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Teen Movie Night offers 'Frightfest'
Rockwall County Library's Teen Movie Night "Frightfest" is with a screening of "House on Haunted Hill" from 7:30 p.m. today.

Class to focus on couponing
A couponing 101 will be offered from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Nov. 19 or Dec. 1 in Room 2310, RHS. The course, led by the Rockwall ISD Community Ed program, will find coupons, organization, local store policies, how to use coupons and stockpiling. Cost is \$35. For more details visit isd.com.

Financial management workshop offered
Rockwall ISD Community Ed program will offer a class "The Complete Financial Management Workshop" from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Oct. 20 or Nov. 3 in Room 2314, RHS. "Frannie" Gardner, CFP, CFEd, CDFA will instruct the course. Cost is \$15. For more details visit rockwallisd.com.

Teen anime group to meet
Teen anime group will meet from 4 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. every Friday at the Rockwall County Library.

Health Care System Foundation will host its 10th anniversary luncheon
The Health Care System Foundation will host its 10th anniversary luncheon benefiting research, computer outreach and expanded technology for the prevention, diagnosis and treatment of breast cancer at 11:45 a.m. Thursday at the Anatole Hotel, Dallas. For details call 214-820-4545.

'Instant Guitar' class slated
"Instant Guitar for Hopelessly Busy People" will be offered by Rockwall ISD Community Ed program from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Thursday in Room 2515, RHS. This crash course will teach basic chords; participants should bring their acoustic guitar. Cost is \$25; material fees of \$29 will be collected in class. Kerry Brown is instructor. Class limited to 20 students. For more details visit rockwallisd.com.

Class offered in cutting mortgage costs
"Mortgage Free in 10 Years or Less" will be offered by the Rockwall ISD Community Ed program from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Thursday in Room 2513, RHS. Learn how to pay off the mortgage without changing monthly spending. Cost is \$15; Jonathan Brown is instructor. For more details visit rockwallisd.com or 2-771-0605.

Mystery Game Day for Seniors
Mystery Game Day for Seniors will run from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. Nov. 18 and Dec. 2 at The Center, with participants learning how to play different games each month. Each participant will bring a potluck snack to share during the afternoon. For more details visit rockwall.com/parks.

Business Expo set Saturday
Harbor Mail Business Expo will run from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday. Space is limited and available on a first-come, first-served basis. Call 972-772-3807 for more information.

Wii Afternoon set at library
Wii Afternoon will run from 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Saturday at Rockwall County Library.

Waffle Fest planned
Rockwall Waffle House will host Waffle Fest, a family celebration of fun and games for the family, from 3 p.m. to 10 p.m. Saturday. The event will include face painting, a prize house and prizes and will be open to the public at no charge. Waffle House is located at 2610 Ridge Road.

'Viral Faith' series begins this weekend
A four-week series entitled "Viral Faith" will begin this weekend at Lake Pointe Church, led by Steve Stroope, lead pastor. The series, Stroope and pastor Wes Hamilton will engage participants to "create a faith epidemic: One that spreads in your family, our community, within the church and the world." Service times are 6 p.m. Saturdays, followed by 7:15 p.m., and Sundays at 9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. Life Groups meeting during each service time. For more details visit lakepointe.org.

Blood drive planned at Heath church
Heath United Methodist Church, located on Smirl in Heath, will sponsor a blood drive Sunday. The Carter Care unit will be in the fellowship hall at the First United Methodist Church from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. For more information sign up contact Kerrie Bergerhouse at 972-771-6732 or furnheath.org.

Church plans Fall Festival
First Presbyterian Church of Rockwall, 602 White Hills near the side entrance of Wal-Mart, will conduct its annual Fall Festival from 5 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Sunday. Events will include a costume contest, chili cook-off, contest for the best fall dessert, games, prizes and other activities. Cost will be \$5 per person or \$20 per family, which includes game tokens and dinner and dessert. For details call 972-771-5702.

Trick-or-treat food drive set in RC
"Trick-or-Treat So Kids Can Eat!" Food Drive will take place from 7:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Monday. Rockwall High students will canvass neighborhoods to collect cans for the community food pantry. Students will be dressed to look like their "Bulldog spirit."

'Tingler' set as part of 'Frightfest'
"The Tingler" will be screened from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Oct. 27 as part of the Rockwall County Library's ongoing "Frightfest."

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McLendon-Chisholm continues talks over possible annexation

by Jo Anna Matejka
Members of McLendon-Chisholm city council spent most of their last meeting in talks with representatives from United Engineering Group over the possible annexation of 1,200 acres into the city.

The property, which is being called the Koch property, is located on the city's north side, accessed by FM 548 and would border the proposed Loop 9, possibly offering the city an access-point, developer Doug Lenz said.

While the negotiations have already been ongoing for about a year and a half, with three new council members on board both the council and developers are having to work to bring talks current.

UEG has proposed a 10-week schedule to finish talks, but council members express discomfort with several unknowns.

According to plans presented by developers, the vision is for two sections, a mixed-use space for retail, restaurants, office and medical parks, and light industry along FM 550 and light residential development with 2.25 homes per acre. Developers propose two amenities centers,

open space and parks, a 15-acre school site and two to four acres donated to the city for public facilities.

The project could result in the city taking on water and/or sewer responsibilities, but UEG representatives were unable to satisfy questions from the council and

both the council and UEG plan to do further research.

Council members also expressed discomfort with perceptions of UEG's business model, with Mayor pro-tem Steve Hatfield asking how long UEG would stay with the project.

According to Lenz, UEG in-

volvement varies. UEG could stay with the project to develop the first two phases or until the end depending on the climate for sale.

"I'm used to negotiating contracts with people I'm going to complete that contract with," Hatfield said.



Winning the youth division Pie Eating Contest at last Saturday's Royse City FunFest event was Kevin Brannin. Sarah Culp won the adult division. Also attempting to eat their way to victory were Mario Alfahel, Daniel Soto and Erich Meisner. The Pie Eating Contest was sponsored by the Zaner Robison Historical Museum. See Page 14 for more FunFest photos.
Staff Photo by Kathy Williams/Rockwall County News

Rockwall police department receives donation from Citizen Police Alumni

Contributed by Giant Aryani
At the Monday, Oct. 19, Rockwall City Council meeting, members of Rockwall's Citizen Police Academy Alumni Association (CPAAA) gave Mayor Bill Cecil, Police Chief Mark Moeller and the City Council a presentation check in the amount of \$277,929.60. This presentation check symbolizes the value of police volunteer work that members of Citizens on Patrol, a program of the CPAAA, have contributed to the City of Rockwall's Police Department from program inception in January 1998 through October 1, 2009. Citizens on Patrol members volunteered 13,362 hours during that time period serving as additional eyes and ears of the Police Department conducting neighborhood patrols, business watch patrols, handicapped parking enforcement, assisting during special events such as parade traffic control or manning crime prevention booths, operating Skywatch, calling on outstanding warrants, or assisting in administrative capacities, among other volunteer duties.

According to Independent Sector, a national coalition of approximately 550 charities, the dollar value of a volunteer hour in the State of Texas is \$20.80. The national organization "Volunteers in Police Service (VIPS)" has more information on the value of volunteer time on their website www.policevolunteers.org.

Further, at the same City Council meeting, Rockwall's CPAAA donated \$10,000 to the City of Rockwall Police Department to assist the Police Department with its crime prevention efforts and equipment purchase needs. These donated funds are allocated for the purchase of patrol bicycles, AR-15 patrol rifles, ammunition and police officer baseball-type trading cards.

Finally, members of Rockwall's CPAAA introduced Mayor Bill Cecil and the City Council to the new marked volunteer patrol vehicles that the Citizens on Patrol program of CPAAA will be utilizing for their volunteer work. These vehicles consist of two retired police cruisers, Ford Crown Victorias, and one retired special service vehicle, a Chevrolet Camaro. The cruisers will be employed by trained volunteers, serving as Rockwall Police's additional eyes and ears, on neighborhood and business watch patrol to deter crime and call in suspicious activity to police dispatch.

The Chevrolet Camaro will be used as a special purpose vehicle for school events, sports events, parades, crime prevention fairs and other activities. All vehicles prominently advertise Rockwall County Crime Stoppers, Inc.'s anonymous phone crime tip line number, 971-771-TIPS. Callers to the phone tip line may remain anonymous and



The Rockwall Citizen Police Academy Alumni Association gives Mayor Bill Cecil (third from left) and Rockwall Police Chief Mark Moeller (far right) a presentation check in the amount of \$277,929.60. The amount symbolizes the value of volunteer work contributed to the city by members of Citizens on Patrol since its inception in 1998 to the present. Joining in on the presentation were Rockwall Police Officer Jay Shippy, Sgt. Andy Villareal, CPAAA members Hugh McFarlin, Bruce Adams and Giant Aryani.
Staff Photo by Kathy Williams/Rockwall County News

may receive rewards of up to \$1,000 for tips leading to the successful solving of a crime.

The Chevrolet Camaro's graphics design was part of a contest between the student board members of the various Campus Crime Stoppers programs in Rockwall County. Middle schools and high schools in Rockwall and Royse City ISD are participating under the umbrella of Rockwall County Crime Stoppers, Inc. A student board member of Rockwall-Heath High School was the design contest winner and his design was largely implemented in the final graphics of the Chevrolet Camaro. The Camaro prominently displays the school logos of all participating campuses in its graphics.

The introduction of marked volunteer patrol vehicles in Rockwall is following a national trend across the country. Locally, police departments in Rowlett, Richardson, Mesquite, Greenville, and other cities have provided their trained police volunteers with marked volunteer patrol cars.

Rockwall's CPAAA would like to thank Rockwall Mayor Bill Cecil, a founding member of the Citizens on Patrol program, the City Council, City Manager Julie Couch, Police Chief Mark Moeller, Asst. Chief Kirk Riggs, Lt. Carl Alsbrook, Lt. Kirk Aldridge, Sgt. Andy Villarreal and Officer Jay Shippy, members of the police department and other city staff, Rockwall County Crime Stoppers, Inc., and its own hardworking volunteer members for their support and for making its programs a huge success over the years.

Questions regarding Rockwall's CPAAA and its various programs may be directed to Community Services Sgt. Andy Villarreal or Community Services Officer Jay Shippy, Rockwall Police Department, at 972-771-7765. Questions regarding this media release may be directed to Giant Aryani, Spokesperson, CPAAA, at 972-256-6629.

Rockwall HS Homecoming parade, bonfire next week

The 2009 Rockwall High School Homecoming parade will take to the streets starting at 6:15 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 27.

