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It's another special day for Nolan Woodrow Bailey (right) as Rockwall County Meals on Wheels volunteer Andrea Funk and her son Jake deliver a hot meal Friday. Bailey says he is most thankful for the attention and visits by volunteers. Bailey lives in Rockwall near downtown area. He grew up between Sashse and Wylie and is a veteran of WW II along with four of his brothers.
(Staff Photo by Tim Burnett)

Meals on Wheels makes a big difference during holidays

Sheri Lewis
For Louise Bobo, it's more than just a meal. Meals on Wheels delivers fresh, hot food to more than 100 Rockwall County residents five days each week, but for many, like Bobo, the meal is secondary. It's the company – the human contact she and many others look forward to each weekday. "The people that deliver the food are so very nice," Bobo said. "I couldn't ask for a better group of people. I just look forward to even seeing the people whether they're bringing me lunch or dinner. It just means a great deal."
Ver Hagen, executive director for the Rockwall County Community on Aging that oversees the Meals on Wheels program, says many meal recipients have echoed Bobo's comments. "It's the only human contact some of them have," Ver Hagen said. "To most of them the meal's not even important. It's about the person coming to the door to talk to them, visit with them, help them."
Bobo, a recipient of the MOW program for a year, said she values the interaction, but also appreciates the assistance with her car. In June, the 78-year-old slipped and fell in her garage, sustaining serious back injuries. Recovery has been slower than she expected, she said, and standing for long periods of time to cook is not something she can physically accomplish right now. "I can't afford to go to the grocery store and buy food," she said, "it's extremely difficult for me to go to the store, and then when I come home I can't carry (the food) in. I can fix something to eat, but

I can't stand there long enough to get it fixed."

Bobo is one of about 120 residents of Rockwall, Fate, Heath, McClendon-Chisholm and Roysse City who receive noon meals Mondays through Fridays through the local MOW program.

The weekday routine begins at about 7 a.m. when cooking begins on site. Low-salt and low-sugar menus developed by a licensed dietician are prepared, as are meals tailored to specific dietary needs – diabetic meals, low-residue meals and "chopped" meals, Ver Hagen said. Each meal created in the MOW kitchen is designed to provide one-third of the U.S.-recommended daily allowance of nutrients required for optimal health.

Volunteers begin arriving by mid-morning, and meal deliveries run from 10:45 a.m. to 1 p.m. Deliveries are made via 11 routes organized by physical location. Although the program has about 80 volunteers, only 11 are needed in a single day to cover the routes.

On average, a route will average between eight and 15 deliveries, or "visits" as Ver Hagen described them.

Each volunteer drives his or her own vehicle and pays for the fuel used to make the trip.

"When you take the time, the miles, the hours – everything – and know that it's donated, it adds up," Ver Hagen said.

One volunteer, who lives outside of Rockwall County, drives in to Rockwall to pick up meals to be delivered, then runs his route before returning home. Ver Hagen estimates he drives about 75 miles each day he delivers.

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News Briefs

Holiday schedule at library

The Rockwall County Library will be closed Thursday through Sunday for the Thanksgiving holidays. The library will re-open at 10 a.m. Monday.

November is Adopt-a-Senior-Pet Month

Feral Friends is among the many shelters and rescue groups celebrating November as Adopt-a-Senior-Pet Month. Seniors pets are already "trained" and don't chew or scratch; they are loving and healthy. For a socialized cat that has been vaccinated, micro chipped, spayed or neutered, visit feralfriends.org or call 972-671-0429 or visit the weekly FF adoption from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturdays at PetSmart, Richardson, 16821 Coit Road.

Support the library through holiday shopping

Gently used books, videos, CDs and book bags may be purchased at the Rockwall County Library's Book Sale Alcove. All proceeds from these sales benefit the Friends of the Library's project that support the Children's Summer Reading Program.

Brown Bag lecture slated for Dec. 2

The final Brown Bag lecture of 2008 will begin at noon on Dec. 2 in the Historic Courthouse on the square. The topic will be "The Zollner Ranch: A Personal History." Members of the Zollner family will share memories of life on the famous Hobo Ranch. The program will be free and open to the public.

Reception set for Melston

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

Republican Lunch Bunch to meet Dec. 3

The Rockwall County Republican Lunch Bunch will meet on at 11:30 a.m. on Dec. 3 at Luigi's Italian Café in Rockwall. The cost is \$10, which includes lunch, beverage, tax and tip; participants should pay at the door. Reservations are not required. This informal social gathering is open to all area Republicans. For information call Leon Tuttle at 972-771-6874.

Parents Night Out at FUMC Heath

The First United Methodist Church of Heath will host a Parents Night Out from 6:30 p.m. to 11 p.m. Dec. 5. Childcare will be provided at the church for children up to the sixth grade. Children will participate in crafts, snacks, movies and games. Cost is \$15 per child; \$5 for each additional child. Registration is required by calling 972-771-6732.

Lions Club to give away model train

The Rockwall Noon Lions Club is raising money for the "We Serve" Rockwall program by giving away a model train. An HO scale Bachman train set with a Santa Fe Comet engine, it includes buildings, a mountain, a hill, a bridge, ballast, trees and animals valued at more than \$1,800. It was built by the North Central Texas All Scale Model Railroading Group in conjunction with HobbyTown USA. Tickets cost \$5 each or three for \$10. Winner's name will be drawn Dec. 6 at the Rockwall Christmas parade. For more details visit rockwallnoonlions.com.

Class on Christmas decorating set

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

Teen book, movie discussion slated

A Twilight Book & Movie Discussion will run from 7 p.m. to 7:45 p.m. Dec. 9 in the First Floor Meeting Room of the Rockwall County Library. The event will be open to teens in grades 7 through 12. A poster will be given away as part of the discussion.

Library to host Ladies Night Out

Christmas music, holiday refreshments and craft fun will be offered as part of a Ladies Night Out event set for 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. Dec. 11 in the Rockwall County Library's Meeting Room. Participants should bring a pair of scissors to make custom gift tags. For more information, contact a library Youth Department staff member.

Santa to appear at library

Santa Claus will be at the Rockwall County Library at 11 a.m. on Dec. 16 and Dec. 17 to visit with children. Holiday cookies will be offered, and children can tackle craft projects.

ARC blood drive set Dec. 18

The City of Heath will conduct an American Red Cross blood drive from 1 p.m. to 6 p.m. Dec. 18 at the Community Room at City Hall. Visit givelife.org and use sponsor code 'cityofheath' to make an appointment or call 1-800-GIVE-LIFE. Donors should be at least 17 years of age, weigh at least 110 pounds, feel well and be in good health. It must be at least 56 days since any previous blood donation.



The Fulton School fans and school staff celebrated the first ever football playoff game last week with a special "send-off." The Falcons competed in Amarillo against Amarillo Classical Heritage at Amarillo River Road stadium. The Falcons ended their historic season in a 64-6 loss.
(Staff Photo by Tim Burnett)

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Sharon Shannon third grade students Mikiah Butler, Olivia Parmelly, Jaquez Reese and Ashlyn Stembbridge are shown learning about soil science. Students classified soil after performing porosity tests.



Fulton School students Nicholas Theriot, left, Dominic Theriot, right, and Connor Bryant concentrating on the next moves during a chess lesson by chessmaster Ben Wheeler. Students concentrate on weekly in their Chess Club.
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Meals on Wheels

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"Some routes are more like 35 (miles)," she said. "And then some could be five (miles.)"

Two employees are responsible for keeping the volunteer-driven MOW program functional.

MOW is the primary program of the Rockwall County Committee on Aging, a nonprofit corporation established in 1978. Its mission is to "keep senior citizens living independently through referrals, meal delivery, education, information, benefit counseling, advocacy, ombudsman and emergency food boxes," according to a committee brochure.

Designed to serve the elderly and the disabled, MOW is funded by local and federal funds, private donations and fundraisers.

Some of the more high-profile donations are those made by local restaurants and organizations recruited by Ver Hagen to fill in the gaps in the MOW meal delivery schedule during holidays.

"There are seven major (holidays) where the kitchen is closed, so I try to find a sponsor for that holiday meal. They give us money, then we go to a restaurant and order the food and the volunteers come that day and deliver the meal on the holiday," Ver Hagen said.

