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# Rockwall County News

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## Rockwall ISD Announces "RISK Watch" Program

Several local agencies, hospitals and Rockwall teachers congregated on Wednesday, Aug. 20 at 10 a.m. to discuss, teach, and learn the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) "RISK Watch" safety program, which will be implemented in elementary schools starting this school year.

The program's genesis in Rockwall over a year ago when Public Educator Tony Santoro coordinated with the Rockwall Public School District to apply for a grant from RISD to fund the program, RISD Superintendent Dr. Gene Burton, Debbie Koehn, and Randy Cordial with RISD approved the program and Santoro formed what is now the "RISK Watch" board.

Representatives from local agencies, such as the Rockwall Police Department, Emergency Services, Parks and Recreation, Hospital of Rockwall, Lake Pointe Medical Center, and others. The goal is for these local agencies to present a new safety subject each month for each grade level of school age.

As a first: all of these local agencies working together to create a community-wide child safety program such as the "RISK Watch" program.

Representatives from Heath DPS; Brian Burton, Rockwall Police; Rowlett PD; Karen Trainer, Rockwall EMS; Rockwall County Sheriff's Department; Wesley Roberts, Rockwall Fire; Janice Brooks, Rowlett Fire Department; Parks and Recreation; Amy Conner, Presbyterian Church; Robby Montgomery, Lake Pointe Hospital; Joe Conner, Emergency Management, and Santoro first met to discuss implementing the program in May of 2008. Each agency is responsible to present the various pieces of the curriculum and a ton of participation from the school district, hospitals, and community," said Santoro. A total of 13-14 teachers and parents present. Each R.I.S.D. elementary school had a representative in attendance.

At most of the injuries children sustain are what the program calls "RISK Watch" injuries. This is where the RISK Watch program covers pool safety, bicycle and pedestrian safety, fire safety, gun control, and suffocation/choking hazards and is designed for effectiveness by both pre- and post-test subject. This method of evaluation helps determine if children are actually learning and retaining about the subject. Motor Vehicle safety. October is Fire and Safety Month, November is Falls Prevention, January is Firearms Injury Prevention, February is Choking/Suffocation/Strangulation Prevention, March is Water Safety, and May is Bike and Safety Month. At the end of the program, a "Teacher of the Year" award will be given to the Rockwall ISD teacher with the best evaluations.

"The future of this program," Santoro said. He is appreciative to RISD administrators Dr. Gene Burton and Randy Cordial, as well as the local agencies behind this program.

The goal is to create safety awareness in the children that

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Heritage Christian Academy K-3 students enjoying their first day of school with a play dough activity are (left to right) Zachary Neff, Sarah Hudgins, Kaylee Long and Kolby Erwin sharing his creation. Assisting in the activity is Robin Thacker, aide to classroom teacher Mrs. Suwanna Higdon.  
Staff photo by Tim Burnett



Aaron Cory (left) and Ryan Ulom (right), students at Nebbie Williams Elementary School, enjoyed popcorn and popsicles while catching up with each other about their summer vacations. Nebbie celebrated the beginning of the new school year on August 25 with the Pop Back to School Party, which welcomed all new and returning students.  
Photo courtesy of Nebbie Williams Elementary School

## News Briefs

### Saturday is Farmers Market

Friends of Downtown Rockwall invite everyone to attend the next Farmers Market from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. each Saturday in August at Rockwall Square in downtown Rockwall. Local growers will offer fruits, vegetables, herbs, homemade jams, jellies, honey and other items.

### Citizen's Police Academy begins Tuesday

The Rockwall Police Department will conduct a Citizen's Police Academy beginning Tuesday and running each Tuesday through Dec. 9. Topics will include communications, criminal investigations, DUI enforcement, crime prevention, family violence, narcotics, firearms, jail management, traffic operations and other subjects. Course registration fee is \$20. For more information or to request an application, contact Officer Jay Shippy or Sgt. Amy Villarreal at 972-771-7765.

### Republicans meet Wednesday for lunch

The Rockwall County Republican Lunch Bunch will meet at 11:30 a.m. on Wednesday at Luigi's Italian Café, Rockwall. Cost is \$10, which includes lunch, beverage, tax and tip; pay at the door. Reservations are not required. This is an informal social gathering open to all area Republicans.

### Computer Council to meet

The Rockwall Computer Council will meet at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday at The Center at Rockwall City Place, 108 E. Washington St. Bill Hair of My Computer Guy will provide the program. His topic will be "Best Practices for Protecting Your System & Identity." A Q&A session is planned. Anyone interested in computers is invited to attend. For more information call Joe Conrad at 972-771-8712.

### Preschool Association sets Sept. 5 meeting

The Rockwall Preschool Association will open its 23rd year serving mothers and their preschool-aged children, birth through age five. Meetings are conducted on the first Friday of each month, and childcare is available with reservation. The first meeting of the year will be from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. Sept. 5 at the Free Methodist Church, located at 315 Dalton Rd. New members are welcome throughout the year, but are first-come, first-serve because of childcare limitations. For more information, visit [www.rockwallpreschoolassociation.com](http://www.rockwallpreschoolassociation.com).

### Girl Scout recruiting meetings slated

Fall recruitment events for Rockwall County Girl Scouts are scheduled for 7 p.m. Sept. 8 at Williams Middle School, 625 E. FM 552, Rockwall; 7 p.m. Sept. 8 at Roysse City Middle School, 1310 E. Hwy. 66, Roysse City; and 7 p.m. Sept. 11, Cain Middle School, 6620 RM 3097, Rockwall. Girls ages 5 to 17 are invited to bring their parents to one of the recruitment events. Annual membership fee is \$10; however, financial assistance is available. For information contact Pat Sherwood at 972-349-2456 or 1-800-442-2260 or visit [www.gsnetx.org](http://www.gsnetx.org).

### Beginning Spanish course made available

A class designed for beginners or individuals interested in refreshing their Spanish-speaking skills will take place Sept. 9 and Oct. 28 or Sept. 11 and Oct. 30. The class, open to adults only, will run from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. in Room G206 of Rockwall High. Cost is \$60. For more information, contact the Rockwall ISD's Community Education Department at 972-771-0605.

### RC Chamber needs recipes for cookbook

The Roysse City Chamber of Commerce is collecting recipes from its members for a chamber cookbook planned for publication in time for the holiday season. More than 80 recipes have been collected, but a minimum of 200 is needed. Chamber members should send their recipes to Carolyn Thumann at [cthumann@hpcn.com](mailto:cthumann@hpcn.com) or 972-771-5843 (fax).

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Farmers Market on the square at Rockwall included new vendors such as The Pasta People, owned by Chuck (front, left), and Round Rock Honey Company of Dallas run by Marcin Branstetter seen sitting at back left. The event runs every Wednesday from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.  
Photo by Tim Burnett

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# RPA fundraising helps 3 agencies

Rockwall Preschool Association recently celebrated its 2007-2008 fundraising efforts by presenting checks to Helping Hands, the Rockwall YMCA and the Rockwall County Boys & Girls Club.

The three contributions marked another successful year for the RPA's efforts to support local children's and women's charities. Throughout the past year, RPA also donated funds to the Rockwall County Library, Rainbow Room, Shoes for Kids and the Susan G. Komen Foundation, to-

taling almost \$12,000 in total monies given.

The 2008 - 2009 board worked all summer with continued plans for philanthropy that includes a monthly book drive for the new library and ongoing preparation for the annual fundraising gala, which is expected to occur in early 2009. Members are encouraged to bring gently used or new books to donate to the children's area of the library every meeting. Businesses interested in sponsorship opportunities for

the gala can contact Lisa Epstein at 214-538-3996.

RPA will kick off this year with a change in location. General meetings, conducted the first Friday of every month, now will take place at the Free Methodist Church, located at 315 Dalton Road. The first meeting of the year will be from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. Friday. Returning and new members will have an opportunity to meet the new board and hear about the events lined up for members and their children.

RPA Moms have served the Lake Ray Hubbard area since 1985. The primary objective of RPA is fellowship and educational opportunities for mothers and their preschoolers.

RPA membership is open to all Rockwall-area mothers with children ages birth through kindergarten. The RPA calendar year runs from September through May, with new members welcome at any time.

For more information about membership or the group and to check meeting times or location, visit the Web site at [www.rockwallpreschoolassociation.com](http://www.rockwallpreschoolassociation.com).



Fourth graders in Dixie Gordon's classroom at Amy Parks-Heath Elementary greeted with leis and Aholas on the first day of school Aug. 25. Their classroom Hawaiian paradise, complete with a surfboard and a beach cabana. Photo courtesy of Amy Parks-Heath Elementary School



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## RISD safety

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results in a safer community in which they can grow and learn. They also hope to eventually involve more parents and other community agencies to help implement and sustain the program. For more general information on the RISK Watch program, check out [riskwatch.org](http://riskwatch.org).