The mandatory parade meeting for all participants is at 7 p.m. Monday, Oct. 26 in the school cafeteria.

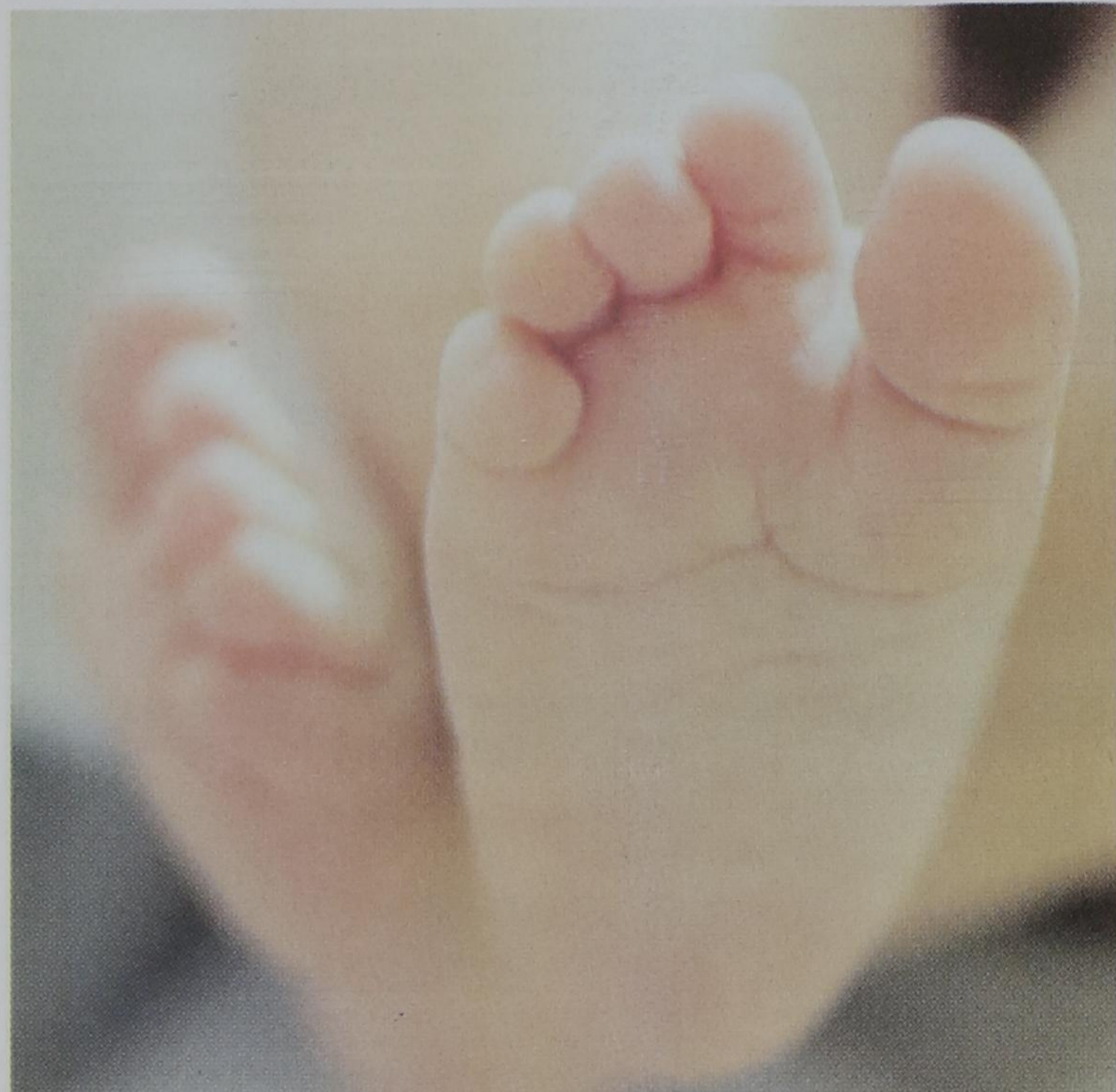
The parade route is from Rockwall High School overflow parking lot to Utley Middle

School. The bonfire is at 8 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 28 at the field between the Rockwall County Library and Ridge Point Athletic Club.

Friday, Oct. 30 activities are: 5 p.m. - Senior Class fundraising cookout, beside the Wilkerson-Sanders Stadium 7 p.m. - Homecoming pre-

game with the Homecoming Court & Sweethearts/Escorts 7:30 p.m. - Football game against Highland Park

The annual Homecoming Dance is from 7:30 p.m. to Midnight, Saturday, Oct. 31. Volunteers are still needed for the dance. No costumes will be allowed at the dance as the required dress is semi-formal.



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Jenna McMurry and Valerie Vazquez, both second graders at Ouida Springer Elementary School, hold their breath underwater during swim lessons at the new Rockwall ISD Aquatics Center. The annual Homecoming Dance is from 7:30 p.m. to Midnight, Saturday, Oct. 31. Volunteers are still needed for the dance. No costumes will be allowed at the dance as the required dress is semi-formal.

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Caroline Poppe, a second grade student at Hays Elementary, received a first place award for a dress she sewed for the Junior Fashion Show of the State Fair. She is in the Girl Scouts and recently was promoted to Cadets. Each year, girls in her troop make a fashion entry to meet the requirements for a sewing merit badge. Caroline happened to win first place.

Courtesy photos of Rockwall County News

Helping... gearing up... holiday season

As the holiday season closes, Rockwall County representatives and Helping Hands are working to ensure the holiday season. The agency needs community representatives and Helping Hands also will be given prizes also will be given to ensure the holiday season. Frazier will address Rockwall County on Nov. 4 meeting at the Center, Rockwall City provide holiday dinner for more critical need. Frazier will address Rockwall County on Nov. 4 meeting at the Center, Rockwall City provide holiday dinner for more critical need. Frazier will address Rockwall County on Nov. 4 meeting at the Center, Rockwall City provide holiday dinner for more critical need.

Just Say... Saw It In... County News



An 18-wheeler ran into a low hanging power line strung across Throckmorton Street, pulling down a transformer and destroying a power pole on the narrow, two-lane residential road. Five Oncor Electric customers, including private homes and businesses, were in the dark for eight hours beginning around 5:30 p.m. last Thursday, Oct. 15. The downed power line landed across the top of the trailer, scorching the front passenger side before being removed by emergency personnel from the Rockwall Police Department, Rockwall Fire Department and Rockwall EMS. The driver of the truck, who was not identified, was not injured in the accident. Oncor spokesperson Cindy Tayum said crews had to replace the destroyed pole, stabilize a second power pole and install a new transformer before power could be restored. The downed transformer also leaked oil into the front yard of the home where it landed, requiring Oncor crews to clean the spill during the night. Lt. Carl Alsabrook of the Rockwall Police Department said he did not expect charges to be filed against the driver of the truck.
Staff Photo by Kathy Williams/Rockwall County News

Summer car theft numbers keep pace with 2008 reports

by Kathy Williams

The number of reported vehicle thefts in the city of Rockwall for the months of June, July and August 2009 showed only a slight increase over the same period last year, according to statistics from the Rockwall Police Department.

Rumors of reported car theft rings working in the areas around the Harbor and Shenaniganz, and worries of car thefts numbering in the 40s and 50s, have proven to be unfounded. According to Rockwall Police Lt. Carl Alsabrook and Thomas Fry, RPD crime analyst, the actual number of summertime car thefts—meaning those cars that were removed without the owner's consent or those that were actually repossessed and not stolen—is only slightly higher than last year.

Statistics requested from the RPD by the Rockwall County News did not include car burglaries or break-ins, as inquiries from citizens only concerned stolen vehicles.

The report from the RPD shows five vehicle thefts in June 2008, four in July 2008 and eight in August 2008. The same report

shows 11 vehicle thefts in June 2009, nine in July 2009 and 15 in August 2009.

Lt. Alsabrook said thieves do not seem to be targeting a certain make or model of car—vehicle theft is a crime of opportunity. The Harbor and Shenaniganz, as well as other restaurants and businesses along the I-30 entertainment corridor, are “easy on-easy off” targets along I-30 that attract large crowds. He said especially in the summer months, more people are out and about looking for entertainment, offering more opportunities for car thieves to spring into action.

A non-scientific analysis of the locations of reported stolen vehicles during the specified timeframe reveals that many areas of the city have been affected—from The Shores to Old Town, the Harbor district, Windmill Ridge and south towards Chandler's Landing—not just the I-30 corridor.

Lt. Alsabrook said many of those reporting a stolen vehicle admit to leaving the keys in the ignition or not locking their doors. He also said many drivers leave “evidence” visible inside

the vehicle that tells a thief is inside that they're looking for cell phones, laptop bags, purses or wallets for GPS units.

Many North Texas law enforcement departments have programs involving officers walking lots looking in cars. Items are visible that could attract a thief or if car doors are left unlocked. A warning is left on the car to let them know they need to be vigilant to ward off crime. Alsabrook said Rockwall officers also check cars lots or on residential streets. He said he will leave a door handle to residents if they notice the issue that could attract a thief.

Lt. Alsabrook said their own best weapon is awareness. Being aware of what is in the car. Packages should be hidden in the trunk, glove box, the seat out of sight. Also need to be more vigilant with their valuables during upcoming holiday season.

Nebbie Williams Walk-A-Thon Going Hollywood

Nebbie Williams Elementary students are gearing up to walk the red carpet and take part in the school's very own Walk of Fame during their annual Walk-A-Thon fundraiser on Friday, Oct. 30.

The day kicks off with a student-led parade in the morning, which will include the Rockwall High School Stingerettes, boys basketball team and drum line starting at 8:45 a.m. Parents are welcome to line the streets and cheer on the children.

Following the school's theme, “Let's Rehearse: Others First,” the children will have the opportunity to be Hollywood stars moving from one studio to the next with a star's schedule of fitness, food, friends and fun—and

a little fact-finding, as well. The Rockwall YMCA and the Rockwall Fire Department are among those running activity stations.

This event is Nebbie Williams' only major fundraiser and all money raised goes directly to the school for use towards special programs for students and educational tools for teachers. This year's sponsors include Pool Stop, Kid to Kid, The Dog House, John Elsey State Farm Insurance, The Animal Hospital of Fate, EPI, Stonebridge Animal Hospital, Artistic Awards, TrainUp, Rockwall Cycling, Rockwall Flowers, Dr. Jeffrey West of Lakeside Allergy Ear, Nose and Throat, Dr. Kevin Pollock of Rockwall Oral and Facial Surgery and Dr. Bob Breen.