This year the Rockwall Breakfast Rotary Club has agreed to sponsor both the Thanksgiving and Christmas meals. Rotarians also have offered to step in and handle meal deliveries on the holidays, giving the regular volunteers the holiday to spend with friends and family.

"This whole operation is run by volunteers," Ver Hagen said. "It's unbelievable. Every single day... we have to have these volunteers show up every morning. We just make it work. But we're always in

need of additional volunteers and donations."

In addition to delivering the meals, volunteers also do a quick assessment of each MOW recipient with whom they interact. How did he look? Did she seem to be in good spirits? Did she have any specific needs with which the Rockwall County Committee on Aging might assist?

"The volunteers are the eyes and the ears of the elderly," Ver Hagen said. "Some of them have such a relationship with the seniors now that they end up going back after they run – just to visit with them. They take them to the doctor, shopping..."

"To me it is just a wonderful service," said Bobo, who has volunteered for MOW meals. "I wasn't looking for something for nothing help."

(EDITOR'S NOTE: For more information on Meals on Wheels or the Rockwall County Committee on Aging or how you can volunteer, contact Margie Ver Hagen at 972-771-9514.)

Dec. 3 reception set to honor Melton

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

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

The reception will be set up in the Community Room of the Rockwall County Library, which is located at 1215 E. Yellowjacket Lane. It is encouraged to attend.

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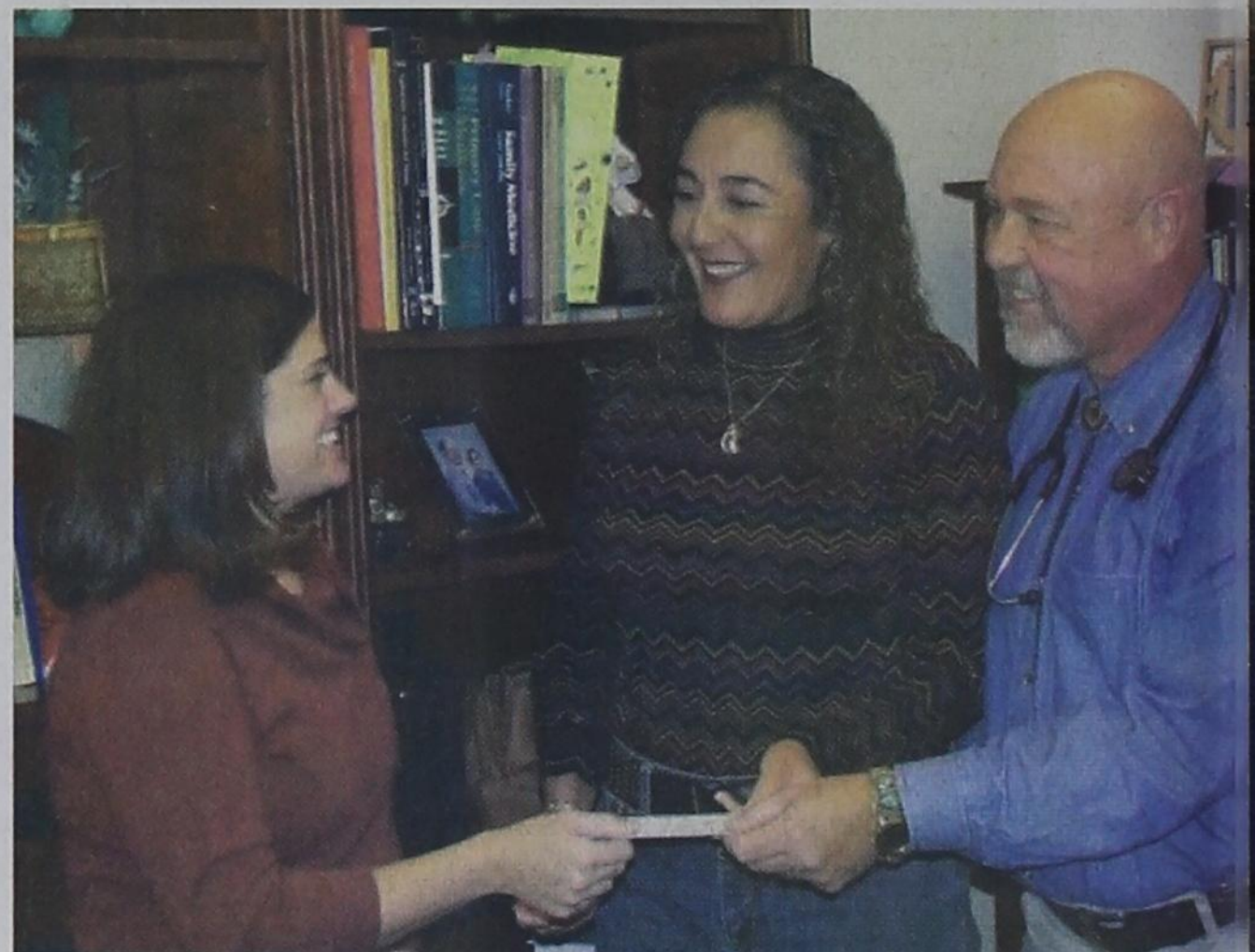
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The Health Center of Helping Hands recently received a check for \$3,000, representing raised at last month's 8th Annual Bellinger Chili Cook-Off. Shown making the presentation are Tricia Lawler, Helping Hands representative, and Dr. Robert and Pat Bellinger. The event included a silent auction of items donated by 24 participating chili teams. The bands that played for the Magellan and Just Us, donated a portion of the \$3,000. Chili cook-off participants included David Lensch, Dr. Victoria Smithers and Dr. Robert Stark, all Health Center Volunteers.

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Author to visit Springer students

Joe Hayes, a premier storyteller from the Hispanic, Native American and Anglo cultures, will visit Ouida Springer Elementary on Dec. 2.

Hayes grew up in southern Arizona and his schoolmates and friends taught him speak Spanish. As he got older, he learned old stories and folklore from his region. When his own children were born, Hayes began telling them stories in English and Spanish so they, too, would learn both languages.

Hayes began sharing his stories in print in 1982 and has received many awards, including the Texas Bluebonnet Award for Ghost Fever in 2007.

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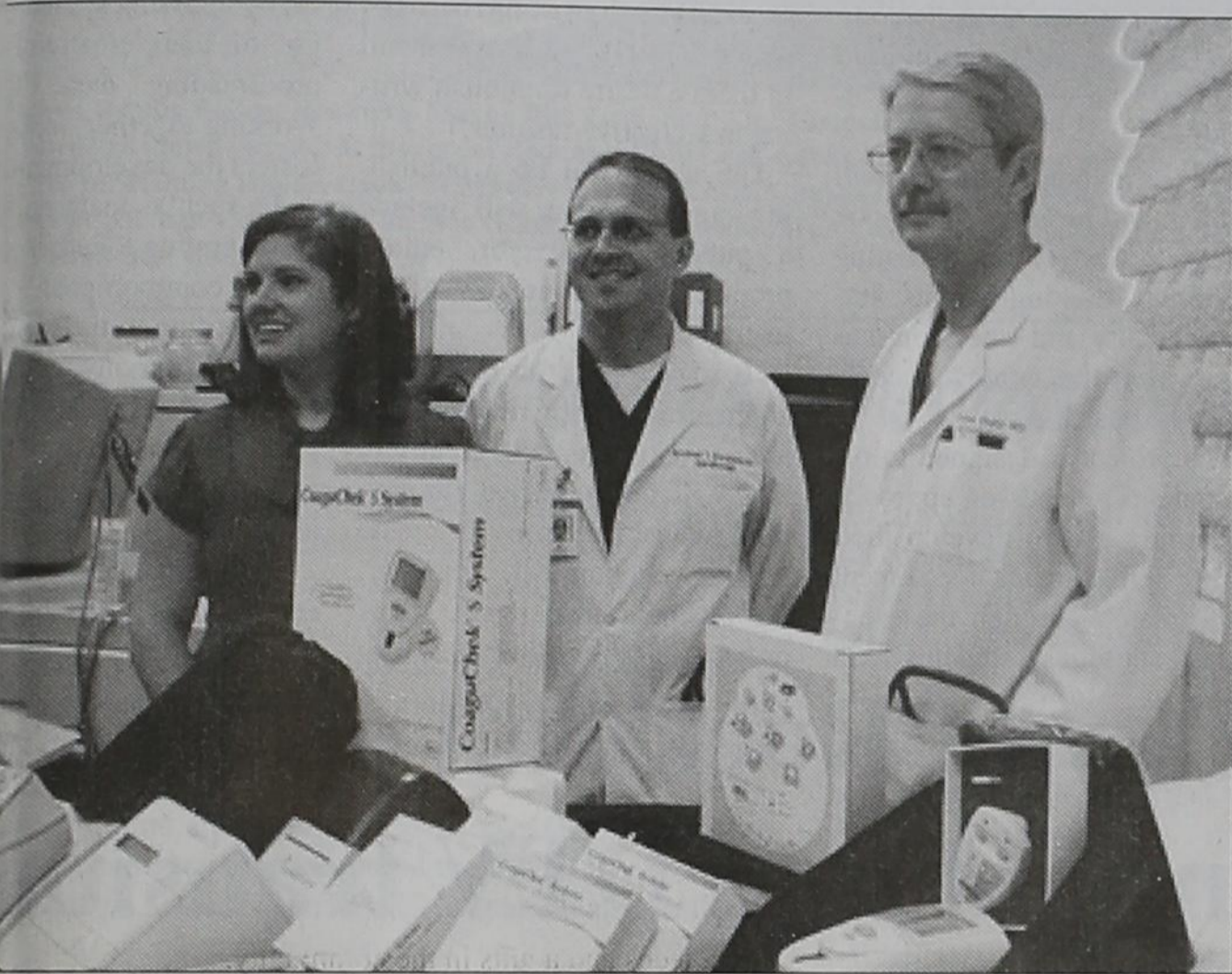
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Recognition of Veterans Day, Williams Middle School honored students whose parents are on active military duty. The students were served a special breakfast in the school library. Pictured are Lt. Colonel Max Corneau, Lanita Young, Brandon Young, Jordan Venable, Olivia Corneau, Tori Jones,