## DimeBox upcoming schedule

Fans of the western movie genre will enjoy some of their favorite flicks over the next few weeks at the DimeBox Theater in Roysce City.

- Sept. 6 - "Borrowed Trouble" with Hopalong Cassidy
- Sept. 20 - "Idaho" with Roy Rogers
- Oct. 11 - "The Devil's Playground" with Hopalong Cassidy
- Oct. 25 - "Arsenic & Old Lace," a comedy with Cary Grant
- Nov. 1 - "Rainbow Valley" with John Wayne
- Nov. 25 - "The Range Feud" featuring Buck Jones and John Wayne. Admission costs 10 cents. Screenings begin at 2 p.m.

The DimeBox Theater is typically open on the first and third Saturdays of each month; however, additional screenings are occasionally added.

For more information on the DimeBox, which is dedicated to family entertainment, contact James Cornelius at 972-636-9230.

**Classified Ad Deadline Tuesday 5 p.m.**

## News B

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### FOL kickoff meeting set

The kickoff meeting of the 2008-09 year will be at 11 a.m. Sept. 9 in the home of Gayle "Yesterday's News... Today's History," will Peek. Lunch will be served; reservations are Plagens at 972-771-8976 or [cplagens65@aol.com](mailto:cplagens65@aol.com).

### Cooking classes for healthy living

Three classes - Healthy Cooking, Dieting Made Easy will be offered at Rockwall High School this month take place Sept. 9, while Dieting Made Easy will Sugar, a class to educate the average person about the human body, will be on Sept. 16. For more information contact Rockwall ISD's Community Education Department at 972-771-0605.

### RC Early Bird Rotarians to honor

The Roysce City Early Bird Rotary will sponsor Luncheon to honor police and fire departments from Mills, Union Valley, Fate and all Rockwall and from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sept. 11 at the Roysce City. Tickets are \$10. Contact Carol McCreanor at 903-348-4711 or [anbtx.com](mailto:anbtx.com).

### Behind the Badge Banquet in

The Behind the Badge Banquet, sponsored by Support Committee, will begin at 6 p.m. on Sept. Harbor. The Hilton's executive chef will prepare a menu and the public will have the opportunity to meet local law enforcement officers. Officers from various agencies will be recognized. Tickets are \$10. Contact James Cornelius at 972-636-9230.

### Sept. 13 is date for Aspasians

The annual Aspasians Arts & Crafts Fair, a tradition more than 30 years, will be conducted on the old downtown Rockwall from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Sept. 13. Proceeds from the event fund scholarships given to students. For more information, visit the group's Web site at [www.aspasians.com](http://www.aspasians.com).

### Mental Illness Support Groups meet

Two free NAMI support groups will meet from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. on Sept. 13 at the First United Methodist Church, 1205 Lane, in Rockwall. The session for people with mental illness will be in Room 205; the meeting for family members will be in Room 206, Building B. For more information call 972-412-6030.

### Personal Financial Management course

A Personal Financial Management course will be offered at Rockwall High School's Room C214 from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. on Sept. 13. The course covers basic banking and financial principles, including budgeting, creating and following a savings plan, becoming an investor, and financial goal setting. Cost is \$15. For more information, contact the Rockwall ISD's Community Education Department at 972-771-0605.

### Retirement planning is focus of upcoming

Retirement Planning Today, a two-evening course, will focus on the 10 biggest retirement-planning mistakes, will be presented on Sept. 25 and Oct. 2 or Sept. 30 and Oct. 7 from 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. in the Rockwall High School, Room D232. Instructor is Don Morrison. Cost is \$59. For more information, contact the Rockwall ISD's Community Education Department at 972-771-0605.

### American Legion makes meeting

Rockwall American Legion Post 117 has changed its meeting schedule. The group will meet quarterly in October, January, April and July at 6 p.m. with a meal and fellowship, followed by a speaker at approximately 7 p.m. For more information, contact Commander Ray Walker at 972-771-3682 or Chuck B. Walker at 972-771-0114. All veterans are invited.

### Handgun certification, renewal classes

A Texas Concealed Handgun Certification class and Renewal class will be conducted in October. The certification class will run from 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. Oct. 7 at Rockwall High School, Room C125. The certification course will take place from 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. on Oct. 9, 14 and 16 in the same room. The courses are taught by a former law enforcement officer, Mark Clamos. Cost for the certification class, \$60 for the renewal course. Pre-registered students are not required to bring handguns to class. For more information, contact the Rockwall ISD's Community Education Department at 972-771-0605.

### Class to focus on estate planning

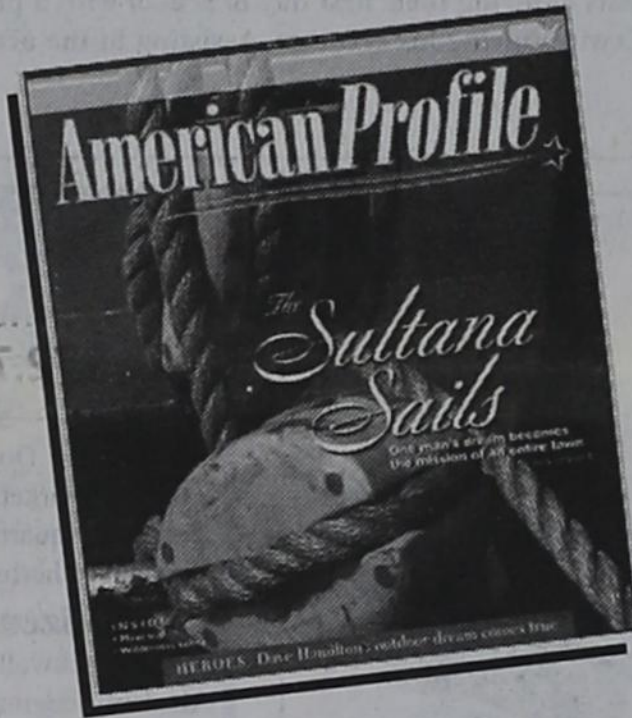
A two-hour interactive course that will explore estate planning will run from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. on Oct. 13 at Rockwall High's Lecture Hall, Room D232. Instructor will be James Cornelius. Cost will be \$15. For more information, contact the Rockwall ISD's Community Education Department at 972-771-0605.

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## Water District Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Rate

The Rockwall County Consolidated Municipal Utility District No. 1 will hold a public hearing on a proposed tax rate for the tax year 2008, on Tuesday, September 16, 2008, at 5:00 p.m., at La Quinta Inn & Suites, 689 East I-30, Rockwall, Texas. Your individual taxes may increase or decrease, depending on the change in the taxable value of your property in relation to the change in taxable value of all other property and the tax rate that is adopted.