This year, Nebbie Williams is accepting online donations through PayPal. Please visit the school's Web site at <http://www.rockwallisd.com/WilliamsES> and click on Walk-A-Thon under school announcements for instructions on donating.

PTA to host Monday Flu Busters clinic

The Parent-Teachers Association, in partnership with the Rockwall Independent School District, will offer a Flu Busters influenza clinic from 2 p.m. to 8 p.m. Monday at Rockwall High, 901 Yellow Jacket Lane, and Maurine Cain Middle School, 6620 FM 3097.

Seasonal flu shots will be offered at a cost of \$25 each for individuals ages 4 and older. Walk-ins and pre-registration is available.

Seasonal flu mist will be available for \$30 for individuals ages 2 to 49. Pre-registration will be required.

Medicaid will be accepted. Insurance certificates will be provided for patients to submit to their insurance companies. Flu Busters assumes responsibility for all liability.

Everyone participating in the Flu Busters influenza clinic must complete a consent form. A parent or legal guardian must sign forms for students under the age of 18. Forms can be downloaded, printed and completed prior to coming to the clinic by visiting www.flubusters.com/forms/html.

To save time and register online visit secure.flubusters.com/home.aspx or call 1-866-358-2878.



A moment with Mr. Turner at Celia Hays Elementary

It was a special moment for Celia Hays Elementary School third grade students when they got a visit from Pat Turner, a major character and one who truly represents Rockwall's ISD's theme, “Others Before Self.” Eleven years ago, Turner started the Kiwanis League Baseball Program. His program gives the opportunity for special needs youth a chance to be like other kids, to play baseball apart of a team. Turner presented a meaningful picture that a special needs child drew. The child's drawing demonstrates how Angelo Baseball has made him feel “free” from his wheelchair. Hays students were eager to listen, learn and ask questions about the program. Third graders are excited and now ready to begin their special projects for the Angels as representation of “Others Before Self.”

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Three condemned houses to come down in Lake Rockwall Estates

by Kathy Williams

The Rockwall city council passed a motion to authorize the demolition of three abandoned houses in the Lake Rockwall Estates neighborhood and place liens on the properties to recoup its costs at such time the properties may be sold. The properties are located at 247 Russell, 418 Evans and Lot 1289 Russell.

Jeffrey Widmer, Rockwall Director of Building Inspections and Code Enforcement, said the city has attempted to contact the property owners according to state law to request they either improve or remove the buildings but has received no response. He said the city attempted to reach the owners by certified mail, notices placed on the house doors and newspaper notices.

The houses have been classified as dangerous and are all currently unoccupied. Widmer said all are on septic systems but are not tied in.

The city will observe a required 90-day waiting period before demolition occurs, during which time the property owners can come forward and make their intentions for the properties known.

The demolition will be paid for by the city with funds already set aside for this purpose. Since the property owners have not responded to the city, council members included in their motion a provision to place a lien on each property to recoup the cost of removal if the property owners ever sell their land.

It will cost the city \$1,825 each to demolish the houses at 247 Russell and Lot 1289 Russell and \$4,800 for the 418 Evans house, according to Widmer.

Councilpersons Cliff Sevier and Glen Farris expressed concern that the city has to front the money for demolition then wait however long it takes to either find the property owners to work out repayment or wait for sale of the property to initiate the lien.

Assistant City Manager Rick Crowley said the buildings have been deemed dangerous and in the interest of public health and safety, as opposed to recovering any potential interest, they need to come down.



Stuart Harstrom and Lisa Frazier are shown signing in for this month's National Night Out observance in Lake Rockwall Estates. Overseeing the effort is the couple's grandson, Hayden. The National Night Out observance, which often includes block parties, festivals and other neighborhood gatherings, is designed to increase awareness about police programs in communities, including drug prevention, neighborhood watches and other anti-crime efforts.

courtesy of Gina Celi/Rockwall County News

Community Notes

Frazier to address RCC meeting

Lisa Frazier of Lisa Frazier Computer Training & Services will be the speaker at the 6:30 p.m. Nov. 4 meeting of the Rockwall Computer Council.

The meeting will be conducted at The Center, Rockwall City Place, 108 E. Washington St.

Frazier will discuss software applications and comparisons; getting organized for the new year with files and password administration; and additional topics such as MS Windows 7, creating blogs, Facebook, LinkedIn, Twitter and clarifying problems using Pacasa. A question-and-answer session will follow.

Frazier is a software specialist who had operated her own computer training company for the past 11 years.

The RCC is open to anyone interested in computers for use in the home or office.

For more details, call Joe Conrad, program coordinator, at 872-771-8712.

Stingerettes plan Nov. 21 dance clinic

The RHS Stingerettes will conduct their 3rd Annual Holiday Dance Clinic on Nov. 21 in the Williams Middle School gym.

The Stingerettes will instruct dance technique and a dance routine for girls in grades K through fifth grade. Games, crafts, photos, refreshments and story time with Santa also are planned.

The clinic will run from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. (8:30 a.m. check-in); cost is \$40 for early registration (by Nov. 6) or \$45 at the door. Cost includes T-shirt, craft frame and photo with Santa. A performance will be offered at the end of the clinic.

For more details contact Claire Shippy at 972-816-8857 or e-mail cshippy@sbcglobal.net.

Volunteers needed for upcoming events

Volunteers are needed to assist in flu season and Cities Ready training exercise activities. Groups and individuals are welcome to assist in the distribution of seasonal flu and public education fliers; participate in mass point of exercise Saturday in Roysse City; and participate in Cities Initiative Core Leader Training Groups. Contact Dave at 972-345-5296 for details.

RHS senior fundraiser under way

Rockwall High Class of 2010 is conducting its pansy sale this week. Pansies are \$18 per flat, which will benefit the RHS prom. Colors include white, yellow, purple or mixed. Orders will be taken for home football games or from any RHS senior. Pansies delivered Nov. 7, and each customer will be eligible for a drawing for a Rockwall Art of Rockwall gift certificate to be given away. For details contact cyndytermin@aol.com or call 972-670-7000.

Boys, Girls Club needs volunteers

Rockwall County Boys and Girls Club needs volunteers to help. Applications and resumes are being accepted from individuals interested in serving on the organization's board of directors. For information contact Brenda Keilers, 214-500-7000.

Food Pantry needs items

Helping Hands Food Pantry has a shortage of staple food items including rice, flour, peanut butter, jelly, sugar and canned goods. Items may be dropped at Helping Hands' Building A on Wilshire or the Rockwall County Library food drive box in Rockwall.

DAR selling pecans for fundraiser

Rockwall Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution is selling one-pound packages of Texas Durham-Ellis pecans as a fundraiser. Whole pecans and pecan pieces are available at a cost of \$8 per package. Money raised will be used in the DAR's scholarship fund. Each year the chapter gives a \$1,000 scholarship to a student selected from area high schools. Contact Faye Sheil2004@sbcglobal.net or call 972-771-3033 to place an order.

Habitat returning to Roysse City

Habitat for Humanity is in need of families, businesses or organizations interested in providing lunches, breakfast or bottled water, sports drinks or sodas for volunteer workers. Food is needed for 40 workers, depending on the workload, on Saturdays from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Construction will run through March 2010. For details call Mike Humphrey at 972-978-4143 or e-mail mhu@habitat.org or mhu@yaho.com.

Library collecting items for food bank

Rockwall County Library is working in conjunction with Helping Hands to collect food for the North Texas Food Bank.

Perishable food items may be dropped off in the box near the library's information desk.

Health Center seeks volunteers

Health Center of Helping Hands is in need of volunteers, including bilingual volunteers, to answer phones and hang fliers. Individuals unable to spend time to volunteer might consider making donations. Health Center offers quality health services to those with Medicaid, Medicare and no insurance coverage or deductibles cannot afford. Nurse practitioners, along with volunteer staff, provide time and services. The program is designed to compete with doctors, but help those who cannot afford routine care. For more details call 972-8194.

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The Highsteppers drill team from Rockwall-Heath High School is hosting a fundraising Spaghetti Dinner and Silent Auction on Saturday, Nov. 7, at the school cafeteria. The evening of good food and fun begins at 6:30 p.m.

Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$6 for children age 12 and under. Dinner will include spaghetti, bread, salad, tea and dessert.

Among the exciting items to be bid on are a Belle Harbor weekend package, a Highsteppers mascot package, golf package, men's gifts and many gift baskets.

Diners will also be treated to performance by the Highsteppers officers, the Utley Middle School drill team, the RHHS Starsteppers JV drill team and the Dance and Art Connection dancers.

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One of the many community enrichment programs offered by the Rockwall County Library's is a GED program, which meets at the First United Methodist Church of Rockwall on Monday/Wednesday mornings and Tuesday/Thursday evenings. The materials used have been purchased with a \$1,000 donation from the Rockwall Breakfast Rotary Club. Last year the Rockwall County Library was able to help 50 adult students prepare for and pass their GED. This donation will help supplement the program so that more adults can become successful.

Photo Courtesy of Gloria Bishop/Rockwall County News



Rockwall High swim coach Paul Wallace is shown motivating the RHS Swim team prior to the Oct. 14 meet in the new Rockwall ISD Aquatic Center.

Photo courtesy of Deva Fontenot/Rockwall County News

RHS fares well at second swim meet

The Rockwall High School boys' and girls' varsity swim teams took on Rockwall Heath, Carrollton Newman Smith and Ranchview High School on Oct. 14 in their second meet of the season in the new Rockwall Independent School District Aquatic Center.

The boys defeated Heath (87-67), Newman Smith (94-64) and Ranchview (104-37), while the girls came away with a victory over Ranchview (95-47), but were defeated by Heath (82-72) and narrowly edged out by Newman Smith (83-79).

The RHS boys went out strong on their 200 medley relays, capturing first with a 1:52.76 and fourth with a 2:09.72. They snagged first in the 200 freestyle relay with a 1:40.49 and a first and fourth place finish in the 400 free relay with a 3:48.38 and 4:17.29 respectively.

The girls 200 medley relay teams took third with a 2:12.74 and fifth with a 2:30.86 and also third and fifth on the 200 Freestyle Relay with a 2:02.77 and 2:06.55 respectively. The ladies finished behind Heath in the 400 free relay, taking second and third with a 4:32.80 and 4:55.06.