Nia Cruz, Matt Hearn, Emily Cuzik, Jonny Saunders, Seth Taylor, KeyShawn Barron, Trevor Smith, Christian Talley, Courtney Corbin and Robyn Best. Not pictured are Jill LeMaster, Nickolas Belvedere, Ian Hustings, Rachelle Perry, Brian Porter and Rachel Simpson.



Health Center at Helping Hands recently received an automatic external defibrillator used in cardiac emergencies, a machine for testing cholesterol and an INR machine to check blood thinning levels. Shown presenting the equipment to Tricia Lawler of Helping Hands are Dr. Robert Sharp and Andrew Berggren, cardiologists with Texas Cardiac Associates.

Manly Byrd, Dustin Hughes plan January wedding

Manly Byrd and Amy Byrd of Rockwall are proud to announce their engagement and approach the marriage of their daughter, Lauren Byrd, to Dustin Hughes of Georgetown, son of Danny and Rhonda Byrd of Frankfort, Ky.

The bride-elect is a 2004 graduate of Rockwall High and a 2008 graduate of Georgetown College in Georgetown, Ky. She plans to attend medical school.

The prospective bridegroom graduated from Franklin County High School in Frankfort in 2004 and Georgetown College in 2008.

A Jan. 24, 2009, wedding ceremony in the Gethsemane Baptist Church in Danville, Ky., is planned.

Chamber schedules Texas Country Christmas December 13

Royse City Chamber of Commerce's Texas Country Christmas festivities will take place Dec. 13 at the First United Methodist Church's Family Center.

Activities will begin at 2 p.m. with vendor booths, pony rides, games, bounce houses and music provided by Jammin' by Dunlap.

At 5 p.m., judging for the chili cook-off and parade application forms. A map of the parade route also is available online.

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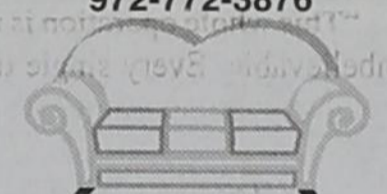
At 7:15 p.m., the parade line-up will begin. The parade is slated to begin at 6 p.m., followed by Christmas tree lighting in the City Hall. The citywide choir will perform and the parade route will be announced.

At 8:30 p.m., downtown Main Street activities will conclude with an evening, including Santa's arrival and the judging of the

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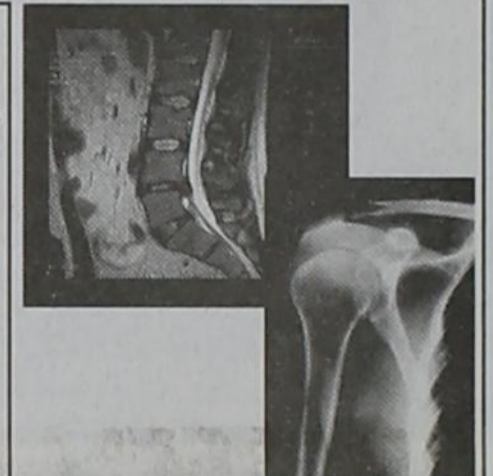
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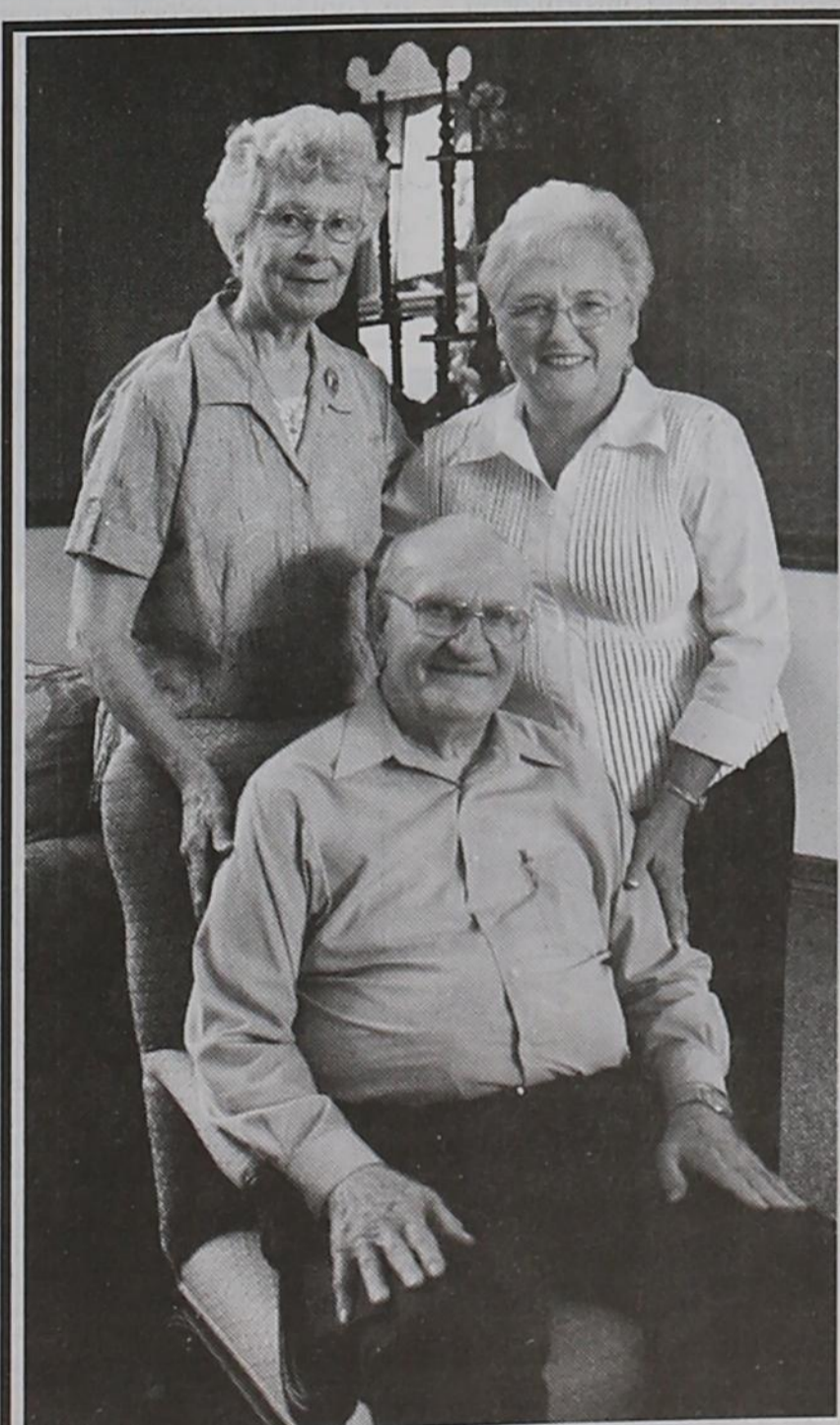
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Hays Husky runs generate \$20,000-plus for school

The second annual Husky 5k and 1-Mile Fun Run on Nov. 8 drew 516 participants and 30 community sponsors and generated more than \$20,000 in funds to be used for "classroom needs and wish lists at the school" at Celia Hays Elementary.