**FOR:** Bobby L. Jackson, Kevin W. McCrea, James Donald Parker, Randy C. Roland and Paul Wilson

**AGAINST:** None

**PRESENT and not Voting:** None

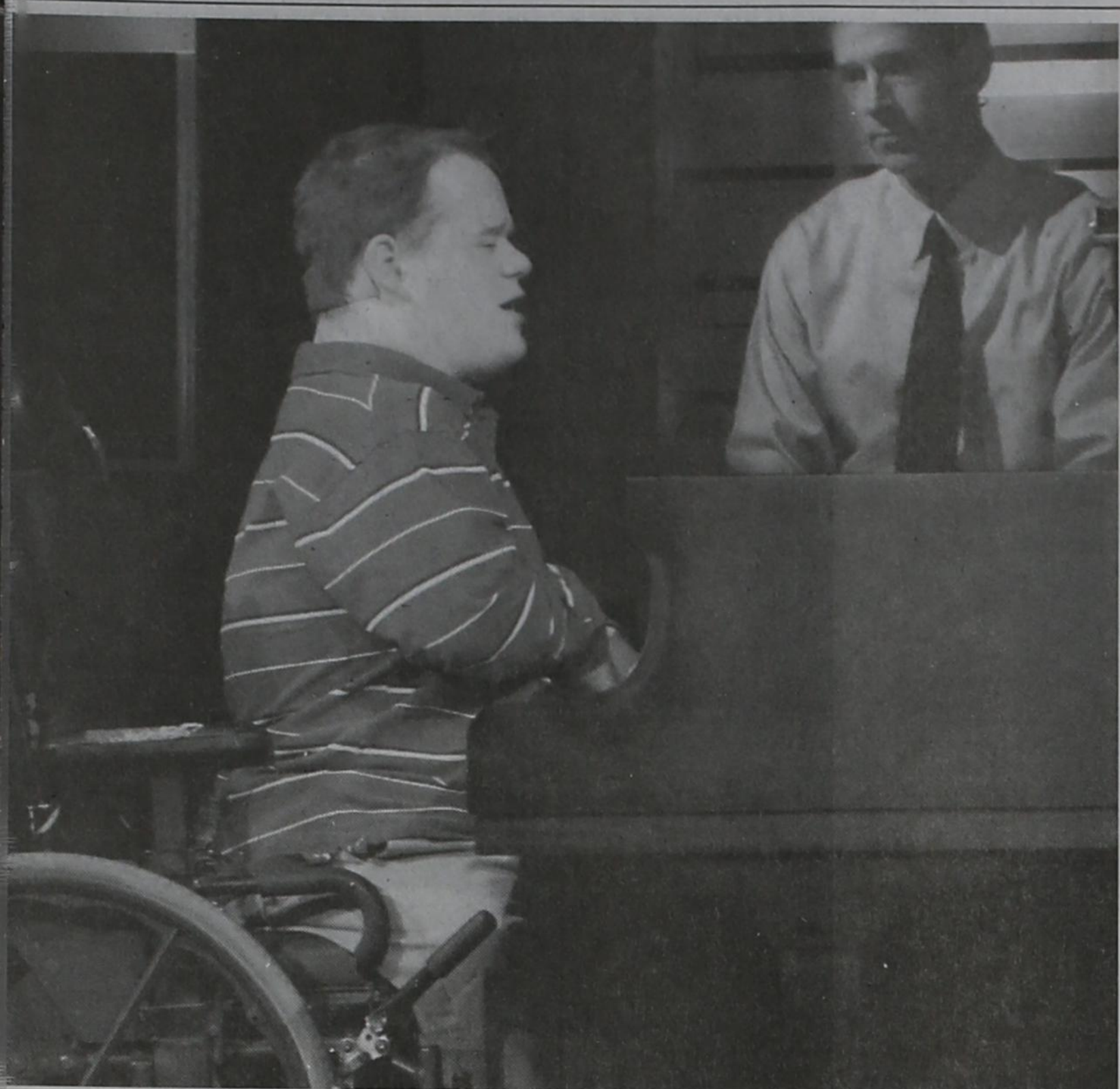
**ABSENT:** None

The following table compares taxes on an average residence homestead in this taxing unit last year to taxes proposed on the average residence homestead this year.

	Last Year \$0.75/\$100 Adopted	This Year \$0.75/\$100 Proposed
Total tax rate (per \$100 of value)	\$0.75/\$100	\$0.75/\$100
Difference in rates per \$100 of value		\$0.00/\$100
Percentage increase/decrease in rates(+/-)		
Average appraised value	\$181,600	\$189,867
General exemptions available (excluding senior citizens or disabled persons exemptions)	\$ 348	\$-0-
Average taxable value	\$181,252	\$189,867
Tax on average residence homestead	\$1,359.39	\$1,424.00
Annual increase/decrease in taxes if proposed tax rate is adopted (+/-)		+\$64.61
and percentage of increase (+/-)		4.75%

## NOTICE OF TAXPAYERS' RIGHT TO ROLLBACK ELECTION

If taxes on the average residence homestead increase by more than eight percent, the qualified voters of the district by petition may require that an election be held to determine whether to reduce the operation and maintenance tax rate to the rollback tax rate under Section 49.236(d), Water Code.



Rockwall Independent School District Convocation at Lake Pointe Church in Rockwall, includes speeches and entertainment as Patrick Henry Hughes with his father, Patrick John Hughes watching from behind. The convocation was held at Lake Pointe Church in Rockwall, Texas.

## Convocation draws crowd of 2,000-plus

Duals attended the annual Rockwall Independent School District convocation on Aug. 18 at the Lake Pointe Church in Rockwall, Texas. The event featured a performance by the Rockwall marching band, speeches by the Board of Trustees and numerous business and community leaders. The convocation was held at Lake Pointe Church in Rockwall, Texas.

Patrick Henry Hughes and his father conveyed the importance of education and commitment in their lives. As he enters his sophomore year at the University of Louisville-Kentucky, Patrick Henry Hughes has earned nearly straight A's. In addition, his musical abilities landed him a spot in the marching band. With the help of his father, he maneuvers through the formations, playing the trumpet. Patrick Henry Hughes played several piano compositions during the convocation, ranging from blues and country to classical pieces. A short video originally featured on ESPN about the Hughes family also was shown. "We were so fortunate to have Patrick Henry Hughes and his father join Rockwall ISD at the convocation," said superintendent Gene Burton. "I was personally inspired by his perseverance and outlook on life. His positive attitude and work ethic is something that we should emulate and instill in our children."



The Education Foundation recently received a \$25,000 grant from a Dallas family. Shown receiving the \$25,000 check are (left to right) District Administrator, Dr. Gene Burton (Superintendent), Leigh Plagens (Education Foundation director and Rockwall Independent School District trustee), Dr. Ron Evans, and Deanna Parks (RISD consultant).

## Education Foundation receives grant

The Education Foundation recently received a \$25,000 grant from a Dallas family. The donor has placed no restrictions or specific educational requirements on the grant, with the caveat that the donor is kept informed of the activity and success of its funding. The Fall 2008 Innovative Teaching Grants recipients will be the first to benefit.

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Children (left to right) Hayden Olson, Ethan Underwood and Gavin Weisenberg were on hand to present Helping Hands Nielsen (back) with a check from the Rockwall Preschool Association. In addition to Helping Hands, the RPA's fundraising efforts include the Rockwall YMCA and the Rockwall County Boys & Girls Club.  
 Photo courtesy of Marilea James



**Kiwanis Volunteers**  
 Tri-Rock Triathlon volunteers (left to right) Glen Faris, Michael Bowen and Robert Bollman, are all smiles despite the early hour as they work at the 8th annual triathlon sponsored by the Rockwall Kiwanis Club. The event is a fundraiser for the club, with proceeds going towards student scholarships and support for local community agencies. The popular swim-bike-run drew close to 400 racers from around the state.  
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## Believing... Hebrews 11:17

The story of Noah has brought out many nicely illustrated children's books. Comedian Bill Cosby popularized the story of Noah in a most humorous way.

Let's go to God's rightly divided word and see what He wants us to learn from this fantastic record. Hebrews chapter eleven gives many exemplary accounts of people believing God unto getting powerful results. In studying these records it

is best to go into the Old Testament accounts. Read it over and over again. Let it soak into our hearts to the point that we are built up with confidence and trust in God.

"By faith [believing] Noah, being warned of God of things not seen yet, moved with fear [reverence], prepared an ark to the saving of his house, by the which he condemned the world, and became heir of the righteousness which is of faith [be-

lieving]" (Hebrews 11:7).

God warned Noah of the flood which was to come. Noah believed by preparing an ark. His good example of believing God openly revealed and made evident the wickedness of the rest of the world. As a result, he and his family were saved. Go to the scripture.

The first record of Noah is found in Genesis 5:29. He was the son of Lamech. He was prophetically named because he was going to be a comfort for God's people.

Noah is next mentioned in Genesis 6:8, "But Noah found grace in the eyes of the Lord." The context is understood according to verses 1-7. Ungodly generations of people began to multiply on the earth. There was only one man who was favorable in God's eyes. If there was any other person who loved God at all,

you can bet your bottom-dollar God would have included them in the ark.

As a side note, this was another spiritual attempt by Satan to destroy the seed of the woman prophesied of in Genesis 3:15. If he could have destroyed Noah and his family, that would have been the end of God's plan for redemption. But God knew better.

Genesis 6:13, "And God said unto Noah, 'The end of all flesh is come before me; for the earth is filled with violence through them; and behold, I will destroy them with the earth.'" God knew a great destruction was coming, and He warned the only person on earth who would believe Him. In verses 14-16 God gave Noah instructions concerning what to do and how to do it. He then established His promise with Noah that he and his family would be saved as long as they believed Him. In verses 19-21 God explained what to include in the ark.

Then we come to the most wonderful part of the whole story. "Thus did Noah, according to all that God commanded, so did he."

He believed God by moving on His word with reverence. Yet we have God's word in Hebrews 11:39-40, "And these all, having obtained a good report through faith [believing], received not the promise: God having provided some better thing for us, that they without us should not be made perfect."

In this Age of Grace, we have God's precious promise of the righteousness that is in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. We can be filled with holy spirit by simply believing with the heart that God raised Jesus Christ from the dead (see Romans 10:9-17).

# Chisholm Baptist celebrate 122

Contributed by Gus Seeger  
If someone were giving you directions Chisholm just south of Rockwall, they would point out of Rockwall on Hwy. 205, look for "don't blink," cause you'll miss it.  
But for the members of Chisholm Baptist spot in the road", the phrase "don't blink" Sunday, Aug. 24, 2008. For these folks, being more closely connected to a meaning to enjoy every day, because time flies!

On Aug. 1, 1886, The Friendship Baptist was founded in McClendon-Chisholm with hundred and twenty-two years later, their worship service, as the members of Chisholm birthday celebrations under the direction of Weatherford.

