored on a 39-yard pass, Asa Burke interception a Lions pass. Two plays later, Aaron Weghorst ran 27 yards for the game-clinching score.
The Eagles' other touchdowns were by Burke (8-yard pass), Krys Harber (41-yard run), Aaron Mateer (44-yard pass) and Caleb Cathey (15-yard run).
Heritage Christian (4-1) will be off next week before traveling to Longview Trinity School of Texas.

Warriors stall out after fast start

Rockwall Christian Academy seemed to mean business, taking the opening kickoff and driving down the field to Irving The Highlands' 3 yard line.
All of that positive momentum was gone in a snap.
"On that first drive, we didn't have a negative play," said RCA head coach Caleb Palmer. "Then we had a bad snap."
Trail Blazers defensive end Andy McCleneghen, who has been an RCA nemesis, picked up the ball and ran all the way to the other end zone for a touchdown.
That turned out to be the only score The Highlands (5-0 and ranked fourth in the Dallas Morning News' poll of the area's small private schools) would need. The Blazers won 38-2.
Field position favored Rockwall Christian Academy for most of the first half Friday, but all the Warriors had to show for that was a 14-2 deficit.
Then came the second half, and Irving The Highlands (5-0 overall) took charge for a 38-2 victory at Dobbs Field.
Palmer said, "That score wasn't any indication of how the game went. We executed well when we didn't hold or fumble. We couldn't get in any kind of groove offensively, and that hurt our defense. We stopped their run game and would get them in third and long. Then they would throw the ball over us for a first down."
In the second quarter, Rockwall Christian had the Trail Blazers pinned in their own end, where they fumbled the ball out of the end zone for a safety - the Warriors' only score.
RCA (2-2) has just 14 points in its last three games. Daniel Rorie led the team in his first game as a starting running back with eight carries for 53 yards and with eight pass receptions for 79 more.

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Total
The Highlands	14	0	14	10	38
RCA	0	2	0	0	2

- Highlands -- Andy McCleneghen 97 fumble return (David Figy kick)
- Highlands -- Patrick Gonzalez 13 run (Figy kick)
- RCA -- Safety, ball fumbled out of end zone
- Highlands -- Josh De La Torre 4 run (Figy kick)
- Highlands -- De La Torre 54 pass from Rodrigo Reyes (Figy kick)
- Highlands -- De La Torre 17 pass from J.P. Jordan (Figy kick)
- Highlands -- Figy 28 field goal.

	Highlands	RCA
1st downs	13	9
Rushes-yds.	33-191	24-80
Comp-Att-Int	4-18-0	16-33-3
Passing yds.	129	139
Total yds.	320	219
Punts-avg.	5-35-0	5-34.6
Fumbles-Lost	2-2	2-2
Penalties-yds.	6-80	7-45

Individual statistics

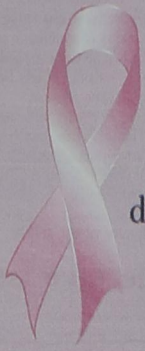
Passing - The Highlands: Josh De La Torre 4-18-0-129; RCA: Justo Garcia 15-32-3-133, Aaron Eastin 1-1-0-6.
Receiving - The Highlands: Rodrigo Reyes 2-81, J.P. Jordan 2-48; RCA: Daniel Rorie 8-79, Aaron Eastin 5-52, Raymon Stewart 2-11, Cameron Carrocia 1-minus 3.
Rushing - The Highlands: Josh De La Torre 10-51, Alex Pier 6-48, Alexander Hannis 6-32, Patrick Gonzalez 7-32, Ricky Martinez 3-18, Kris Kitrungrongkul 1-10; RCA: Daniel Rorie 8-53, Aaron Eastin 4-22, Raymon Stewart 3-5, Justo Garcia 9-0.



Fulton Falcons' Milan Rabah (10) drives up field after recovery of an inside kick opening the second half of last Friday's game against Longview Trinity. Also in the play are teammates CJ White (73) and Brett Steffen.
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