Sponsored by the school's PTA, the event's results were as follows: 1st place youth-1 mile run- Caleb M. 6:09; 2nd place youth-1 mile run- Wyatt M. 7:09; 3rd place youth-1 mile run- Dustin M. 7:10; 1st place adult- 1 mile run- Paul Wetzel 8:01; 2nd place adult- 1 mile run- Denny Hampton 8:53; 3rd place adult- 1 mile run- Carol Pavik 9:39; 1st place youth- 5K- Sam E. 20:24; 2nd place youth- 5K- Angie B. 20:45; 3rd place youth- 5K- Grayson G. 20:51; 1st place adult- 5K- Peter Bernard 19:36; 2nd place adult- 5K- Phillipe Seminet 21:13; and 3rd place adult- 5K- Grant Denney 21:53.

Prizes were awarded for each place. The event ended with the students singing "The Power of One," which is the theme for this year's Rachel's Challenge campaign.

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Heath Mayor John Ratcliffe (center) cuts the ceremonial ribbon at the grand opening of the Amy Parks-Heath Elementary School Now Publishing Company. Third grade students at the school will spend three months learning about the publishing business, from picking their interviewing skills, to writing, editing, and illustrating, and finally marketing a book they will create in the class. Photo courtesy of Julie West

School opens 'publishing company' strengthen student writing, reading

Amy Parks Elementary School students and faculty were joined by local officials for the grand opening of the Write Now Publishing Company on the school campus. The ribbon-cutting ceremony was conducted in the school gym and served as the first item of business in the company's three-month business plan. Operated by a trio of third-grade classes, the Write Now Publishing Company will, in month one, allow students to apply for positions within the company; assign roles to students; students will begin learning brainstorming, editing skills and improving readability; and written work will be drafted and selected pieces of text will be saved.

Month two will focus on students selecting pieces, followed by editing, proofreading and illustrating. In the third month, students will publish and promote their book through a variety of marketing techniques, inviting parents, students, faculty and (the) community to meet the plan. "The project is designed to offer students a hands-on approach to learning and to develop their writing skills," reads a statement in the plan. "Through these engaging activities, students will

break through writing barriers, which will empower and instill in them a desire to publish writing in a creative fashion." The result will be a publishing company that will include a publishing director, editor, proofreader, accountant and illustrator. "By developing this publishing company, student writers will be able to express their creativity that will be published through this publishing firm to create strong, economical bridges," the business plan reads. "This project makes writing meaning-

ful by allowing students use of their creativity, proofreading and illustrating. Working together on this fosters the development skills such as team building collaborating together to publish a common goal." According to the plan, at the conclusion of the Published materials also on display in the library viewing. Teachers organizing the project are Julie West, Jill Dorene Bryant.

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City of Rockwall offers insight into DTV transition

The City of Rockwall wants to assist local residents in navigating the digital transition scheduled for Feb. 17. The U.S. Congress passed legislation requiring most broadcast TV stations to switch from transmitting traditional analog TV signals to digital signals. This switch, known as Digital Transition or DTV Transition, may affect how some families watch after their transition date. Although the cable and broadcast industries are making efforts to prepare viewers for the change, some citizens may need additional guidance, according to a city news release. Charter Communications cable subscribers, AT&T U-Verse subscribers and DISH or DIRECTV satellite subscribers already should be prepared for the transition. These providers have been sending information regarding how and what they will provide their customers to ensure this transition. Individuals with a newer digital or high-definition television using an antenna to view over-the-air broadcast chan-

nels should be OK; however, if your family does not, subscribe to any of the providers listed above and your television is an analog (with an antenna), there is a strong possibility that your broadcast signal will be lost with the February changeover. Individuals unsure as to what type of TV they have or if there are additional questions, contact any of the following for assistance: City of Rockwall, Cheryl Dunlop, 972-772-6407; National Telecommunications & Information Administration, ntia.doc.gov; Digital Transition, 1-888-DTV-2009, dtv.gov or dtv2009.gov; or the Federal Communications Commission, fcc.gov. For individuals unsure as to what type of television they have, check the front and/or back of the TV for a tuner label or contact the retailer or manufacturer. If the TV has a NTSC tuner, it is an analog set (most units purchased before 1998 are usually analog); if the set is an ATSC, DTV, HDTV, Integrated Digital Tuner or Digital Tuner Built-in, it is digital.

For families who are providers and your TV analog (with an antenna converter boxes are available to convert the digital Coupons issued by the government are available purchase a DTV converter. Some families may need a digital antenna to the digital broadcast signal. DTV converter boxes expected to cost between \$70 each before the coupon applied. Each household up to two coupons to use for the boxes. Visit ntia.gov or call 1-888-388-2009 to obtain coupons. Some DTV converter boxes also require a digital antenna, but only for living in a remote or area. Rockwall-area residents probably won't need an antenna. Local retailers in the Rockwall area, such as Best Buy, Target and Wal-Mart, offer the converter boxes, and coupons and can provide local support.

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Judges Dennis Bailey, Rockwall Mayor Bill Cecil, and City Council member and Helping Hands Executive Director Margo Nielsen are shown judging at the recent Rockwall Chili Cook-Off at American National Bank. The bank's event raised more than \$1,300 for Helping Hands. Cook-off winners included Christ Church Chili Chapel (Andrew Daugherty), Best Overall Chili; Blue Canyon Kitchen Tavern & Wine Bar (Chef Scott Coffman), Most Original Chili; and Man Church (Lance Chisholm), Hottest Chili and Best Chili Camp.

Kiwanis Club plans December 6 parade

The annual Kiwanis Club Christmas Parade will begin at 9 a.m. on Saturday, December 6, proceeding from Caruth Lane at South Goliad to the Town Square, exiting to Kaufman Street and winding up at the elementary parking lot.

With over 100 parade entries, more than 1,500 participants are expected to represent youth, civic, religious, government and business organizations. More than 3,000 spectators also are expected to attend.

The parade is a joint effort between the Rockwall Kiwanis Club, Rockwall Chamber of Commerce and the City of Rockwall. The annual parade, which began in 1969, is traditionally conducted on the first Saturday morning in December.

Mayor Bill Cecil, an honorary Kiwanis member, will serve as emcee for the event, which will feature a variety of entertainments on the parade floats. Performances will begin at 8 a.m. KHYI-FM will simulcast the parade music to be aired in all of the vehicles utilized in the parade.

A breakfast featuring sausage, juice, milk and hot coffee will be offered at the Kiwanis Club trailer.

Each year, the grand marshal is selected through a poster illustration contest between students in grades three through five. This year's theme is Our Favorite Christmas. The designated dignitary is Minju Park, a fifth grade student from Pullen Elementary.

Call the Kiwanis Club Hot Line, 972-722-6001, for information on participating in this year's parade. A registration packet will be mailed out. Forms also are available by visiting rockwallkiwanis.org. Registration cost will be \$30 for business groups and \$15 for non-profit organizations.

Because the number of participants is limited, early registration is advised.

Volunteers are always needed. Anyone interested in volunteering should call the Hot Line.

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Heath Holiday Event December 5

The Heath Holiday in the Park, sponsored by the City of Heath Events Board, will kick off at 7 p.m. Dec. 5 in the Towne Park Pavilion located behind City Hall, 200 Laurence.

The evening will be filled with traditions, including Christmas tree lighting, the cheerful sounds of the Amy Parks-Heath and Dorothy Pullen Elementary School choirs and hot chocolate, wassail and cookies. Also helping spread the holiday spirit will be the Rockwall Heath High School varsity cheerleaders and drill team and Cain School drama students.

Children will enjoy visits with Santa and rides on the miniature train. Canned food donations also will be collected to benefit Rockwall Helping Hands.