The festivities began on Saturday, Aug. 23. Members fired-up the grill, and ate hamburgers while laughing and remembering day after a small white building, which sat much comparison to the much larger, beautiful one are held today.

The celebration continued on Sunday at 1800's attire and sang old gospel hymns. The singing performances, and a comedy skit were provided between each worship song.

While each group prepared to perform, before the congregation and asked for volunteers. Chisholm Baptist church means to them. Representation of their families to pour out their blessings and to pay respect to the men of work each thanked the church for the unconditional help they had through trying times of death. They spoke of the obvious presence of the happiness and joy of true believers, that place to be.

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Chisholm Baptist Church children's "Do Lord" during Sunday's 122 year anniversary service are (left to right) Josiah Jones, Ky Haley Wyatt.  
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Chaplain Clayton McCord is shown preparing for the Visiting Nurse Association's annual memorial service, which will run from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church, 208 S. Kaufman. The service will feature music, the lighting of memorial candles. Attendees are welcome. For more information call 972-942-345-0576.  
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# Rockwall County Obituaries

## Mary Ellen Hall

Mary Ellen Hall, wife of J. Hall, died on August 20, 2008. Mrs. Hall was born on January 15, 1915, in Cary and Jahalon.



Mrs. Hall was a Lieutenant Colonel in the U.S. Army and served in Pensacola, Florida, from 1944, the same year she earned her pilot wings. She was stationed at Daytona Beach, Florida, and was promoted annually. She lived in Rockwall after the war with her sons, Ralph and J.

Hugh O. Hall and wife Doris Jane, grandchildren Jay Hampton Hall, Sarah Elizabeth Hall, Amanda Ellen Hall, Crystal Tucker, and Steven Lee Lule, nephew Dr. Victor Mark Scott and wife Vicki along with their children Haley Nicole Scott and Alexander Cole Scott, one aunt, Verna Randall, and cousin Wilburn Pritchard. She was preceded in death by nephew Hugh Olin Hall III, and niece Rebecca Hall Jeanes.

Honorary Pall Bearers include members of the Friendship Sunday School Class at the First United Methodist Church in Rockwall.

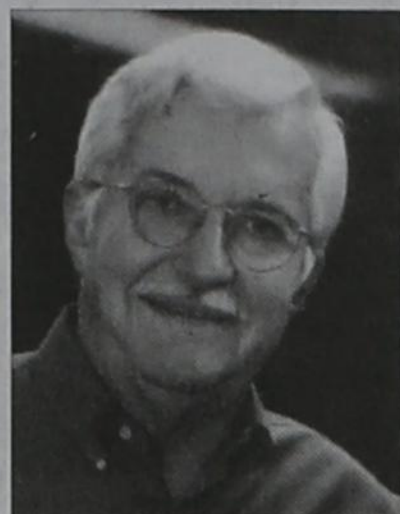
Funeral services are at 4 p.m. on Friday, August 29, 2008 at First Baptist Church in Rockwall, with Dr. Joe Pool and Dr. Bruce Hargrave officiating. Visitation is from 6-8 p.m. on Thursday, August 28, 2008 at Rest Haven Funeral Home-Rockwall Chapel.

## Andrew D. 'Jack' Martin

Services for Andrew D. "Jack" Martin, Ed.D., 76, of Rockwall were conducted at 1 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 28, 2008, in the First United Methodist Church with Dr. Joe Pool and the Rev. Valarie Englert officiating. Burial followed in the Rest Haven Memorial Park.

He died Aug. 24.

Born April 19, 1932, in Terrell, to Walter L. and Mary Elizabeth (Alexander) Martin, he served his country in the U.S. Army during the Korean Conflict, doing border control as a tank commander in Germany as a result of the World War II occupation. He received both his bachelor's and master's degrees in education at the University of North Texas and his doctorate in education and school administration at Nova University in Florida. He was a principal for the Dallas Independent School District, a 32nd Degree Mason, a member of the Shriner's and an honorary Kentucky Colonel. A member of the Unity Class at the First United Methodist Church



of Rockwall at the time of his death, he was a former 30-year member of the Harmony Class at the White Rock United Methodist Church, Dallas.

Survivors include his wife of 51 years, Jessie Martin of Rockwall; his son, Andy Martin and wife, Becky of Rowlett; a brother, Col. James C. Martin and wife, Claudett, of Marietta, Ga.; his grandchildren, Cameron, Jena and Cami; two nephews, Darrell Chandler of Florida and Bill Bailey of Jacksonville; and numerous other nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

His parents, six brothers and four sisters preceded him in death.

## Dorothy Mae 'Dot' Page

Services for Dorothy Mae "Dot" Page, 89, of Nevada, Texas, were conducted at 2 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 23, 2008, in the Rest Haven Funeral Home-Rockwall Chapel with the Rev. Jerry Guinn officiating. Burial was in the Nevada Cemetery.

She died Aug. 22.

Born April 24, 1919, in Peoria, Ill., to Emil and Lene (Schlumph) Freidiger, she was a homemaker and a member of First Assembly of God in Lavon.

Survivors include her sister, Rosemary Bullette of California, and friends Joe and Venita Nesmith of Lavon.

She was preceded in death by her parents and husband, Emmitt, in April 1998.

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## Entertainment Briefs

### Lakeside Civic Chorus opens auditions

Auditions are being scheduled for the Lakeside Civic Chorus, which will begin its fall season next week at Rockwall High School. For more information contact David Bush at 972-679-4227 or 972-772-0832 or e-mail bushdl@swbell.net.

### RHHS presents improv comedy show

Rockwall-Heath High School's advanced theatre class, Centerstage, will present an evening of comedy beginning at 7 p.m. Thursday as teams battle in a championship of improvisational wit. The event will take place in the RHHS Black Box Theatre. Cost for admission will be \$5.

### Fall auditions set for Children's Chorus

Rockwall Children's Chorus Fall Auditions will be conducted from 9 a.m. to noon Sept. 6 at the First United Methodist Church, Rockwall. Call Lori at 972-722-8187 to schedule an audition.

### RHS cheerleaders plan Cabaret shows

The Rockwall High School cheerleaders will host their 21st annual Cabaret fundraiser at performances set for Sept. 6-7. Shows will be conducted at the Williams Middle School Theater. The Sept. 6 matinee show will begin at 1 p.m.; doors will open at 12:30 p.m. Ticket price will be \$8. A 6:30 p.m. dinner show also will be offered Sept. 6. Doors will open at 6 p.m., and tickets will cost \$15. The final show is scheduled for 3 p.m. Sept. 7. Doors will open at 2:30 p.m. Tickets will cost \$8. Advanced ticket purchases are suggested. Tickets may be purchased from any RHS cheerleader. For more information call 214-929-6455.

### Next Lunch & Learn set Sept. 7

The next Lunch & Learn event, sponsored the first Sunday of each month by the Zaner Robison Historical Museum at Royse City, will be conducted Sept. 7. The topic will be "Bulldog Days of Glory." Cost will be \$6 for members, \$10 for non-members. Make plans to visit the "Z" museum. For more information, visit [www.roysecitymuseum.com](http://www.roysecitymuseum.com).

### Tea, reception planned for grandparents

In conjunction with September's Grandparent's Day observance, the charter members of the Grandparent Century Club of the Rockwall Independent School District Education Foundation Inc. and Foundation Staff will host a tea and reception at 3 p.m. Sept. 9 at the RISD Administration/Education Center, 1050 Williams St. To join the Grandparent Century Club, it is necessary to either have or have had grandchildren in the RISD school system and contribute \$100 to the Foundation. For more information contact Cindy Benefield at 972-771-0605.

### Square dance lessons begin Sept. 11

Lessons for beginner square dancing will begin Sept. 11 in the Williams Administration Building, 1050 Williams St., in Rockwall. The first two lessons will be offered free of charge. For more information, contact the Rockwall Square and Round Dancing Club's Don or Natalie Hagler, 972-771-2802; John or Charlotte Chupik, 469-338-0021 or 214-538-7746; Claudine Bendorf at 972-557-2869; or the City of Rockwall Parks & Recreation Department, 972-771-7740.