Individually, Aly Heuer took third in her 200 free and 200 IM; Erin Doyle took fifth in the 200 free; Isabeau Vermeir placed sixth in the 200 IM and 100 breaststroke; Mallory Harvey took second in both the 50 and 100 free; Allison Kimmel placed eighth in the 50 free; Courtney Bolin took fourth in the 100 fly and third in the 100 back. Katelyn Crook snagged second in the 100 free; Kaity Hillgartner took second

in the 500 free and Shannon Lockhart placed fourth in the 500 free and second in the 100 breaststroke.

Individually for the boys, Ryan Lang captured first in the 200 free and 100 fly; Curran Huber took seventh in the 200 free; Sean Eldridge snagged first in the 200 IM and second in the 100 back; Alex Fontenot took second in the 200 IM, first in the 100 back and third in the 100 free; Jared Tokuz took second in the 50 free and fourth in the 100 free; Matt Lang finished fourth in the 100 fly and second in the 500 free; Nathan Eldridge took fourth in the 500 free and Jonathan Walters placed first in the 100 breaststroke.

Leading the RHS team this year is head coach, Paul Wallace. "I thought they raced well, their times are faster than what they expected with all the hard work they have been doing," Wallace said. "It is going to be an exciting year for them."

Wallace is an alum of the University of Texas swim team who later co-founded SWIM (Swim With Inspiration and Motivation), a swim clinic for low-socio economic youths. He not only coaches RHS but is also an assistant coach for the new R.A.C.E. club team.

This meet also marked the first time diving occurred at an RISD meet and the district's new diving coach, Jean Russell, soon will begin training divers from Rockwall and Heath to compete next season. She also will begin grooming younger divers not yet at the high school level.

Several adorable cats need homes

There are several wonderful cats still waiting for homes through the Feral Friends and Take Me Home organizations. Most of these rehabilitated animals were abandoned, turned in, rescued from abusive or neglectful situations or found wandering alone with no one to love them.

Showcased here are five cats that have been waiting for a home for some time and would make a loving addition to any family.

Louie is a three year old snuggle buddy. He likes to chat when you speak to him and greets you at the door when you come in. He was born to a feral mom under a shed, but luckily survived and was put into the Feral Friends adoption program. Louie is playful and loving. He gets along well with other cats and will tolerate dogs. He is neutered, litter-box trained and up-to-date on his shots. Louie is just looking for a forever home and would be a great addition to any family.

Please visit www.feralfriends.org or call 972-671-0429 to meet this wonderful cat.

Jayboy, or JB, is a strapping young man who loves to hang out with his humans. He is affectionate and gives nudges when it's past time to give me pats. His favorite toy is the laser light. He can play for a long time with that silly red bug. You will be surprised to see how fast and agile he is. Not only is he a big handsome fella, but also is quite the athlete. He am about five years old and has been in foster care for a around a year. He likes other cats but is not fond of dogs and children. If you have a quiet home, where he can show his true sugary side, Jayboy is the guy for you. JB is neutered, up to date on shots and micro chipped. If you would like to meet Jayboy, e-mail adopt@feralfriends.org.



Jay Boy

Hudson is a very handsome boy who was found wandering around in a neighborhood with no home to call his own. He is only about a year old. He is very social and gets along well with other cats, dogs and likes kids too. He is neutered, vaccinated and micro chipped. If you are interested in providing Hudson with a good home, please call Elise Bissell at 214-908-0074, or email adopt@feralfriends.org.

Mabel is a pretty, three-year old female domestic short hair Tabby. She is spayed, up to date on shots and micro chipped. If you would like to meet her or have questions, contact us at adopt@feralfriends.org.

Mo is a survivor! He's a genuinely nice boy who loves to play and watch the birds out the windows. His is about two years old and is an indoors only kitty. Besides being the sickly runt of the litter, he and his family were rescued from an unhealthy, overcrowded environment.

Life has had its challenges for this little guy but it doesn't keep him from maintaining a plucky attitude. He loves to eat, which is reflected from his well-rounded 18 lbs (he considers this more of him to love). He also had some damage from a herpes infection, which left him with a chronically runny eye and nose, which is how he got his name (he goes by Mo for short).

The only time he gets grumpy is when he's stressed (at an infrequent vet visit or in a strange environment). He would love to find a home where his minimal physical issues can be ignored and his inner handsome is appreciated. If you would like to meet him, contact us at adopt@feralfriends.org.

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On God's Word

by Timothy W. Burnett

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Jesus instructs his disciples and ascends to h

Last week we looked at the Gospel story of Jesus eating teaching his chosen disciples by the Sea of Tiberias. Just a lier, they were hiding in a room for fear of the Jewish le after our Lord Jesus came to see them and built up thei they no longer feared, and even went out to catch some fi

The last recorded meeting between Jesus and his discip in Matthew 28:16-20; Mark 16:19; Luke 24:50-53 and A

Because I am not familiar with the geography, it is dif termine if Matthew's reference to Galilee is the same as, c Luke's record of Bethany. If Bethany was located in the called Galilee, then it is very possible that both accounts same event.

According to Luke, Jesus had already been with the Matthew reveals that many of the disciples paid proper our Lord Jesus, but some of them still doubted he was Jesus told all of them that all power was given to him. was from God and could be exerted both in heaven and i commanded them to teach all the nations of people so that also believe and be baptized with holy spirit, and reminde he would always be with them unto the end of the world.

The record in Acts gives more details about the same me told them to wait in Jerusalem for the promise from God. They were also reminded of the change from water bap baptism of holy spirit. He said, "For John truly baptized but you shall be baptized with the holy ghost not many now" (Acts 1:5). John's baptism was symbolic of what w And it was about to become available for anybody to i with holy spirit, making the baptism of water no longer The lesser was replaced by the greater.

After he said this, his disciples asked him if it was time restore the kingdom of Israel. Jesus answered with the not for you to know the times or the seasons, which the put in His own power. But you shall receive power aft ghost is come upon you. And you shall be witnesses unt Jerusalem and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto th part of the earth" (Acts 1:7-8). To be a witness of our and Savior is directly related to receiving power. The w is from the Greek word lambano. This word will be cover detail soon.

After Jesus spoke these things to his disciples he wa through a cloud, out of their sight. While they continu their attention toward the sky as he went up, two men white clothing said, "You men of Galilee, why do you s up into the sky? This same Jesus, which is taken up fro heaven, shall so come in like manner as you have seen i heaven" (Acts 1:9-11).

The record of Revelation 19:11-21 reveals that his next earth will be to battle with a certain number of kings and t and to cast their god into a place for eternal punishment. i will return with an army that will have already been v heaven. A chronological study shows that the above menti of the Lord Jesus to the earth will occur several years afte for the born again children of God, who will some day b in the sky to be forever with our Lord Jesus (see 1 Thesal 18 and 1 Corinthians 15:51-58).

Praise God for His perfect wisdom and knowledge!

Rockwall County Letters to the Editor

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

Thank you from Royse City Chamber of Commerce

The Royse City Chamber of Commerce would like to thank person involved in helping to make this 20th year a success. Planning begins months before the actual event, and it could not happen without the assistance of so many people.

Special thanks to the City of Royse City employees who so very hard with their set up and tear down and coordinating flawlessly; the Royse City PD and FD for all of their aid; contribution of those who showed up at 5 a.m. to help manage direct vendor traffic and unload cars and park them; the coordinators and sponsors; Olga Cooper, photography; the bank the major sponsors; the volunteers who helped the day run Electric Inc. for our power; the energy and creativity of David Wells; Hoggard Amusements; all of our excellent volunteer their cooperation in set up and tear down; Royse City High Student Council; and Bulldog Powersports for their manp.

Also, Britnee Belt, Minor Damage, Jaci Butler & Those Malachi 7, who provide music on the live band stage; Marc Band and Southern Junction for our evening concert; the ces of Manzanilla Flamenca and Neera Truong; Royse Street and Royse City EDC for your knowledge; and all of participated in any way to make this one of the best years.

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Rockwall County Obituaries

Peggy B. Garrett
Peggy B. Garrett, 73, of Rockwall, Texas, passed away on Wednesday, Oct. 21, 2009, in the Resthome with Dr. Joe Pool officiating at the Rockwall Memorial Park, Ill.

Marilyn 'Sue' Claylia (Smith) Myrtle
Marilyn "Sue" Claylia (Smith) Myrtle was born on Monday, Oct. 22, 1936, in Richmond, Va. She was active in the community, serving as a member of the Rockwall Music Fest, volunteering at the Rockwall Music Fest, and being a part of the Rockwall Hands and being a part of the Rockwall Hands and being a member of both the Rockwall Hands and the Loose Stitches Sewing Society. She also was a member of the Rockwall.

Bertha Louise Kirby
Bertha Louise Kirby, 75, of Rockwall, Texas, passed away on Wednesday, Oct. 22, 2009, in the Resthome with Bob Ferguson officiating at the Memorial Park.

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First Presbyterian Church steps forward to aid Helping Hands

The First Presbyterian Church of Rockwall celebrated Helping Hands Sunday earlier this week with a special pledge to assist the nonprofit critical assistance agency.

Margo Nielsen, Helping Hands executive director, thanked the congregation for its generosity and support and talked about the role of the agency in the community.

"Helping Hands is the first line of defense in our local economy," she said. "We know first-hand what the problems and the needs are. Our mission is to meet those needs."

Robert Reeves, former pastor of the church, was one of the Helping Hands founders. The church has long been a supporter of the agency, which has served Rockwall for more than 30 years.

In the current economy, Helping Hands has experienced a 40 percent increase in the number of applicants requesting assistance. Its food pantry has given away more than 16,000 bags of food as of the end of September, compared to 14,500 bags in the previous year.

While donations have remained steady, they have not kept up with the record increase in requests for assistance.

"We are so very thankful for your support," Nielsen told the congregation. "We are also very grateful for the community's support. Rockwall has always been very generous."

First Presbyterian is one of several local churches helping to support Helping Hands and the work the agency does for a critical need. Anyone interested in joining Mission Help with a monthly pledge should call 972-771-HELP.

Friday Study Club meets in Cullins home

The Friday Study Club met in the home of Carolyn Cullins for its Oct. 16 meeting.

Guest speaker was Cheryl Delgadillo of the Volunteer Services Council of Terrell State Hospital, who gave a brief history of the facility and told how the treatment of mental health disorders has changed over the last century. Patients are no longer institutionalized for long periods; instead, today's treatment focuses on medication and stabilization to enable clients to be discharged to their homes or halfway houses.

Delgadillo also told how the council meets needs not supplied by the state. Washable clothing, personal toiletries, craft items, wallets,

watches and eyeglasses are particularly needed, and this depends on donors to supply these items.