The Rockwall-Heath Hawks varsity football team is playing in a playoff game on Dec. 5, the community holiday event will be held until 7 p.m. on Dec. 6.

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Rockwall County Schools

RHS takes second in own Academic Decathlon

Rockwall High School finished in second place in the Academic Decathlon in the school hosted on Oct. 25. Of the 14 schools in attendance, the RHS team finished

second, losing only to Canyon Del Oro High School from Tucson, Ariz. Team scores are calculated by adding the teams' top two varsity scores, top two scholastic

scores and top two honors scores. Varsity students have a "C" grade point average, scholastic students have a "B" grade point average and honors students have an "A" grade point average, all for the last two years.

Individual award winners included, in Varsity, Mark Welmaker, fifth in economics, third in music; and John Vuckovic, first in music, third in social science, third in Super Quiz, fifth overall; Scholastic, Metcalf-Kelly, fourth in art, second in economics, fourth in social science, second in Super Quiz, fourth overall; Travis Kasinger, first in art, second in economics, third in language and literature, first in music, first in social science, first overall; Allison Bowler, fifth in economics, fourth in language and literature, second in music, third in social science; Chris Marsh, third in language and literature, fifth in math; and Jo Williams, third in Super Quiz.

In the Honors division, Megha Joshi, fourth in art, fifth in language and literature, fifth in music, second in social science, second in Super Quiz; Miguel Chavira, third in art, second in social science, second in Super Quiz; Emily Cariker, fourth in music and fifth in social science; and Ginny Mitchell, fourth in Super Quiz.

Bryan Brooks earns third place

Rockwall native Bryan Brooks earned third place in the lower musical theatre division of the Southern Regional National Association of Teachers of Singing conference and auditions conducted Nov. 6-8 at Northwestern State University in Natchitoches, La.

Brooks is a freshman musical theatre student.

Ten Ouachita Baptist University students were named finalists and 29 were named semi-finalists in the NATS auditions. Ninety-four singing teachers and 480 student singers participated in the auditions.

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Poetry Community Christian School elementary students performing at the annual Fes celebrate the blessings of Thanksgiving included (back row, left to right) Reed Hewitt, Emma Sam Duncan, (front row) Grace Knight and Jade Countryman. (Photo Courtesy of Poetry Community Christian School)



The Amy Parks Elementary Parent-Teacher Organization recently presented Principal Crawford and Vice Principal Carla Bennett with a check for \$20,000. Pictured are Bennett, Illig, Bailey McBride, Molly Wilcox and Crawford. The donation, generated through the school Read-a-Thon, will be used to purchase equipment and teaching supplies for the school.

Two RISD schools named to honor roll

Amy Parks-Heath Elementary and Howard Dobbs Elementary recently were named to the Texas Business & Education Coalition Honor Roll for 2008, according to a Rockwall Independent School District news release.

The TBEC Honor Roll is the "most prestigious award for sustained academic excellence in Texas," according to the release. Of the more than 8,000 Texas public schools fewer than 4 percent receive this honor.

The recognition marks the third year Howard Dobbs Elementary has appeared on the TBEC Hon-

or Roll. The award recognizes schools that have demonstrated three years of consistent, high performance in all subjects compared to other schools serving similar student populations.

Both Amy Parks-Heath Elementary and Howard Dobbs Elementary were honored on a Nov. 10 awards reception and dinner in San Antonio. In

attendance from Amy Parks-Heath Elementary were Edning, Jaime Cardenas and Principal Teresa Twedell. Also in attendance were Smothermon and Koehn from Central A

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Mortgage management means monitoring whether your financing is in tune with other things going on in your life. Have you had unexpected expenses or windfalls? Is the family growing or shrinking? Have you increased or decreased the equity in your home? Also, should your loan be fixed or adjustable, interest only or equity accelerating, forward or reverse amortization? What is the current interest rate climate? What new mortgage products are available? These factors, and others, need to be addressed as part of periodic mortgage management.

The answers to these questions are in constant flux, which is why it is recommended that you discuss your situation with a mortgage professional before purchasing, then at least once a year after closing. Currently, for instance, borrowers who have been joyfully riding the wave of low adjustable rate mortgages for the last few years are starting to hit rough waters. It's certainly time to consider fixed rate refinancing in the face of a possible short-term rate tsunami.

Consider this analogy. If someone handed you \$350,000 for investment purposes, how much time and energy would you spend analyzing all the options available to you? Wouldn't you seek out a reputable financial planner, or possibly by asking people you trust to refer you to an expert in that field?

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Why then, would you not exercise the same due diligence if you were planning on borrowing the same amount of money, or more. Any professional financial planner would agree that many of the same concerns are addressed whether borrowing or investing. Both involve programs and strategies that are tailored to criteria of long and short-term objectives, risk tolerance and yields. Balance is the key to a sound investment portfolio and to ignore the liabilities side of the balance sheet, especially the mortgage loan would clearly be irresponsible. It's important to treat your mortgage financing as an integral part of your total financial picture because mortgage management can be a critical component of wealth building. It makes great sense to enlist the help of a professional when investing or borrowing.

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The second graders at Grace Hartman Elementary School recently ended their Fairy Tale Unit with a Tea Party and dress-up Parade. Students learned the rules for classifying a fairy tale, which are things that happen in threes, it must have magic, there is good and evil, it must be simple, must start with "once upon a time" and has a happy ending. Showing off their fairy tale costumes is Casandra Cothran's class, (back row from left) Devon Khalsa, Meagan Redmond, Anthony Khabaz, Miller Laudsau, Lauren Knoff, Lauren Gallander, Mrs. Casandra Cothran, (middle row) Scotty Clark, Caleb Craighead, Jaden Coles, Alyssa Leinen, Kate Methvin, Paul Harbin, (front row) Sarah Jackson, Alan Taylor, Emily Taylor, Kennedy Shelton, Kyle Gershon, Nicole Culifer and Amberlie Springer.
Photo courtesy of Christy Wendt



Kajol Maheshwari, a fifth grade student at Ouida Springer Elementary School, is the winner of an essay contest sponsored by Luminant Energy in partnership with Rockwall ISD. Kajol's winning essay was titled, "How can I help protect the environment?" Presenting her with a \$1,000 U.S. Savings Bond are (left to right) Springer Principal Mike Pitcher, Assistant Principal Lisa Inmon, Counselor Lori Allums, contest winner Kajol Maheshwari, mother Manisha Maheshwari, Assistant RISD Superintendent Dr. Debbie Koehn and Luminant Scholar Director Robert Gentry.
Photo courtesy of Laura Gates



Abby Williams Elementary Students Paige Cooper, left, and Abby Cooper entered artwork from Angela Hoard's art class at the show at the State Fair this year. Both girls entered the year-old art category, and Paige received second place with her giraffe entry, while Abby received Honorable Mention with her flower painting.

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Rockwall County Sports



Celebrating their Area Championship win Friday night, the Rockwall-Heath Hawks cherish the moment.
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Hawks batter Hillcrest 58-21 in rematch go to 12-0; once-beaten Ennis up next

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by Matt McGillen

And then there were 16. Although it took it a little longer to get up to full speed against Hillcrest than it did against outmatched Frisco Centennial in the first round, the Rockwall-Heath scoring machine was nonetheless magnificent again.

Led by Kendial Lawrence and Everett Gilbert, who both rushed for over 200 yards and combined to score seven touchdowns, and a second half shut out by the defense, the undefeated Hawks hammered the Panthers 58-21 in the Region II Division II Area championship game of the state Class 4A playoffs Nov. 21 at Texas Stadium. Make that Nov. 21 and 22.

Lawrence finished with 255 yard on 23 carries, with his first giving him 45 for the year.

Gilbert joined Lawrence on the sideline midway through the quarter, as he finished with 215 yards on just 15 carries, 10 scores, including a 47-yard sprint in the second quarter that gave the Hawks a 17-7 lead.

Hollingshead finished his night with a very efficient 12-for-142 yards, but had his string of consecutive completions wane in the third period as he finished at 151 when Panther cornerback Nelson picked off his long pass down the right hash mark in the third period.

Sherrington closed out his career with a season-high 37 completions, Sherrington closed out his career with a season-high 37 completions, completing 21-of-37 with three interceptions. Johnson led all receivers with 148 yards on eight catches while Michael Harrison had eight receptions for 105 yards.