### Brown Bag Lecture Series begins

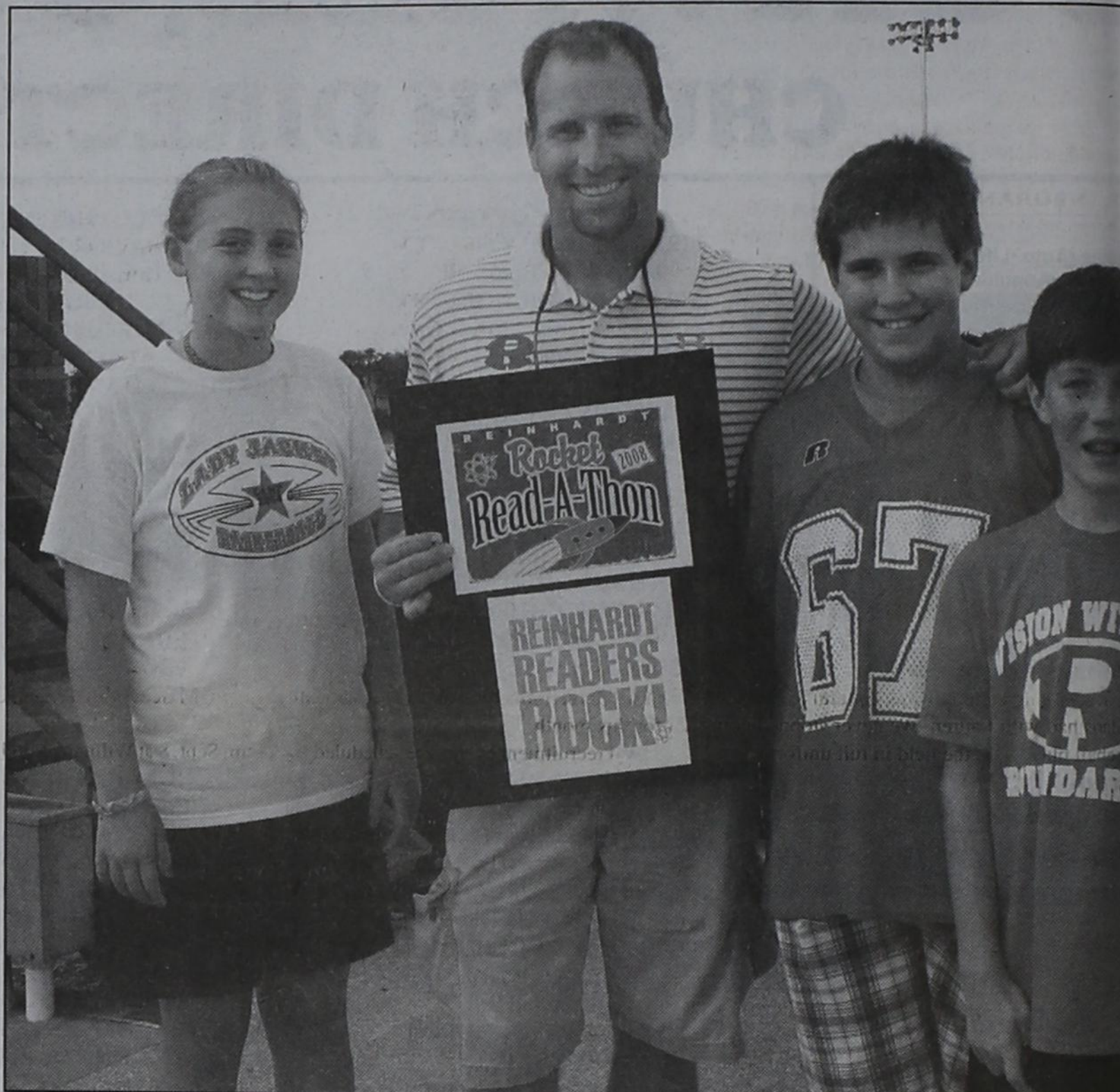
The Rockwall County Historical Foundation will conduct the first of its Brown Bag Lecture Series of the fall season on Sept. 12. The program, "School Namesakes: Living and Learning," will focus on living namesakes and their continued contributions to the campuses that bear their names. The monthly meetings are conducted in the Courthouse on the Square at noon, are free and open to the public. Attendees are welcome to bring a lunch.

### Rockin' on the Docks set Sept. 20

The Rockin' on the Docks concert event will take place from noon to 11 p.m. Sept. 20 at the Amphitheatre at the Harbor in Rockwall. Groups scheduled to perform include Emerald City, Sleeper Star and Green River Ordinance, as well as many others. For more information, contact the Rockwall Area Chamber of Commerce at 972-943-4624.



The Rockwall Heath High School cheerleaders held three mini camps during the summer. Participants at the camp included more than 80 cheerleaders ages 4-12 from the Rockwall Youth Cheer/Dance Association (RYCDA), the Cain Middle School cheer team, and a general skills camp, which was open to the public. The RHHS cheerleaders instructed the teams in stunts and routines. All participants received a cheer camp t-shirt. The RYCDA cheerleaders donated canned goods that were used for a charity event. Photo courtesy of Krissy Edwards



## Reinhardt Read-a-thon

Rockwall High School Yellowjacket football coach, Mike Alexander, shares with Reinhardt Elementary School students (from left to right) Cale Merritt, Will Morris and Sam Evans, the importance of reading. The Reinhardt Rocket Read-a-thon is scheduled to conclude Sept. 21. The event, sponsored by the Reinhardt PTA, will provide kindergarten through sixth grade the opportunity to read while raising money for the school's PTA. Monies generated from the event will help support education programs, as well as contribute to the purchase of a new marquee for the school. Community members have shared with Reinhardt students the importance of reading, along with sharing memories of their own reading experiences. To contribute to the read-a-thon, contact Autumn Quinton at 972-771-2626 or [gballton@reinhartpt.org](mailto:gballton@reinhartpt.org). Photo contributed by Michelle K. Morris, Rockwall High School

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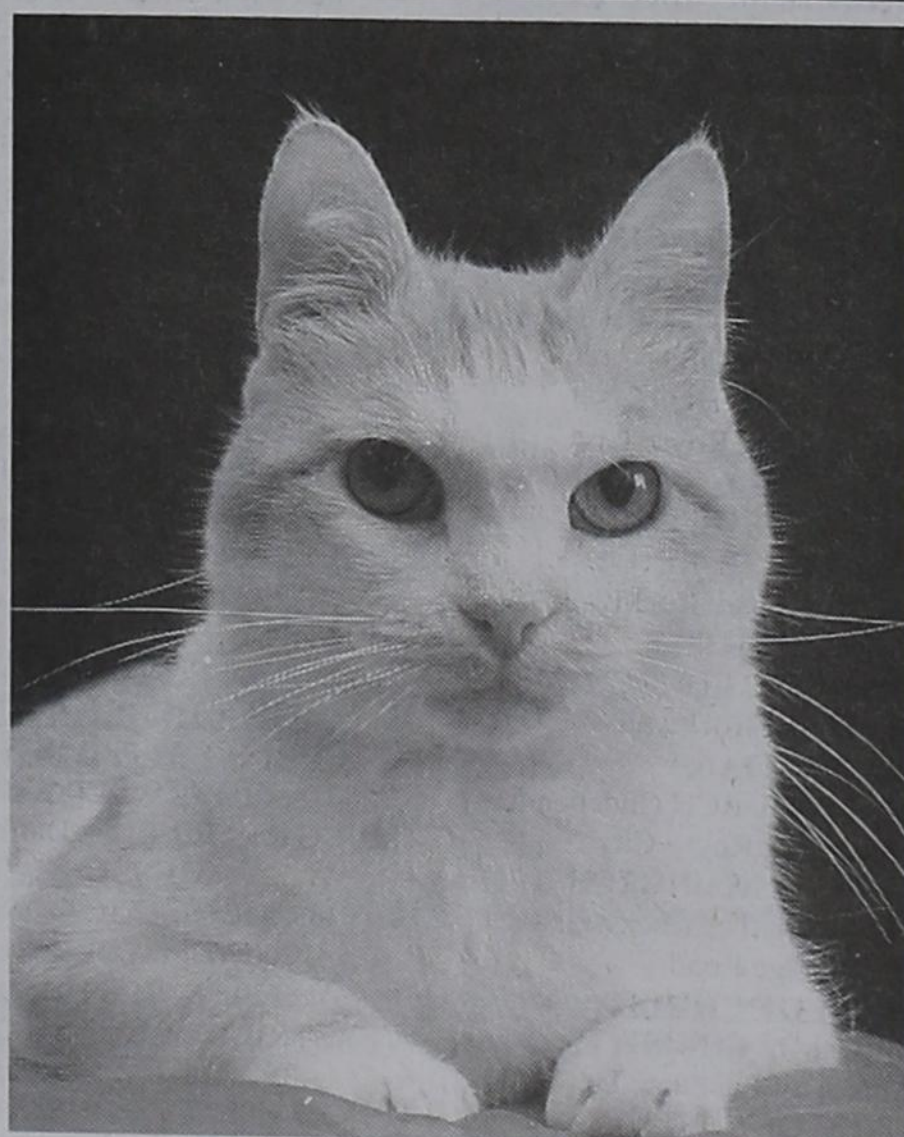
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## Behind the Badge Banquet set Sept 10

The 2008 Annual Behind the Badge Banquet, sponsored by the Rockwall County Sheriff's Department Enforcement Support Committee, will begin at 6 p.m. at the Hilton Bella Harbor.