The hospital is a designated charity of the Friday Study Club. Each year club members collect needed items, along with donations, and present them to the hospital in December.

The Friday Study Club was organized in 1919 under the leadership of Mrs. H.B. Lofland. It is the oldest women's club in Rockwall.

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Rockwall County Notice

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Case # BOA-2009-3-V

Hold a public hearing to consider approval of a request from Mahomayoun, for a variance from the Unified Development Code to reduce the setback from 10-feet to 0-feet and increase the maximum allowable lot coverage from 60% to 65% on Lot 2, Block B, Chandlers Landing, Phase 14, C Rockwall, Texas located at 5503 Ranger Drive.

For more information concerning this case, contact the Building Inspections Department at (972) 771-7709.

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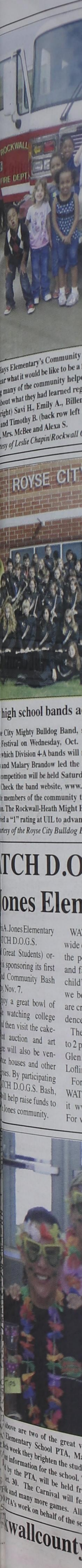
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/s/ William R. Cecil, Mayor
/s/ Kristy Ashberry, City Secretary

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'Nunsense' auditions set for Nov. 7 at Rockwall Community Playhouse

The Rockwall Community Playhouse is looking for a few good nuns...five, to be exact. The zany musical comedy "Nunsense" is scheduled for a February 2010 performance run at the RCP theatre in Rockwall.

Auditions for five women to play the Little Sisters of Hoboken will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 7, at the theatre. Registration will begin at 12:30 p.m., and those auditioning will be asked to sing a song of their choice.

Roles available are Sister Mary Regina, Mother Superior, a soprano, a feisty overweight Sophie Tucker-type who can't resist the spotlight; Sister Mary Hubert, Mistress of the Novices, an alto, the second in command who is always competing with the Mother Superior; Sister Robert Anne, a soprano, a streetwise tough character from Brooklyn, who is a constant source of aggravation for the Mother Superior; Sister Mary Amnesia, a soprano, a sweet nun who lost her memory after a crucifix fell on her head; and Sister Mary Leo, a soprano, the novice of the group, who wants to become the first nun ballerina. An understudy will also likely

be cast, who could theoretically play any of the nuns.

"Nunsense" is the story of five nuns who must put on a variety show to raise money so they can bury several of their sisters who were accidentally poisoned by the cooking of Sister Julia, Child of God. The show will be directed by Darlene Singleton, with choral direction by Steve Griffin, and choreography by Steve Beene. Performance dates are February 5-21, 2010. No experience is required and newcomers are encouraged to audition. For more information visit the RCP website at www.rockwallcommunityplayhouse.org or email the director at info@rockwallcommunityplayhouse.org.

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Reader's Theater
RCP will host a new event, Reader's Theater, for the presentation of "A Forest Caper," written by local author Peggy Maroney, at 7 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 24. The presentation will be performed by Rockwall teens. Arena Stage was created to promote new plays by local authors by presenting their scripts through a Reader's Theater format. Admission is free and open to the community.

Rockwall's Got Talent
Audition Workshop for Rockwall's Got Talent will be Saturday, Dec. 12. Auditions for the show will be Jan. 3 and 10 by appointment. The show dates are Jan. 15 and 16. Rockwall's Got Talent is just one event planned to celebrate the RCP's upcoming 15th Anniversary. For more information, see the RCP website at www.rockwallcommunityplayhouse.org.

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At Hays Elementary's Community Helper Week, Mrs. McBee's PreK class was able to see a fireman. They also came to school dressed in various costumes representing many of the community helpers in Rockwall. Students made posterboard presentations to show about what they had learned regarding their community helper. At the fire station were (front row left to right) Savi H., Emily A., Billen M., Aldrin S., Dakota A., Shan C., Velencia O., Lauren T., and Timothy B. (back row left to right) Amber I., Faithful L., Karma L., Deondre R., Sophia L., Mrs. McBee and Alexa S.

Courtesy of Leslie Chapin/Rockwall County News



Royse City high school bands advance to Area competition

Royse City Mighty Bulldog Band, shown above, received a "1" overall rating at the Mesquite Music Festival on Wednesday, Oct. 14, earning an invitation to Area, the final competition in which Division 4-A bands will march for the state title in November. Drum majors Madison Bess and Malary Brandow led the band onto the field for their performance of "Latin Spices." A competition will be held Saturday, Oct. 24, at the Mesquite Memorial Stadium, 2411 Scyene Blvd. Check the band website, www.roysecityband.org, for performance time. The directors and site members of the community to come out and support them as they compete to go to state competition. The Rockwall-Heath Might Hawk Band and the Rockwall High School Orange Wave Band also received a "1" rating at UIL to advance to Area.

Courtesy of the Royse City Bulldog Band/Rockwall County News

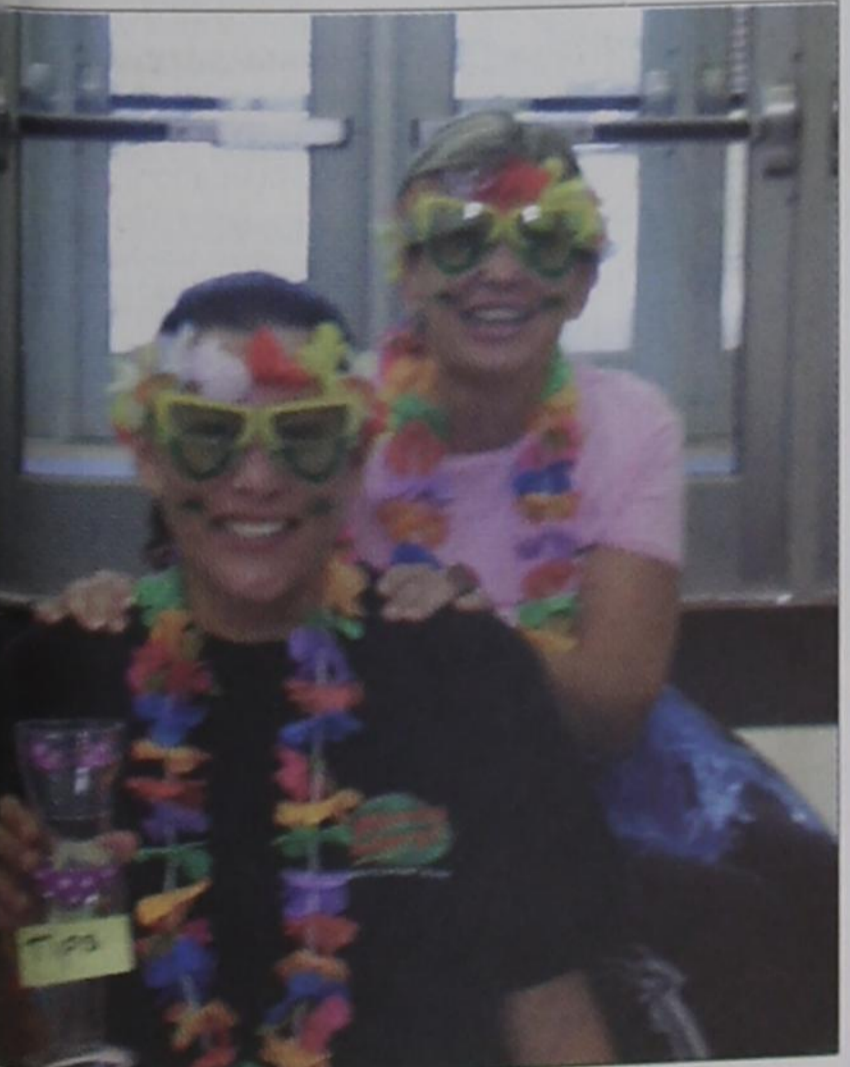
WATCH D.O.G.S. Bash coming to Jones Elementary Nov. 7

WATCH D.O.G.S. is a nationwide organization that celebrates the positive impact that fathers and father figures can have in a child's life. At Jones Elementary, we believe positive role models are crucial to a child's self-confidence, education and success.

The Bash will run from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the school, 2051 Trail Glen, located off SH 276 in the Loflin Farms neighborhood.

For more information on the WATCH D.O.G.S. Bash, visit www.fathers.com/watchdogs. For vendor booth requests, contact Jones Assistant Principal Brian Neely at 972-772-1070 or bneely@rockwallisd.org.

Jones Elementary (WATCH D.O.G.S. of Great Students) is sponsoring its first Father and Community Bash on Saturday, Nov. 7. Enjoy a great bowl of chili while watching college football and then visit the cake-creamery, silent auction and art display. There will also be vendor booths and other prizes. By participating in the WATCH D.O.G.S. Bash, we will help raise funds to support the Jones community.



Shown above are two of the great volunteers from the Sharon Jones Elementary School PTA, Mandie Parmelley and Robin Jones. Each week they brighten the students and teachers' day when they bring out information for the school. The Shannon Fall Carnival, sponsored by the PTA, will be held from 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 30. The Carnival will feature a Silent Auction, DJ, raffles and many more games. All funds will help support the PTA's work on behalf of the school.

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Leadership Rockwall welcomes new Class of 2010 members

Leadership Rockwall is a community based program designed to provide a group of diverse leaders the opportunity to transform Rockwall County while empowering the current and future generations to do the same.

'Persevere' is the theme for this year's class. The Class of 2010 includes Andy Villarreal-City of Rockwall; Many Kaufhold-Presbyterian Hospital of Rockwall; Brian Burton-City of Heath; Cookie Moer-Presbyterian Hospital of Rockwall; Dan Bobst-Trend HR; Darby Burkey-Rockwall Flower and Design; Donnie Whitworth-USI Southwest; Jason Ross-GMR Protection Resources, Inc.; Dr. Jeffrey West-Lakeside Allergy ENT; Jennifer Barnes-Self-Employed; Jill Zielinski-Lake Pointe Medical Center; Lorie Grinnan-Rockwall County; Mike Atkins-Rockwall County YMCA; Scott Petty-American National Bank; Andy Hesser-City of Rockwall; Sheri Garber-North Garland Family Dental; Tim Hartley-Self-Employed; Todd Cocanougher-Enterprise Success, and Tom Connor-Rockwall ISD.

The class attended the infamous weekend retreat in Palestine, TX, Sept. 25-28. During the alumni mixer/class orientation, this group of 19 strangers

was told about an amazing weekend they were about to experience and an amazing bond, which would be formed. Board members and class members set goals to enhance a program that can stand up to its name and define the community.