Heath freshman running back Dorian Lawry scored his first career touchdown on a one-yard pitch to close out Heath's production with 3:55 left in the game.

Hillcrest	7	14	0	0-21
Rockwall-Heath	10	34	7	7-58

RH - Kendial Lawrence 10 run (Brad Howes kick)

RH - Howes 19 FG

HC - Michael Harrison 7 pass from Jake Sherrington (Juan Hernandez kick)

RH - Everett Gilbert 47 run (Howes kick)

HC - Brice Johnson 28 pass from Sherrington (Hernandez kick)

RH - Lawrence 12 run (kick failed)

HC - Johnson 70 pass from Sherrington (Hernandez kick)

RH - Gilbert 7 run (Howes kick)

RH - Lawrence 1 run (Howes kick)

RH - Lawrence 64 run (Howes kick)

RH - Dorian Lawry 1 run (Howes kick)

	HC	RH
First downs	14	27
Rushes-yards	24-14	48-484
Passing yards	367	142
Passes 23-42-0	12-14-1	
Punts-ave	6-35.8	1-31
Penalties	7-40	6-45
Fumbles-lost	2-0	3-1

Individual statistics

Rushing: Hillcrest - Carrington Brown 2-0, Harrison Brown 2-5, Sherrington 5-(-14), Heath - Gilbert 2-25, Lawrence 2-25, Drew Hollingshead 1-(-13), Jesse Iroko 1-5, Tyler Harding 1-0.

Passing: Hillcrest - Sherrington 21-37-0-347, Harrison Brown 2-14-142.

Receiving: Hillcrest - Collier Bailey 2-26, Chris Coppock 8-105, Brice Johnson 8-148, Stefon Nelson 3-64, Matt Bielski 1-(-1), Gilbert 7-69, Tyler Harding 1-40, Lawry 1-1, Will Smith 1-14.

Brent Davis earns diploma at Missouri Auction School

Grandview, Missouri - The Missouri Auction School is pleased to announce the graduation of Mr. Brent P. Davis of Heath, Texas. The diploma granted was received at the world's largest auction training center established in 1905. Davis completed the course in Auctioneering and Auction Sales Management on November 9, 2008.

The school consists of eighty (80) classroom hours including lectures and workshops. Subjects studied were: antiques, livestock, furniture, business liquidations, real estate, auto, machinery, general merchandise, and estate auctions. The students also receive instruction from professional auctioneers throughout America who oversee the students selling in auctions in nearby communities.



Brent Davis (right) is congratulated by Paul Dewees (left), president of the Missouri Auction School at the recent graduation ceremony.

Starting at 9:50 p.m., the Hawks (12-0) and Panthers (7-4) didn't finish until almost 1 a.m., and as the game somewhat approached the midnight hour, Hillcrest trailed just 23-21 in the third round Nov. 21 at Texas Stadium. When Hillcrest quarterback Jake Sherrington found Brice Johnson on a short inside slant route that the speedy wide receiver turned into a 70-yard, catch-and-run to make the score 23-21 with 6:46 to play in the first half, Panther Nation may have had the faintest whiff of a monumental upset.

At that point, however, any Cinderella-like aspirations the Panthers might have had were wiped out by a 35-0 run by the Hawks, who will now face Ennis (11-1), a 48-21 winner over Kilgore, in the third round Nov. 28 with a noon kickoff, also at Texas Stadium.

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The Hawks, behind Lawrence and Gilbert, however, exploded for three quick scores to dash that fantasy and put the game all but out of reach 44-21 at the half.

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Following another three-and-out by the Panthers, Lawrence punctuated the quick turnaround by going airborne from the one-yard-line with 0:04 on the clock to push the score to 44-21 at the half.

The Lawrence Leap came at the end of another six-play drive, this one covering 64 yards, the biggest of which was a 40-yard completion from Heath QB Drew Hollingshead to Tyler Harding, that gave the Hawks a first and goal at the one.

Lawrence then delivered the crusher, as he romped his final 64 yards of the game for another score less than two minutes into the second half to give the Hawks a 51-21 advantage.

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When we were casting a movie, who would play the role of Scott Smith? I found out this guy, who has a page at Internet Movie Database (IMDb).

Scott Smith
Biography

Friday Night Lights (2004) ... Coach Smith
"Friday Night Lights" is a football movie, about Odessa Permian High School.

Robert Scott Smith is now Rockwall's Coach Smith. He was Odessa Permian's head coach in 2004. The movie highlighted the Panthers teams of the late 1980s.

Also see in the movie's credits Branson Washburn as Coach Smith. He was on Scott Smith's staff at Permian, and now is the Jackets' offensive coordinator.

What Smith had to say about his acting career.
Question 1: How did it come about that you were in that movie?

Quite edges Jackets in 60 contest Friday

In their second consecutive game, the Rockwall boys' basketball team fought close with its opponent. But Friday night, there was no match as North Mesquite held on for a 68-60 victory.

Millions jumped to a 20-12 lead after one quarter on their part. RHS came back to cut the halftime deficit to 29-27, but Mesquite increased its lead to seven points entering the fourth quarter.

Lowjackets (1-1) rallied to lead briefly during the final eight minutes but the Stallions (also 1-1) regained the advantage and won the game.

"We were better during the game," said Rockwall head coach Alan Washburn. "We were better than we were Tuesday (in a 56-55 victory over Mesquite). As long as we're making improvement, that's what's important."

It was hard to swallow. We got better, but we got beat. We made some mistakes at some crucial times. We're still young."

Leading the Jackets again was senior Kyle Sandlin, who scored 29 points. Hunter Jorgensen added 11.

Washburn said, "We're more experience young than age young. As long as we have Jarron White is a senior but he's really young in basketball because he didn't play last year."

Washburn got people playing together. As long as we get it down by district starts (Dec. 19), we'll be OK."

Jackets will be off until Saturday. They'll play at home against Mesquite on Saturday, which lost its first game, at 2 p.m.

Stats:	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
Rockwall	12	15	12	21	60
Mesquite	20	9	17	22	68

Rockwall: Kyle Sandlin 29, Hunter Jorgensen 10, Jarron White 8, Tim Yeager 3, Richard Grady 2.

Mesquite: Demonea Young 17, Blake Nulish 16, Keontea Black 15, Brandon Antillon 14, T.J. Barnes 4, Colton Black 2.

Langer wins Super Seniors

Robbie Harmon of Rockwall is back on the tennis courts after returning from Turkey and taking a break. She has competed in two events during this month, and won a singles title in one.

She came home from a Super Seniors event at Lakeway World of Tennis in Austin with a first-place trophy she earned Sunday, Nov. 23. In the finals, Langer defeated her sometimes doubles partner, Kathy Harmon, 6-1, 5-7, 6-0.

On Langer's schedule was the USTA National Senior Women's Interregionals in San Antonio. She played on the Texas team in the event that ran from Nov. 10-14. In that tournament, she lost her first two matches, but won three of the last four for a 3-2 record. She was 2-1 in singles and 1-2 in doubles.

Her wins in singles and doubles Saturday helped Texas defeat the United States 4-1. Before that, the Texans had lost to Mid-Atlantic Interregionals 3-2.

Langer has competed for U.S. teams in international competition. She said proudly, "Since 2005, I have never lost in a team event."

Over the years, she said the Althea Gibson Cup matches for the world's 70-and-over team title in Antalya, Turkey, in October were fantastic.

She said, "It's hard to describe. It was a fantastic experience. In the ceremonies, you march in with the entire team. The USA team with the men and women, was awesome. Then during the match, you'd cheer on different age groups. You'd see each other at the match, lunch and dinner. It was almost like two weeks of spring break."

Langer won both doubles matches in the Althea Gibson Cup, but she came down to the final doubles in the match that determined the winner. She was replaced. The U.S. team lost to finish second to Africa.

She was not upset by the team's decision. "I haven't played doubles with any of them before. The team that I played against (against South Africa) had a record together. One gal had won all her matches in singles. They lost a close tiebreaker in the final match."

She would like to represent the U.S. in next November's Althea Gibson Cup in Perth, Australia, but there is one catch. The matches are played on grass, which she said "is not my most wonderful playing surface."

There are no grass courts in the Metroplex, so Langer said she's planning to play some time before the grass-court Nationals next July in Hills, N.Y. "I have a friend on Long Island, so I'll go early to get some practice."