The Hilton's executive chef will prepare dinner, and members of the community will have the opportunity to meet and greet local law enforcement officers.

Officers from the Heath Department of Public Safety, Rockwall County Sheriff's Department and Sheriff's Posse, the Rockwall Police Department, the Rockwall Fire Department and the Texas Department of Public Safety will receive special awards and recognition.

Following the meal, comedians from the Addison Improv, Entertainment, and J.D. Cobb and Bad Behavior will provide entertainment. Tickets to the event cost \$50 and may be purchased from the Enforcement Support Committee or by calling Mike at 214-228-8457, Jon at 214-325-3849, or Dee at 214-325-3849.

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## Angel League taking locations smiles

ue of Rockwall operates with the full support of press, corporations, the city, schools, restaurants, and parents. The league is a baseball team for. A team that supports their efforts, a team that serves and above all, a place to have fun and be. It is a sports event with no competition, no outs and all home runs with lots of high-fives,

in McKinney in 1999 by the mother of an autistic for him and his autistic friends. A two minute members of the Kiwanis Club of Rockwall and ory. The group, after discussion, took a concept look it from concept to execution. The league is surrounding areas, for boys and girls ranging in day the concept includes boys and girls with any ability, regardless of severity.

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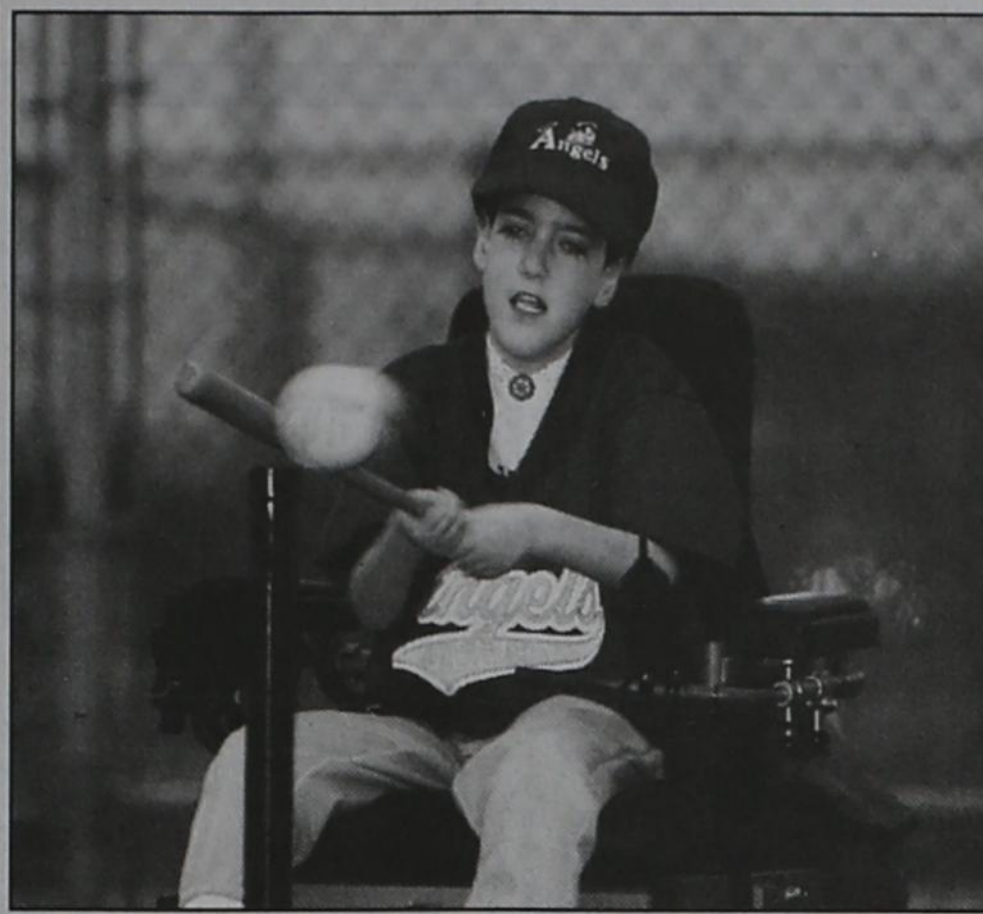
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our and at the end of the game, they run through parents touching fingertips. On the other side of and snacks for the energized athletes.

ter, Lauren, has been a part of the team for six e has just started school at Rockwall Heath High ing for something, somewhere that would be a said Murphree. "I was living in Plano at the time out this Rockwall team. Once a week, I left work ar and went to the game. Everything was at one en was out on the field playing. While the kids all of us in the same spot, came to know each nd. As a single mom, I was grateful for the inter- dads had with Lauren. We never stopped going- seball players on the field in full uniform."

a team coach for three years and his son Alec, m. "When Alec started with Angel League, he CA sports. He would get very upset and wouldn't ok it to a calmer level and he was able to just id have fun with no pressure, said Lawson. As a with Alec as well as being active with the other maraderie of having each other, not being alone, or a child. Our daughter Kaelyn, who is seven, great family experience." Lawson is now a mem- and is actively involved with the organization and ch se n.

ague has had over 400 team members during the al kids that made up the team have gotten older tinue to keep that team's spirit going, the League ead this year for kids 16 and older. Keeping in ew adult league will start with three of the origi- Randy Perry and Ron Rich. The team will be a r a higher degree of baseball skills while main- nospa- eam social skills, learn how to be a part of a team can be with their friends and fit in. Though based rs also come from surrounding areas. A high pers participate in Special Olympics as well. ockwall supports the needs of children from this ey provide their resources, time, talent, money "chan- League es, ow n. The sored gram t 24 r s acro the sac can at



Jeffrey Johnson gets set for a hit in the Angel League



Adrian McGuin at bat on the Amgel League

## Jump and Jive in Rockwall welcomes special needs children

by Kat Donnell

Jump and Jive says it is finally okay to jump inside. The huge warehouse located at 356 Ranch Trail in Rockwall offers thousands of feet of climate controlled fun. The arena features huge air-filled structures that attract kids of all ages, including teenagers. Jump and Jive not only provides a much needed energy outlet for kids of all ages in a safe environment, they also provide for the community.

On the second Saturday of every month, the doors open from 9-10 a.m. for children with special needs and their parents.

Noel Andring, a special education teacher in Garland ISD, started the play group for special needs kids over six years ago. The group not only provided activities for the kids, it became a support group for the parents. For three years they met in each others homes. As the group grew in numbers, they needed to find a bigger venue.

In approaching Jump and Jive owner, Elisha Duckworth, they found a friend. Duckworth, herself a teacher, understood their need and invited the group to use the facility before the doors opened, at no charge to the parents. Three years later, they are still meeting there.

The group, hosted by Noel Andring and Sandy Woods has become so

popular that their email list is now over 200 names. The Jump and Jive arena offers a great stress reliever for parents, and the kids can be rambunctious and run and play with their friends and siblings. The group that was originally started for Down's Syndrome kids now includes autistic kids as well.

"Both the kids and parents look forward to this once a month meeting," said Andring. "Safety is a big issue and here the kids can have a great time and wear themselves out in a positive environment. You can't jump without smiling. It has also become a strong source of support for other parents, a place where we can just relax."

Jump and Jive offers open jumps as well as private functions for field trips, corporate team building, church groups, team parties, mothers' groups, parent's night out, summer camps, birthday parties and more. The facility has snack machines and a separate area for parties. As an added bonus, group art classes are also available at Jump and Jive. Taught by Jennifer Portz, who attended Oklahoma University Fine Arts School, the goal is to plant "art seeds" and to provide a creative outlet without a long term commitment.

For fall session times visit [www.jumpandjive.us](http://www.jumpandjive.us)

## Girl Scout recruitment events set for September

Three recruitment events for Rockwall County Girl Scouts are scheduled for this month.

Fall recruitment events are scheduled for 7 p.m. Sept. 8 at Williams Middle School, 625 E. FM 552, Rockwall; 7 p.m. Sept. 8 at Roysse City Middle School, 1310 E. Hwy. 66, Roysse City; and 7 p.m. Sept. 11, Cain Middle School, 6620 RM 3097, Rockwall.

The fall marks the beginning of another Girl Scout membership year, and girls ages 5 to 17 are invited to bring their parents to one of the recruitment events. Participants will have the opportunity to meet with other girls and their parents, speak with Girl Scout volunteers, receive information and giveaways, view new uniform styles and learn about badge- and patch-earning programs.

Overseen by the Girl Scouts of Northeast Texas, local Girl Scout programs are committed to "providing fun and enriching programs and initiatives," according to a recent press release. "In Girl Scouting, girls have so many options and may choose to participate in community service projects, gain leadership skills, enjoy fun-filled days at many of the council camps, become small business entrepreneurs during the annual Girl Scout Cookie Sale

the country from our offices. Expensive travel is no longer required to get our message out."