Class of 2010 member Brian Burton, City of Heath Department of Public Safety, said, "I am very excited to work with everyone involved in the Leadership Rockwall Class of 2010. We have already developed a bond in such a short period of time. I know the LR Class of 2010 will make a positive impact in the community. Expect big things from us."

The remainder of the year, the Class will receive an in-depth education on critical issues in the community including education, government and politics, criminal justice, health care, human services and a history of the area, which has proven to be insightful even to those whose ancestors are from Rockwall.

For more information about Leadership Rockwall, visit www.leadershiprockwall.org.



Heath residents Cristi and Caitlin Hudacek offered their help at the recent MDA "Lock-Up" event at Culpepper House. The annual fund raising project netted more than \$10,000 to benefit local families living with neuromuscular disease. Photo by Delaine Diffeel/Rockwall County News



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Hawks look to slow down Pearce's offense and speed up their own, in key district matchup

McGillen
ROCKWALL - When Rockwall-Heath and Richardson Pearce met on the road last week, the Hawks pulled out a heartstopping 56-49 overtime win at the Mustangs.
 If it should be necessary, the Mustangs (3-1 in District 10 overall) would appear to be able to hold up their end of the bargain: they're averaging 50.3 points a game. The district champion Hawks (also 3-1, 5-2), however, are much more mundane pace of 25.6 points a game.
 At that disparity, second-year Heath coach Mickey Moss said at the crucial district game from two different directions to teams clash at Mustang Stadium tonight in a contest that will be at least part of the three-team logjam for second in the district.
 Heath and Newman Smith all have identical records and trail the Mustangs (4-0, 6-1).
 "That's what we've got to do is use better ball control and do a better job of running the ball than we have been doing," said Moss, who led the Hawks to a sparkling 18-3 after the Hawks downed the Mustangs 31-24 last week.
 "We know that the Hawks will have to get their inconsistent offense to speed up as well.
 "We want to slow them down a little bit, but they are going to score," Moss said. "You're going to have to get a couple of stops, but we need to be able to win when we do have the ball."
 The Hawks narrowly win over winless Roysse City aside, in which the Hawks have shown they can pile up the

points in a hurry, as they crushed a good Rockwall team 55-38 three weeks ago, jumping out to a 21-0 first-quarter lead and then more or less trading scores with Jackets.
 They have also shown that they sometimes struggle to get the ball in the end zone, as the week after ripping Rockwall, they were stunned by a still-unknown-quantity Newman Smith squad, 28-14.
 Pearce on the other hand is a know quantity: lots of offense and just enough defense.
 Senior quarterback Caleb Lewis is the main cog in the Mustangs' offense. He has thrown for 2,018 yards and 21 touchdowns, though he has been picked off nine times.
 Wide outs Blake Jumonville (36 receptions for 737 yards) and Jake Allen (37 for 497) as well as running back Josh Gold (32 for 493) have combined for 105 catches and 1,727 yards and 18 scores.
 Gold has also shown himself to be a pretty good runner, gaining 372 yards and scoring a total of 16 touchdowns overall. Corey Coleman has almost as many rushing yards, 370, and five TDs.
 The Hawks will counter mainly with senior quarterback Kevin Rodgers and sophomore running back Dorian Lawry.
 Rodgers has thrown for 1,625 yards with nine touchdowns and five picks.
 Lawry, who did not play against Roysse City for undisclosed reasons, leads the Heath ground game with 650 yards and has scored a total of 11 touchdowns.
 Senior Jess Irokwe has rushed for 382 yards and five scores while

Rodger has been a very effective ground threat himself, running for 321 yards and three touchdowns.
 Rodgers has connected with 10 different receivers, with four of those having 19 or more receptions, topped by Cameron Wilson, who has 27 catches for 420 yards and a team-high five scores.
 Ryan Peterson has 26 catches for 418 yards and three TDs, followed by Tyler Harding (20 for 244 yards) and Clark Pope (19 for 273 and one score).
 David Tanner anchors a Heath defense that will be expected try and at least slow down Lewis and Co. The senior lineman has nine sacks so far in the Hawks' seven games after recording 11 last year in 14 games.
 Who: Heath @ Richardson Pearce
 When: 7:30
 Where: Mustang Stadium
 Records: Heath 3-1, 5-3 beat RC 31-24; Pearce (3-1, 5-2) beat Rockwall 43-36.
 Recent History: Heath won 55-49 in OT in 2008.
 When Heath has the ball: QB Kevin Rodgers is 111-for-187 for 1,524 yards with nine TDs and five picks. RB Dorian Lawry has 650 rushing yards and 11 scores. WR Cameron Wilson has 27 catches for 420 yards and five TDs.
 When Pearce has the ball: QB Caleb Lewis is 130-for-187 for 2,018 yards with 21 TDs and nine picks. RB Josh Gold has 372 rushing yards and another 493 receiving with 16 total scores.
 Injuries: none reported.

Inspired' Lady Hawks step away Lady Lions to earn first-ever volleyball playoff berth

McGillen
ROCKWALL - It was a simple scenario, really. Rockwall-Heath beat Greenville on the road Tuesday night, the Hawks would clinch the first volleyball playoff berth in the five-year history.
 In the Lady Hawks frittered away a 12-5 opening-game lead to a 14-11 advantage, Heath coach Maggie Younger called a timeout, well, get her team's attention.
 "We were having a moment and needed some inspiration," said Younger. "I just gave them some 'inspiration'."
 After Younger said, it worked.
 The Lady Hawks simply dominated the Lady Lions from then on to the game on an 11-1 run, including nine consecutive service by sophomore Kelsey Murphy.
 Though they coughed and sputtered here and there the rest of the game, Heath completed the sweep, 25-13, 25-20, 25-19 to wrap up the season berth ever for volleyball.
 "It's a great history," Younger said. "Wow. We're in, we're in, we're in. I am proud of them."
 In the first game, the Lady Hawks were up three quick points to Greenville to lead by only 23-19, but a Ryan-Todd delivered a crushing kill to put the Lady Hawks in a single point of the playoffs.
 "Heath junior varsity and freshman teams, as well as the fans, and coaches cheering them on, the Lady Hawks and the Lady Lions put on a seemingly endless rally."
 "The biggest rally of my life," said Younger.
 Senior Katie Peisen hit an un-returnable shot and the victory was on.
 "The last five points were the hardest," said Younger, who built the Hawks volleyball program from the ground up when Heath was five years ago.
 "4 in District 10-4A and 23-12 overall, and tied for third in the district with Rockwall (8-4, 13-12), the Lady Hawks close out the district against the number one ranked 4A team in the state, Richardson (2-0, 35-5), on the road tonight before hosting the Lady Jackets on Saturday.
 "Rockwall and Rockwall finish district play in a tie, the two teams will share the third and fourth playoff berths with a mini-playoff or even a consolation game.
 "We just got to keep working on the things that we've been working on," Younger said.
 In the final game, Heath and Ryan-Todd finished with seven kills each while setter Kelsey Hawkins had 22 assists.



Rockwall-Heath senior swimmer Ryan Lang takes advantage of the new RISD aquatic facilities as the Hawks men's swim team captured second place in the recent district meet.
 Photo by Carl McClung

Heath swim teams open new aquatic center; girls take first place, boys wind up in second

In a brand new pool with state-of-the-art timing technology, extra wide lanes, and enough deck space to accommodate a district meet, the Rockwall-Heath Hawk swimming teams christened the RISD's new aquatic center at their first district meet with the girls finishing first and the boys taking second.
 The quadrangular meet featured Heath, Carrollton Newman Smith, Carrollton Ranchview and Rockwall.
 With the Heath swim teams growing in number of participants each year and with several athletes qualifying for the 4A state meet the past three years, coach Tommy Sacco is confident about this year's squad.
 "I feel as though our season is getting off to a brilliant start, and I am excited for things to come," Sacco said. "But we're just beginning, and we still have many challenges and a lot of hard work ahead of us."
 Meet results
 Girls - 200 Med Relay: 1. Morgan Madrid, Jacey Hodan, Katie

Langdon, Coral Davenport (2:03.44); 200 Free: 1. Davenport (2:08.48); 100 Butterfly 1. Davenport (1:09.16), 3. Langdon ((1:12.19); 500 Free: 1. Hodan (5:37.81); 100 Breaststroke 1. Hodan (1:10.31), 100 Back: 1. Madrid (1:09.67); 200 IM 1. Breana Williams (2:34.01), 2. Madrid (2:34.24); 400 Free relay: 1. Davenport, Williams, Hodan and Madrid (4:08.35); 50 Free: 3. Langdon (28.61) and 100 yard Butterfly 1:12.19.
 Boys - 50 Free: 1. Josh Swiercinsky (24.65); 500 Free: 1. Tyler Fassett (5:48.70).
 200 Med Relay: 2. Casey Hamilton, Mike Lossing, Brandon Bamburg, Andrew Brown (2:03.39); 100 Fly 2. Swiercinsky (1:06.80); 100 Free 2. Jonathan Sherwin (54.17); 400 Free relay: 2. Swiercinsky, Sherwin, freshman Cole Perlit, Garrett Crumpley (3:52.04); The Hawk men's third place finishes include 100 Back: 3. Hamilton (1:08.96), 200 Free: Perlit (2:08.62); 500 Freestyle 3. Perlit (5:58.61), 100 Breast: 3. Jack Strickland (1:19.20), 100 Fly: 3. Andrew Brown (1:07.93).

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Royce City's Erica Poe and Taylor Jordan (left) get set to block a spike by Rockwall's Maggie Brindock (third from left) during Tuesday's game at the RHS gym. Lady Jackets assisting on the play are Liz Lee (17), Loren Kelly and Allie Cecil (8). The Lady Jackets won the match 25-13, 16-25 and 25-14.

Photo by Tim Burnett/Rockwall County News

Lady Jackets clinch playoff berth

Rockwall's sweep of Royce City Tuesday guaranteed that the Lady Jackets will return to the playoffs this season.

Area champions a year ago, when RHS won volleyball playoff matches for the first time, the Lady Jackets entered this season with only one returning player.

They have won 8 of 12 District 10-4A matches, and have a three-game lead over fifth-place Greenville.

RHS lost Friday to Richardson Pearce 25-15, 25-20, 25-13. Unbeaten in district play this season, the Lady Mustangs eliminated Rockwall in last year's regional quarterfinals on the way to the state semifinals. The

Lady Jackets bounced back Tuesday to defeat Royce City 25-14, 25-16, 25-13.