Answer: Coach Washburn and myself and one other coach were extras in one scene where one of the actors who was playing a coach ran out of the field and yelled at a player because he didn't have his chinstrap buckled up.

The director, Peter Berg, told the actor that he shouldn't have yelled so much. Branson Washburn went up to Peter Berg and said a real coach might have yelled more. He said, "Coach Smith can show you." We laugh about that all the time.

Question 2: So how did you go from being extras to being actors with your name in the credits?

Answer: Peter Berg was very thorough. He wanted it to be as realistic as possible, so he would get players out there as a backdrop for the scenes. I guess he figured why not have real coaches playing real coaches.

After that, they gave us our own trailer and everything.

Question 3: What was it like being in a movie?

Answer: It was amazing to see how all the movie stuff worked. They'd shot a lot of the footage in '03, and it was good football as far as the action.

We shot our scenes over spring break in '04. The scenes were at night so we'd get there at 6 in the evening and stay until 6 in the morning.

Question 4: What was it like coaching in the high-pressure atmosphere of Permian?



RHS coach Scott Smith
Staff Photo by Tim Burnett

Katie Roland all-conference; brother sets WMS record

Rockwall's running Roland family had a good week beginning Nov. 15.

On that Saturday, Katie Roland ran a personal-best 19:12 over five kilometers to place 12th in the Sooner Athletic Conference meet to help Wayland Baptist of Plainview take the conference title.

A four-year qualifier for the regional cross country meet and a two-time District 10-5A champion in both the 1,600- and 3,200-meter runs while at Rockwall High School, Katie, a freshman, helped Wayland Baptist qualify for the NAIA national meet in Kenosha, Wis. The Pioneers were ranked fourth in the nation.

The following Tuesday, her younger brother, Daniel Roland, broke the Williams Middle School eighth-grade boys' cross country record, finishing first in 11 minutes, 24 seconds to lead the Wildcats to victory Tuesday in a meet at Lovejoy.

A couple of other cross country siblings, Christian Soldat and Sean Hardenbrook, helped Williams win its meet. Soldat finished third in 11:55, and Hardenbrook was eighth in 12:29. The Wildcats' other scorers were Kerry Anderson, seventh in 12:26, and Matt Hearn, 22nd in 12:51.

The Wildcats' seventh-grade boys finished second in their meet with 52 meets.

Robbie Harmon placed fourth in 12:59, and Colt Ramsey fifth just four seconds later. Also scoring for Williams were Garrett Moon, 12th in 13:33; Cain Espethia, 14th in 13:41, and Spencer McKee, 17th in 13:53.

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Answer: "They wanted nothing less than a state championship. We won our share and lost our share. It was a real good experience. You're still coaching kids."

Question 5: Have you seen the "Friday Night Lights" TV show?

Answer: No, not really.

Of course not. For its first two seasons, the show aired on Friday nights, while Smith was coaching the Jackets. Currently it's only on DirecTV before returning to the NBC schedule in January.

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Legal Notices

- Public Notice -

The City of Rockwall Planning and Zoning Commission will hold a public hearing on **Tuesday, December 9, 2008** at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at Rockwall City Hall, 385 South Goliad, Rockwall, Texas, and the Rockwall City Council will hold a public hearing on **Monday, December 15, 2008** at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at Rockwall City Hall, 385 South Goliad, Rockwall, Texas, to consider the following items:

Z2008-028: Rezone from Light Industrial to Planned Development - FM549 & SH 276
Hold a public hearing and consider a request by Sheri Franzia of Rockwall Economic Development Corp. for approval of a change in zoning from (LI) Light Industrial District to (PD) Planned Development District for a 8.405-acre property known as Lot 8, Block A, Rockwall Technology Park Addition, located at the northwest corner of FM 549 and SH 276, and take any action necessary.

Z2008-029: Rezone from Commercial to Planned Development No. 44 - 2670 S. Goliad St.
Hold a public hearing and consider a request by John Bledsoe of Trans Am Trucking, Inc., for approval of a change in zoning from (C) Commercial district to (PD-44) Planned Development No. 44 district, on a 1.57-acre tract known as part of Lot 1, Block A, James Helwig Addition, located along the southwest side of SH 205 south of Sids Road, and take any action necessary.

Z2008-030: Approval of a P D Development Plan for Stone Creek Retail - FM 552 & SH 205
Hold a public hearing and consider a request by Brandon Cox of Pogue Engineering & Development Co., Inc., for approval of a PD Development Plan for Stone Creek Retail, being a 23.44-acre tract zoned (PD-70) Planned Development No. 70 District (Ord. 07-13) and situated at the southeast corner of FM 552 and SH 205, and take any action necessary.

P2008-037: Residential replat of Stone Creek Phase 1 Addition - SH 205, south of FM 552
Hold a public hearing and consider a request by Chase Finch of Corwin Engineering for approval of a residential replat of Stone Creek Phase 1 Addition, being 201 lots on 83.393-acres zoned (PD-70) Planned Development No. 70 district and located along the east side of SH 205, south of FM 552 and north of Quail Run Road, and take any action necessary.

All interested parties are encouraged to attend. Please contact the City of Rockwall Planning and Zoning staff at (972) 771-7745 with any questions.

INVITATION FOR BIDS

The CITY OF FATE, TEXAS will receive sealed bids for construction of concrete trails, playground, pavilion, washer pits, practice fields and picnic tables located at Smith Family Park (Fate Sports Complex) under the Parks and Wildlife Small Communities Assistance Program until **December 9, 2008 at 4:00 P.M.** at the Mason Building, 104 South W E Crawford, Fate, Texas 75132. Bids will be publicly opened and read at that time.

Bids are invited upon the several items and quantities of work as follows: installation of concrete trails, a playground, pavilion, washer pits, practice fields and picnic tables.

All quantities are estimated and subject to change.

Contract documents, including drawings and technical specifications, are on file at the office of Engineering Concepts, and the City of Fate.

One set of proposal, contract, and bonds, plans and specifications may be purchased for \$50.00 at Fate City Hall. The check should be made to The City of Fate.

Bids shall be accompanied by a cashier's check payable to the order of the CITY OF FATE in an amount equal to 5% of the total bid. Bid Bonds in lieu of cashier's check will be accepted on sureties licensed to do business in the State of Texas.

Attention is called to the fact that not less than the minimum salaries and wages must be paid on this project, and that the Contractor must ensure that employees and applicants for employment are not discriminated against because of their race, color, religion, sex, or national origin.

The CITY OF FATE reserves the right to reject any and all bids or to waive any informalities in the bidding.

In order to assure that all potential bidders receive any corrections or addendums to the specifications, an official "Bidder's List" will be maintained at City Hall for the project. Any notices on changes in the specifications will be sent to those on the "Bidder's List" and the City will not be held responsible for those not on the list.

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SUMMONS
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2. Unless you respond, your default will be entered upon application of the Plaintiff and this Court may enter a judgment against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint,* which could result in the taking of money or property or the relief requested in the Complaint.

3. If you wish to seek the advice of an attorney in this matter, you should do so promptly so that your response may be filed on time.

4. You are required to serve your response upon Plaintiff's attorney, whose address is 7025 Cottonwood Circle, Sachse, TX 75048.

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Letter to the Editor

Blood Brothers helps family

Thank you for your recent story on the Blood Brothers and including some information on my daughter in that story. The Blood Brothers contacted you to have the story published in hopes that it would call attention to my daughter, and my family appreciates you for doing that.

My 3-year-old daughter was diagnosed with Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia in May and since then has endured 58 days in-patient at Children's Medical Center, four surgeries, 13 chemotherapy treatments, nine spinal taps, five blood transfusions and on and on. She has two years and two months of treatment remaining in her fight to beat cancer.

The medical bills, weekly prescriptions costs and the loss of income has been overwhelming to our young family. Pediatric cancer is the most under funded cancer in regards to research. Your readers would be surprised to learn that since it is also the number one killer of our children. Calling attention to our story will not only help our family, but help our cause.

At the end of a long month of "Think Pink," we would like your readers to know that September was Childhood Cancer Awareness month. Maybe next September we can think gold and make a difference in the lives of so many sick children.

My daughter is one of many, 46 children a day are diagnosed with a pediatric cancer, and some do not win their fight.

Again thank you for doing the story, thank you to the Blood Brothers. Your kindness does not go unnoticed.