The Rockwall Kiwanis Club has 41 members. As program chair of the Angel League, Turner and the Angel committee are responsible for making sure all of the pieces fit together, so that yet another year of fun and laughter happens. The program has won awards from the Texas Parks Department, an international recognition from Kiwanis and last year Turner was honored with a national humanitarian award from Home Depot, The Home Town Hero Award. The top prize was to help build a playground in Nashville for a low-income neighborhood with Brooks and Dunn, of country music fame.

There are approximately 430 chapters of Kiwanis in Texas and Oklahoma and in August of 2009, Rockwall is hosting the Texas/ Oklahoma Kiwanis Club District Convention where about 1,000 Kiwanians will descend upon the Hilton Bella Harbor. I'd lay odds that a large percentage of chapters return home to start their own Angel League program.

The League season starts on Monday, September 8, from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. at Tuttle Field. Registration for this free program is from now until mid-September and can be made by calling 972.722.6001

Program, all while experiencing the sisterly bond of troop activities." Annual membership fee to participate in Girl Scouts is \$10. However, financial assistance is available upon request.

The Girl Scouts of Northeast Texas also is interested in recruiting adults who would like to volunteer with the program.

To find out more information about Girl Scouting and fall recruitment events or to volunteer, contact Pat Sherwood at 972-349-2456 or 1-800-442-2260 or visit [www.gsnetx.org](http://www.gsnetx.org).

## East Texas Golf Cars tapped for award

East Texas Golf Cars, which is headquartered in Rockwall, received L-3 Communications' Supplier of the Month award in June.

East Texas Golf Cars, located at 5451 Horizon Road, sells L-3 golf carts to use as transportation on their campus between buildings.

"This is a huge honor for us to receive this recognition from a multi-billion dollar company, and we are proud to be one of their vendors," said Paul Jasin, East Texas Golf Cars owner. "We do everything in our power to meet our customers' needs and deadlines. I think L-3 appreciates the fact that we honor our commitments and deliver as promised."

Golf carts are becoming more and more popular with companies and the public in general. East Texas Golf Cars now offers street-legal carts known as Neighborhood Electric Vehicles or NEVs. Visit [www.easttexasgolfcars.com](http://www.easttexasgolfcars.com) to view the Tomberlin Emerge and the applicable Texas law on driving a NEV on public streets.



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## Minter Mortgage Matters

### Rising Rates Demand Mortgage Management

Most families spend considerable time and energy planning things like retirement, education and investment strategies. Although the home and mortgage represent two of the largest items on the family's balance sheet, more time may be spent planning a weekend getaway than examining whether their equity and debt is properly managed.

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?

Of Course You Would.

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.

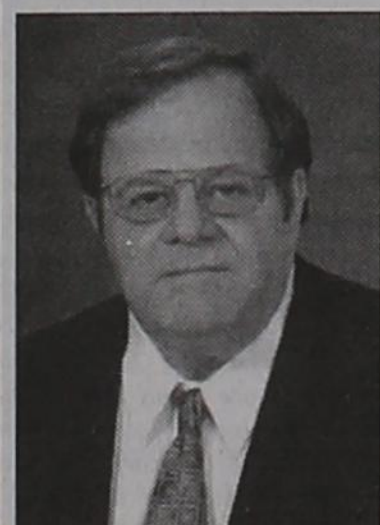
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# Opinions



# Economic Myths

by Walter Williams

By taking a couple of courses in economic theory, we could immunize ourselves from nonsense spouted by politicians and pundits, but in the meantime check out Professor John R. Lott's "Freedonomics: Why the Free Market Works."

His first chapter is "Are You Being Ripped Off?" It addresses myths about predation where it's sometimes alleged that corporations will charge below-cost prices to bankrupt their rivals and then charge unconscionable prices. There's little or no evidence that corporations would choose predation as strategy; there are too many pitfalls. A major one is that in order to recoup losses from charging low prices to bankrupt rivals, the predator would later have to charge higher-than-normal prices. That would attract new rivals who might have purchased the bankrupt assets of the predator's prey and be able to undercut the predator's prices.

A far more successful means to monopoly wealth is for businesses to enlist the aid of congressmen to form a collusion. Classic examples are the dairy industry, which uses the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Federal Milk Marketing Orders to set statutory minimum prices, or the Gasoline Retailers Association using state law to do the same or the sugar industry using Congress to establish quotas on foreign sugar imports.

Professor Lott's chapter "Government as Nirvana" highlights examples of government predation. When the U.S. Postal Service raised the price of first-class mail in 1999, it reduced its price for domestic overnight express mail from \$15 to \$13.70, even though it was losing money at \$15. The Postal Service was facing stiff competition from FedEx and UPS overnight services and wanted to keep its market share.

During the 1980s, private meteorology firms saw a chance to make money by selling television stations specialized forecasts that weren't provided by the National Weather Service. The National Weather Service started providing television stations the same services for free, thus driving private forecasting companies out of business.

Predation is observed in higher education. UCLA is both Lott's and my alma mater. It spends \$40,000 per student but charges \$6,522 tuition for in-state

students. Such below-cost pricing gives public universities a significant competitive advantage over private universities. State universities have acquired many formerly private universities after driving, or threatening to drive, them out of business. Lott gives examples of George Mason University School of Law, University of Buffalo, University of Houston and University of Pittsburgh. In the case of University of Buffalo, the State University of New York reportedly threatened to open a public university across the street unless the University of Buffalo joined the state system.

The U.S. Department of Justice would go after a private business using similar predatory practices of intimidating its rivals and selling goods and services below cost. The U.S. Department of Commerce sanctions foreign companies accused of selling goods in the U.S. below cost with anti-dumping duties. If selling goods below cost is seen as unfair in the international arena, why is it not when it's done by government entities?

Lott's "Crime and Punishment" chapter has a lot of interesting tidbits. It starts off stating a fundamental principle of economics: the higher the cost of something, the less people will do of it. To demonstrate the generality of this principle, Lott says that when the number of referees were increased from two to three in the Atlantic Coast Basketball Conference, fouls fell by 34 percent; fouling became more costly. The American League has more hit batsmen than the National League, but the difference only appeared after 1973 when the American League removed its pitchers from the batting lineup in favor of designated hitters. Not being afraid of being hit themselves, American League pitchers threw more bean balls; bean balls became cheaper. The same principle applies to the U.S. crime rate that fell after the death penalty was reinstated, more prisons were built and concealed-weapon carry laws were enacted. The higher the cost of a crime, the less people will do of it.

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# Barack and Vlad

by Bill O'Reilly

If Barack Obama somehow loses the presidential race, he might partially blame Vlad "the Assailer" Putin. Since Russia invaded Georgia last week, the world's attention has been focused on NATO's response to the brutality. On balance, the response has been tepid to say the least. President Bush says Russia better get out.

Or what? Obama is calling for "restraint by both sides." Swell. Asking Putin to restrain his violent tactics is like asking al-Qaida to celebrate Christmas. Not gonna happen.

The Russian action is a reminder to all that we live in a dangerous world where just about anything can happen at any time. And in America, the reaction from the far left, which enthusiastically supports Obama, is also a stark wake-up call.

The liberal base is basically putting forth two sets of talking points on the Georgia situation. The first was articulated by New York Times columnist Maureen Dowd:

"The Bushies can hardly tell Russia to stop doing what they themselves did

in Iraq: unilaterally invade a country against the will of the world to scare the bejesus out of some leaders in the region they didn't like."

Here again we have the left drawing a moral equivalency between removing a murderous dictator who violated the Gulf War ceasefire 17 times and hammering the democratically elected Georgian government. To left-wing nuts, Saddam Hussein is as worthy as President Saakashvili; there is no difference between confronting homicidal fascism and undermining a legitimate democracy.

That kind of thinking marginalizes the far left more than anything a conservative critic could come up with.

But it gets worse. A far-left commentator working for NBC News put forth that Putin is not the villain in the Georgia action; America is because it encouraged Georgia to join NATO thereby annoying Russia. Once again, it was the United States that caused the violent confrontation.

NATO was set up to protect democratic countries like, well, Georgia. But in the creepy world the far left inhabits, whatever happens is inevitably America's fault.

On the heels of Putin's great adventure, a new Zogby/Reuters poll startled some by concluding that John McCain is now leading Obama by five points.

Although these polls don't mean much two and a half months before the vote, they are snapshots in time.

Non-ideological Americans recoil from the "blame America first" crowd, and that crew is firmly behind Obama. Putin's aggression reminded folks of that. Advantage: McCain.