Currently tied with Rockwall-Heath, Rockwall can clinch third place with a victories in their final two matches, at Carrollton Newman Smith Friday and Rockwall-Heath Tuesday. The Lady Jackets have defeated Newman Smith once this season and the Lady Hawks twice.

The difference between finishing third or fourth isn't likely to be great in terms of pairings for the Bi-District round Nov. 3 or 4. Rockwall and Rockwall-Heath would go against Frisco Centennial and Frisco Liberty, which are tied for the 9-4A lead with 11-1 records.

Heritage Christian Academy takes on Covenant School tonight

Who: Heritage Christian Academy Eagles vs. Dallas The Covenant School Knights

When: Friday, Oct. 23, 7:30 p.m.

Where: Rockwall High School

Records: HCA 3-3, 1-0 TAPPS 2-1 6-Man; Covenant 7-0, 0-0

Injuries: Head coach Robert Huckabee said the Eagles had no injured players. "We're good to go."

History: Last year, their first as district opponents, Heritage Christian defeated The Covenant 58-20. What to expect: The Eagles will be facing the top-ranked team in TAPPS I 6-Man football, which has outscored its opponents 384-144. That's an average margin of 55-21.

However, HCA is much better prepared to take on a tough opponent than it was just two weeks ago. The Eagles have defeated Arlington Fellowship Academy 52-48 and district opponent Dallas Lakehill Prep 60-15 in their last two games.

"Holding on to win (against Fellowship) was really big," Huckabee said. "Playing better is one thing, but learning how to win is critical."

Winning won't be easy against The Covenant.

Huckabee said, "Everybody knew they'd be good. They've earned

(the No. 1 ranking). They're pretty much the same team as they were last year. They have all the kids back. They're physical, they're quick and they execute very well. They're not the number one-ranked team for no reason."

This will be the district opener for the Knights.

Leading their offense is Michael Hendricks, The Covenant's best all-around player. He has run for 620 yards and 16 touchdowns and intercepted two passes on defense. Hendricks has caught just six passes in a run-oriented offense, but those catches have gone for 165 yards and four TDs. Quarterback Trevor Miller has a modest 25 pass completions, but 10 have gone for scores.

On defense, Cody Sharpless leads the Knights with 90 tackles, four sacks and five fumble recoveries.

Junior Austin Pettit has emerged as the Eagles' do-it-all player. He leads the team with 388 yards and four touchdowns rushing, has passed for 374 yards and four TD and has caught six passes for 124 yards. Freshman Nathan Mateer has taken over at quarterback to pass for 437 yards and two scores. Junior Aaron Mateer is HCA's leading receiving threat with 241 yards and three touchdowns.

Warriors face battle from Legacy Christian

Who: Rockwall Christian Academy Warriors vs. Frisco Legacy Christian Academy Eagles

When: Friday, Oct. 23, 7:30 p.m.

Where: Dobbs Field

Records: RCA 2-5, 1-1 TAPPS District 2-IV, Legacy 5-3, 1-1

Injuries: The Warriors will be without center/linebacker Randy Castaneda, recovering from a fractured tibia, and linebacker/safety Cody Wallace (shoulder and rib injuries). "We're trying to beat Legacy, but we really need Randy and Cody for the end of the season," said RCA head coach Caleb Palmer. Elvis Below (shoulder) will be able to play.

History: Last year, their first as district opponents, Rockwall Christian and Legacy Christian became very familiar with each other. The Eagles

won a regular-season game 28-20, then knocked off RCA in the state semifinals 47-16.

What to expect: The teams most likely will be battling for playoff position behind defending state champion Richardson Canyon Creek Christian. Canyon Creek took huge steps toward defending its district title over the last two weeks, defeating Legacy 42-28 and Rockwall Christian 40-20.

Like Canyon Creek, the Eagles have a distinct manpower advantage over RCA, which will dress just 15 players.

Each team has an all-purpose star. Warriors sophomore quarterback Stephan Turner has run for 767 yards and passed for 757. He has 12 touchdowns rushing and nine passing. Legacy will counter with Andrew Journey. He has rushed for 552 yards and 12 TDs and completed five

Yellowjackets face Trojans Saturday at Standridge Stadium

Who: Rockwall Yellowjackets at Carrollton Newman Smith Trojans

When: Saturday, Oct. 24, 6 p.m.

Where: Standridge Stadium

Records: RHS 4-3 overall, 2-2 District 10-4A.

Injuries: Rockwall junior running back Josh Broach (broken toe) missed out Thursday's 49-7 victory at Carrollton R.L. Turner, but head coach Scott expects McBee to be able to play.

What to expect: The teams are likely to go all out in a game that could cause the loser might finish fifth in the district and out of the playoff race.

Royce City Bulldogs travel to Highland Park still seeking first win

By Matt McGillen

Similar to last season, when Royce City came off an emotional loss to eventual regional semifinalist Rockwall-Heath only to hit the road to Highland Park Scots, another eventual playoff team, it remains winless all over again.

Having fallen to second place Heath 31-24 in one of the most competitive efforts last Friday, the winless Bulldogs (0-4, 0-7) will face 10-4A leader Highland Park (4-0, 6-1) on the road tonight at Standridge Stadium.

"This was Murder's Row for us last year," said Rockwall coach Strahm, about having to play three 2008 playoff teams in four games: Richardson Pearce, Heath and Highland Park. "And we expect to win this time."

Led by sophomore quarterback Corbin Taylor's 455-yard passing performance the Bulldogs were in the Heath game right up until the end to execute an onside kick with seven seconds remaining.

"It was really about the effort of the kids," Strahm said. "We have to get them on the bus and head them in the right direction to win them a plan and help them execute it."

When the bus stops in Highland Park, the Bulldogs will face the top-ranked passer in the Metroplex passing to the leading receiver at the Metroplex, for the third-best offense in the Metroplex.

Scot quarterback Luke Woodley, who sat out Highland Park game because of some off-field trouble during the summer, was thrown for 2,209 yards and 21 touchdowns while completing 70 percent of his passes with only four interceptions.

On the receiving end of over a third of those passes has been Chris Hipps, who has 52 catches for a DFW-Area best 915 yards and scored 10 touchdowns.

And while the Scots don't run the ball much, when they do, they do it well. Miller has gained 496 yards for an offense that averages 49.5 yards per game, third best among 4A teams in the area.

The Bulldogs, meanwhile, are led by Taylor's 1,432 passing yards and eight TD throws. He has been intercepted 11 times while completing 60 percent of his attempts (124-of-210).

Kristopher Smith is the Bulldogs' top receiver, with 55 yards and four receptions, including an 11-catch, 226 yard game against Heath last Friday. Leading rusher Ryan Fedric, who has run for 436 yards and four touchdowns, is City's number two pass receiver with 25 catches for 284 yards and nine combined rushing and receiving touchdowns.

Who: RC @ Highland Park

When: 7:30

Where: Highlander Stadium

Records: RC (0-4, 0-7) lost to Heath 31-24. HP (4-0, 6-1) won Turner 70-7.

When RC has the ball: QB Corbin Taylor has thrown for 1,432 yards and eight TDs with 11 picks. WR Kristopher Smith has caught 25 passes for 553 yards. RB/WR Ryan Fedric has 436 rushing and 44 receiving yards on 25 catches and has scored nine TDs.

When HP has the ball: QB Luke Woodley has thrown for 2,209 yards and 21 touchdowns with four picks. WR Chris Hipps has caught 52 passes for 915 yards and 10 TDs. RB Preston Miller has run for 496 yards and 10 TDs.

Injuries: none reported

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Lady Warriors finish high season winless in district

Rockwall Christian finished its volleyball season Thursday with a close 25-16, 25-22, 25-20 loss to Sherman Texas Christian which shared the TAPPS District 4-2A championship with McLennan Christian.

The Lady Warriors were winless (0-8) in the district. RCA had an even closer match Tuesday, Oct. 13, losing to Poetry Community Christian 25-16, 28-26, 21-25, 25-17.

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Rockwall-Heath Homecoming Parade 2009-10



During the Homecoming Parade: Rockwall-Heath High School Band ... (front, left to right) Lupita Ashley Miller, Ryan Lorey, Courtney McKinley, Alexandra Martinez and Asia Robinson.



RHHS Drill Team officers at the Homecoming Parade: (left to right) April Fahlsing, Taylor Short and Katie Cooper.



RHHS varsity football players and cheerleaders celebrating Homecoming at the parade: (left to right) Brad Dunavant, Blaine Snider, Chris Dophied, Rebecca Eddy, Kayla Hall and Tyler Harding.



The Hawk Guard members (left to right) Niles Lindenmitch, Ryein Marks and Matt Thomas race onto the field at the opening of last week's RHHS Homecoming game.



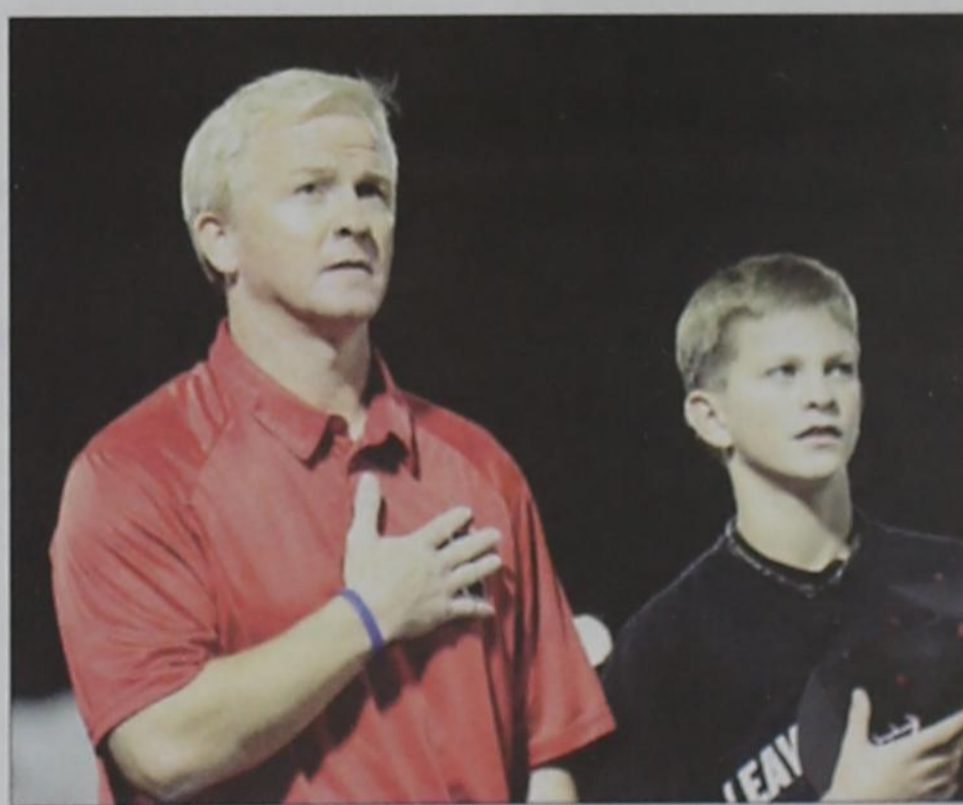
RHHS varsity soccer team members joining in the Homecoming parade last week.