For more information on our precious daughter and what you can do to help, please visit caring-bridge.org/visit/lisajaneadams.

The Adams Family
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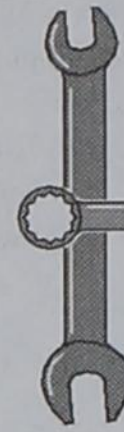
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Pass-first Ennis could present problems for run-first Hawks

McGillen struggled at times to pass, the undefeated fourth-ranked Rockwall Hawks may have an inter-challenge when they face the Lions Nov. 28 at noon in Texas Stadium in the third round of the Division II Class 4A football playoffs.

In the 11-1 Lions do a 1,000 yard rusher in Ennis, who has 992 yards in three games, the District 16-4A playoffs are primarily on the quarterback D.J. Betik.

Ennis has thrown for 3,118 yards and 30 touchdowns, completed 13-of-384 passes (55 interceptions) with eight interceptions. The Hawks' high-octane offense that uses the run first.

And often second.

With the amazing Kendial Lawrence rushing 266 times for 2,565 yards and 45 touchdowns and Gilbert Everett picking up another 815 yards on the ground on 79 carries as well as catch-

ing 42 passes for another 603 yards, it may be the Lions seeing double.

And the X factor in game the game may turn out to be Matt Bielski.

While Bielski is second in receptions with 30 for 458 yards, and a team-leading four receiving scores, he has just three catches in his last four games, including just two in the playoffs for a total of six yards.

Heath quarterback Drew Hollingshead has been coolly efficient when he has passed, connecting on 109-of-155 attempts, a 70-percent completion average, although he did have his interception-free streak end at 151 consecutive throws when he was picked off against Hillcrest in the Hawks second-round win.

Ennis' only loss came by a score of 56-31 to Waco Midway, in a game in which the Lions turned the ball over six times: three fumbles and three Betik interceptions.

Highland Park's Luke Woodley threw for 256 yards in a 38-31 overtime loss to Heath and Royce City's Richard Morrison had 310 yards for the Bulldogs in a 42-28 loss while last week's playoff opponent, Hillcrest, lit the Hawks up for 367 yards through the air despite getting blown out 58-21.

But perhaps the game that haunts the Heath secondary, was their 56-49 overtime win against Richardson Pearce, where the Mustangs shredded the Hawks defense for 587 yards and seven touchdown passes.



Hawks hammer Hillcrest 55-21

Kendial Lawrence (32) out-races Hillcrest defenders on the way to another Rockwall-Heath Hawks' touchdown. Lawrence exploded past defenders while teammate Cameron Wilson assists on the play. The Hawks compete for the Regional title at noon Friday at Texas Stadium against the Ennis Lions. Staff Photo by Carl McClung

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Rockwall County football fans dressed warmly for Friday night's playoff game at Texas Stadium between the Rockwall Hawks and Dallas Hillcrest. Photo by Tim Burnett

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Amy Parks Elementary first grade students recently met members of the Patriot PAWS Service Dogs organization. Patriot PAWS is a group dedicated to training service dogs to enhance the lives of disabled veterans and to get to know some of the Patriot PAWS service dogs.

Entertainment Brief

Santa's weekly visits begin Saturday

Santa Claus will be weekly visits, located on the southeast side of the Downtown Square, each Saturday beginning this year. Children will read holiday stories and hear children's Christmas wish time is tentatively set from noon to 3 p.m., but times may change because of "Santa's schedule." Families planning to attend should call 972-722-2997 and confirm the day's schedule.

HATS Christmas luncheon set Dec. 3

The United Methodist Church of Heath will host the Heath Area Terrific Seniors Christmas luncheon at noon on Dec. 3. Entertainment will be provided by the Rockwall High School Singers. Participants should RSVP by calling 972-771-6777.

Tree Lighting ceremony set

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

Heath Holiday in the Park slated

The annual Heath Holiday in the Park event is set for Dec. 5 in the Towne Centre Park Pavilion. The event will feature school choir performances, sing-alongs, refreshments, train rides and Santa's arrival. Canned food donations for the Heath Helping Hands food pantry will be collected. For more information visit heathtx.com or call 972-771-6228.

Children's Chorus to perform at North Park

The Rockwall Children's Chorus will perform at the North Park Center's "Sights and Sounds of the Season" dance program beginning at 7 p.m. on Dec. 5 at 1000 North Park Center.

Kiwanis Club Christmas Parade set Dec. 6

The 39th annual Kiwanis Club Christmas Parade will be held on Dec. 6, proceeding from Caruth Lane at South of the Downtown Square, exiting to Kaufman Street and ending at the Dobbs Elementary parking lot. For more information register an entry, call 972-722-6001 or visit rockwallkiwanis.org.

Ballroom Extravaganza scheduled

A Holiday Ballroom Extravaganza dance party will be held from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Dec. 6 at The Center. Open to ages 13 and older, the event will celebrate the season with dancing. Light refreshments will be served. Cost will be \$20 per person. For details visit rockwall.com/parks or call 972-7740.

Children, youth choir plans concert

The Children and Youth Choir of the First United Methodist Church of Heath will offer an 11 a.m. concert on Dec. 6 at the church.

Next Lunch Basket set Dec. 9

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

Lakeside Civic Chorus to perform

The Lakeside Civic Chorus will present a free concert at 7 p.m. Dec. 9 at the First United Methodist Church in Rockwall with the Rockwall Children's Chorus and orchestra performing.

Gingerbread event slated for Dec. 10

The City of Rockwall will host a Gingerbread House event from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. Dec. 10 at The Center. Open to ages 5 through 12, the event will guide youths through the construction of a house made of candy canes, gum drops, gummy men, Twizzlers and other fun items. The houses already made will be judged on creativity and a bag of candy to share will be \$15.

Dec. 13 is Santa's Workshop

Holiday crafts perfect for trimming the tree, decorating home or adding to the jewelry wardrobe will be created by children ages 5 through 10 at Santa's Workshop. The event will run from 11 a.m. to noon Dec. 13 at The Center. Crafts will include jewelry, bracelets, Rudolph necklaces, Christmas tree magnets and more. Cost will be \$20.

RC plans Texas Country Christmas event

The Royse City Chamber's Texas Country Christmas event will be held Dec. 13 at the First United Methodist Church's Family Life Center. Events will begin at 2 p.m. with pony rides, train rides and music. The chili contest judging is set for 3 p.m. and will be served after judging. The day's other activities will include a bike-decorating contest; story time with Mrs. Claus; and the Christmas tree lighting at City Hall; and Santa's arrival. For more information visit roysecitychamber.com or roysecity.com for cook-off applications or a parade route map.

Community Band plans Dec. 13 concert

The Rockwall Community Band will conduct its 6th annual Christmas Concert, under the direction of Mike McPherson, at 7 p.m. on Dec. 13 in the Rockwall High School auditorium. Admission will be free. For more information visit therockwallcommunityband.org.

Lunch with Santa on Dec. 18

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

55 & Better Christmas Lunch planned

The annual 55 & Better Christmas Lunch is set for Dec. 18 at The Center. Participants should bring a potluck to share. The event, from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., sponsored by Bank of America, will be free. For more information, call 972-7740.

Christmas dinner, play set at FUMC Heath

The First United Methodist Church of Heath will host a Christmas dinner and play, "Christmas Even on WUMC," beginning at 6:30 p.m. on Dec. 19 at the church. Tickets to the event are \$10. For more information call 972-771-6228.

'Imagine' exhibit at Hilton Bella Harbor

"Imagine... It's Easy If You Try" is an exhibit at the Bella Harbor Fine Arts Gallery that features works of art that use imagination and confidence through a variety of media. The exhibit, organized by the Rockwall Area Artists and the includes 44 works by local artists. Open to the public and free of charge, the exhibit will run through Jan. 10.

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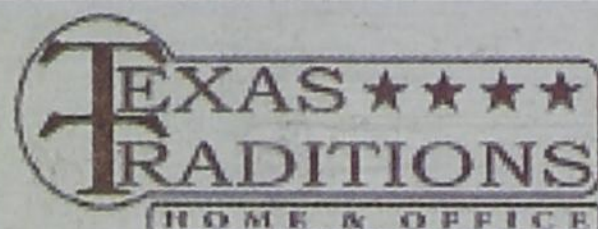
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