RHHS Cheerleaders and Hawk Guard raise the volume at last week's Homecoming game.



RHHS varsity players Brian Foster (38) and Cole Abston (85) enjoying the 2009 Homecoming last week.



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Rockwall-Heath head coach Mickey Moss and his son Caleb salute the flag at last week's RHHS Homecoming game.

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RHS basketball teams start early

Texas' University Interscholastic League dictates when high school athletic teams can begin practicing for their season. Rockwall's basketball teams are getting an early start to their practice, while meeting the letter of the UIL's law.

Wednesday was the first day girls' basketball teams were allowed to practice, and the Lady Jackets were on the court at 5:45 a.m.

"The girls did a great job, and we are expecting great things from this group this season," head coach Jill McDill said of the defending District 10-4A champions.

The RHS boys' basketball team will get an even early jump next Wednesday when they're allowed to begin preparation for an anticipated return to the playoffs.

The Jackets' practice will begin at 12:01 a.m. on the first day when

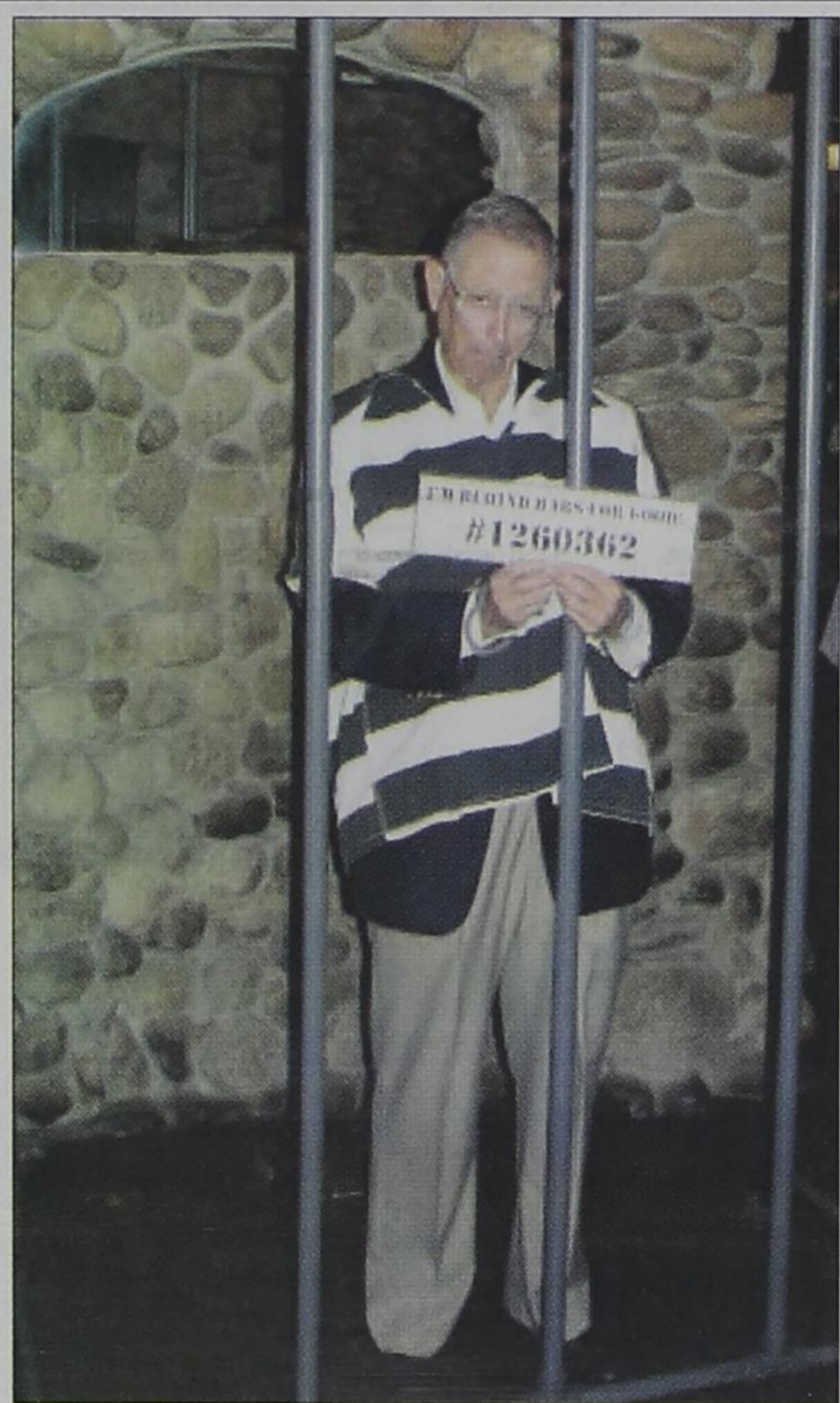
Jackets take two big wins into district tourney

Rockwall entered this week's District 10-4A team tennis tournament coming off two victories in which the Yellowjackets lost just 2 of 34 matches.

Weather permitting, RHS was scheduled to play Carrollton Newman Smith Thursday in the tournament's first round at Highland Park. Rockwall defeated Newman Smith during the regular season. The semi-finals were scheduled for Thursday afternoon, with the finals and third/fourth-place game for Friday late afternoon.

The Jackets were unable to make up their rained-out match against defending district and state 4A champion Highland Park. In the final two team matches, Rockwall defeated Greenville 15-0 and Carrollton R.L. Turner 17-2.

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Rockwall attorney Fred Kalodey put in his "time" at the recent MDA "Lock-Up" at Culpepper Steak House, helping raise more than \$28,000 at the annual event.
Photo by Delaine Diffeel/Rockwall County News



Local band, Jaci Butler and Those Guys, rocked the FunFest crowd with their original music. Members of the band are lead Jaci Butler of Rowlett; lead guitarist Matt Venhaus, who attends Royse City High School; Chad Ragsdale, rhythm guitarist, who at Rockwall High School; Jason Savage on bass and Trevor Quiett on drums, both of whom also attend Royse City High School.
Staff Photo by Kathy Williams/Rockwall County News



Showing their true colors to advertise the helpful work of Housewarmers at Royse City's FunFest were Susan Queen, left, and Mary Johnson.
Staff Photo by Kathy Williams/Rockwall County News



Supporting the Royse City High School Mighty Bulldogs by taking the plunge at the group's fundraising dunk booth, Robert Mueller, whose older brother, Kieffer Gilbert, plays in the band. Also taking a turn in the booth were School President Don Palmer and Don Jacobs, Assistant Principal. RCISD's newest campus, Herndon Intermediate School. Band members and volunteers took their place on the "hot" to raise funds for the award-winning band.
Staff Photo by Kathy Williams/Rockwall County News

Sports Notes

RHHS boosters plan golf tournament

The RHHS Hawks Football Booster Club will host its annual golf tournament beginning at 1 p.m. Saturday at the Buffalo Creek Golf Course, Heath. Sponsors and players are needed. For more information call Jim Bookhout at 972-771-1740.

Husky Fun Run/Walk scheduled

Celia Hays Elementary will sponsor its 3rd Annual Husky Fun Run/Walk beginning at 8:30 a.m. Nov. 7. A live DJ, games and prizes will be part of this fundraising event designed to promote healthy lifestyles and the importance of exercise of healthy living. Proceeds will benefit the school. To register visit active.com or call 469-698-2800 or 972-772-9359.

CASA to host 5K run/walk

Lone Star CASA of Rockwall and Kaufman Counties will host its first Speak Up For Kids CASA 5K event on Nov. 7. Register online at lonestarcasa.org or contact CASA at 972-772-5858 or e-mail director@lonestarcasa.org.

Turkey Shoot set Nov. 7

The Rockwall Parks & Rec Department-sponsored Turkey Shoot basketball-shooting contest will run from 10 a.m. to noon Nov. 7 at the RISD Education Center gym. Open to ages 4 and older, the event is an adult/child contest that pairs parents/guardians with their children to shoot "fowl" shots in three rounds. The competition is broken into age

groups. Frozen turkeys are awarded to high-point teams. Cost: Rockwall residents, \$5 for non-residents; pre-registration is required. For more details visit rockwall.com/parks.

RTU plans Toys for Tots benefit tournament

Rockwall Tennis Unlimited members, guests and friends are invited to participate in a Nov. 21 doubles tournament. This open-to-all event will run from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m., and admission will be \$5 per player. Non-players may donate toys as well as help wrap them off during the event at the RHHS tennis courts (check out to Toys for Tots also will be accepted). Toys also may be donated to the Chandler Landing Club. To register for the tournament visit rockwalltennisunlimited.com, complete the entry form and mail to Taylor, 5511 Australia Court or RTU, 10 Stillwaters Drive, Rockwall, 75082. Registration deadline is Nov. 18. Contact lamajo@sbcglobal.net or rahmanzadeh1@sbcglobal.net for more details.

Registration under way for YMCA winter sports

The Rockwall County YMCA is conducting registration for winter sports programs, including Small Fry Basketball, basketball, and volleyball.

Small Fry Basketball program, is open to children ages 3-4. The basketball program is open to boys and girls ages 4-12. Only children ages 4-12 can be registered.

Small Fry participants will practice on Wednesdays each week. Each hour will be divided into 15-minute practice and a 15-minute scrimmage. Games/practices begin Dec. 9.

Basketball games and scrimmages will begin Dec. 5.

Teams play a total of 10 games, and participants receive participation medals at the end of the season. Games are played on Mondays, Wednesdays and Saturdays.

Coaches' meetings for Small Fry programs will take place in November.

Registration must be completed by a parent or guardian at the YMCA facility; faxed registrations will not be accepted. The early registration period runs through Oct. 31.

Financial assistance is available. The Rockwall County YMCA is located at 1210 N. Greenville. For more details visit rockwallymca.org.

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