In the end, Obama will lose the election if independent voters see him as part of the vast far-left conspiracy that, in today's dangerous world, has become a symbol of appeasement and anti-American attitudes. MoveOn, NBC News and The New York Times will not get Obama elected. He needs to tell Americans exactly what he thinks of Putin's desire to expand Russian power and influence. And he needs to do it without restraint.

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## Pickens Plans Based on Ignorance

by Sheldon Richman

Can a person be a good businessman but a lousy politician? Boone Pickens, for example. He's all over television and radio, selling his plan to increase oil power as a substitute for foreign oil, a plan that costs taxpayers billions of dollars in subsidies.

This should immediately make us suspicious. If a plan is so good, why does it need subsidies?

In trying to sell the American people on the plan, Pickens displays a complete ignorance of elementary economics or he's counting on the ignorance of his viewers.

How else to explain this statement about oil imports: "We are leaving this country to foreign nations every year. It's the greatest loss of wealth in the history of mankind."

What's wrong with this statement? The first problem is that Pickens is talking about transactions at the level of individual firms, not the flow of wealth pouring out of our pockets and into the pockets of foreigners.

But no "transfer" is taking place. Pickens has convinced us to buy something with that money; we get something in return that we want because it renders useful services.

It makes as much sense to talk about dollars leaving the country as it does to mention the valuable stuff we get in return as it does to talk about all the oil that's leaving their countries without anything coming in.

It's a transaction. When two parties agree to exchange goods, each expects to benefit — or the transaction would not occur. One party wants the money; the other wants the money as a gain for both sides. That's Economics 101.

True, buying and selling oil do not occur in a free market. The economy is riddled with subsidies and regulations that distort the market and create privileged and exploited groups. But Pickens' plan is a corporatist system.

On the contrary, he merely wants to shift the burden of the cost through subsidies for his favored projects. The explicit goal is to increase oil production. And as a domestic oil producer, he would profit from the subsidies.

Pickens' fear-mongering is sheer demagoguery. He is appealing to economically illiterate people in order to promote his plan. It is also counting on Americans' suspicion of "foreign money."

As economist Bryan Caplan points out in *The Myth of the Rational Voter*, many people are biased against profit and foreign money. They want someone else to make the money — and if the one making the money is a foreigner, the situation is even worse.

These biases strike at the very heart of trade, which is the foundation of civilization. Trade not only makes us all richer by permitting the division of labor — we save money by importing goods and services — it also encourages peace.

Frederic Bastiat, the nineteenth-century free trader, said: "If goods don't cross borders, soldiers will." His English counterpart, Adam Smith, called international trade "the great panacea of all nations."

Aside from his attack on trade, what is Pickens up to? He wants to break our "addiction" to oil by subsidizing wind and solar power. It's a rational choice based on economic sense.

If another form of fuel made more economic sense, it would be used. And if government intervention — such as the historical subsidies to the oil industry — impedes the introduction of alternative energy, it impedes intervention. The last thing we need is clumsy bureaucratic intervention in the energy market.

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The First Amendment was written because at America's birth, the colonists demanded a guarantee of their basic freedoms.

Our blueprint for personal freedom and the hallmark of our government is the First Amendment, which protects freedom of speech, press, religion, and assembly.

Without the First Amendment, religious minorities could be persecuted, and government might establish a national religion, professional associations might be created, and the press could not criticize government, and citizens could not demand change. It's well worth defending and we intend to do so.

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 Saturday, 16 August: Driving while license invalid/Public intoxication arrests, I-30 at the 79 mile marker;

Suspicious person, 500 block Rowdy Drive; Controlled substance/Warrant/Evading arrest, I-30 at the 75 mile marker; Criminal mischief, 500 block Cherrywood Terrace  
 Sunday, 17 August: Medical assistance, 1600 block Sam Circle; Suspicious activity, 200 block I-30; Marijuana (43.3 lbs) possession arrest, I-30 at the 80 mile marker; Domestic disturbance, 1700 block Lesli Drive; Welfare check, 700 block West Creek Drive  
 Monday, 18 August: Verbal disturbance, 1500 block Lorena Drive; Accident, 900 block I-30; Duty on strik-

ing unattended vehicle, 400 block Ame Lane; Domestic disturbance, 500 block Rosemary Drive  
 Tuesday, 19 August: Attempted burglary, 5400 block CR 2526; Accident, corner of FM 548 and Main Street; Alarm, 600 block McKamy Boulevard; Medical assistance, 700 block FM 2642; Noise disturbance, 1100 Falcon Court  
 Wednesday, 20 August: Alarm, 200 block I-30  
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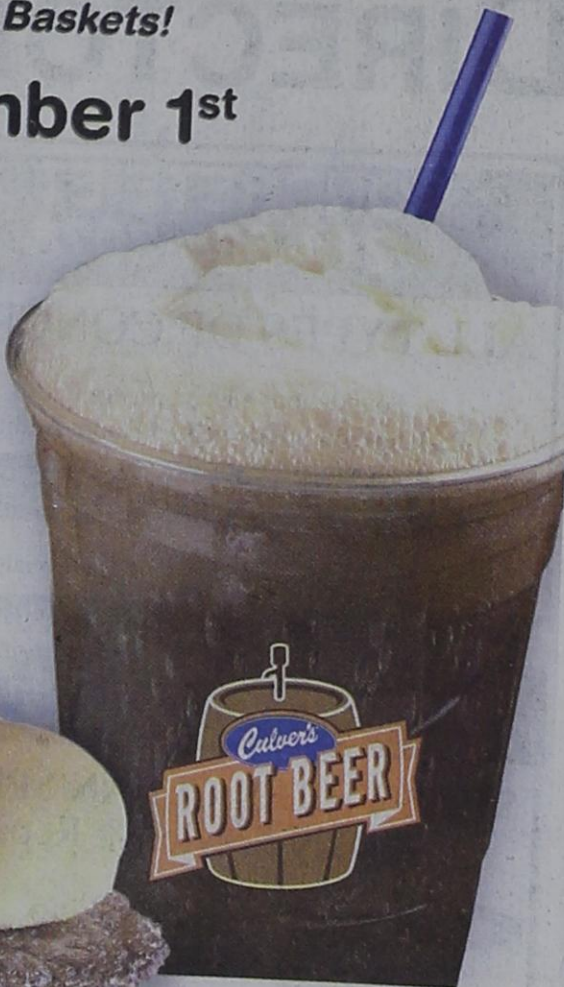
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Mikayla Smith (front, left) and her brother (back, right) get one more hug from their mother (right) last Thursday morning in preparation for her departure to college at Heritage Christian Academy.  
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# Rockwall County Sports

## Farris joins RC club as coach

Appointed to serve as full-time junior sailing coach for the Rush Creek Yacht Club, a position that includes after-school and weekend instruction for students as young as five years old. His three primary responsibilities include beginning sailing, more advanced instruction in racing tactics, and supporting the high school sailing team.

Farris is a II U.S. sailing coach and has been a sailing coach for 20 years at the Edgewater Yacht Club in Cleveland, Ohio, where he taught advanced techniques, including both fleet and individual and advanced sailors. Through his efforts, he has helped his team to first-, third- and sixth-place finishes in the annual summer series.

Farris graduated from Hobart and William Smith colleges with a bachelor's degree in architectural studies and art history. At Hobart, he was a four-year varsity sailor. Farris's college sailing team consistently ranked as one of the top teams in the nation, and Farris was part of the 2004-2005 team that won the National Championship, as well as the Fleet Race National Championship, as well as the Fleet Race National Championship in 2006 and 2007.

Farris is a successful junior sailor. He was named Outstanding Junior Sailor and won the I-LYA Jr. series in Flying Junior class, placing 12th in the national series.

Farris coached at Rockwall High School, Rockwall-Heath High School sailing teams.

With a full schedule available on the Rush Creek Yacht Club website, The Rush Creek Junior Sailing Programs are available to all ages. Membership is not required.

## Sports Notes

### Football tailgate to honor faculty

Kick off the first home football game of the season with a tailgate party honoring the faculty of Rockwall High School. The event will precede the RHHS vs. Sherman High School game on Friday, Sept. 5 at WSSS. Hamburgers and the fixin's will cost \$5 per plate and no cost. DJ Greg Larosa will provide the music.

### W & Blue Tourney set Saturday

A Golf & Blue Tournament at the Stone River Golf Club will feature a shotgun start on Aug. 30. The event will be a partner, two-man format. Best ball from the front nine holes and the back nine (holes 7-12); best ball from the back nine (holes 13-18). Cash payout. Cost is \$50 (must be in cash). Must have more than 10 holes in play. Skins \$10 per man/\$20 per team - \$500 per hole, \$250 per flight. Skins \$200 total. Total of 10 teams.

### Ladies Night Out offered Mondays

Ladies Golf Night Out at Stone River Golf Club will feature a one-hour group lesson for \$10. The weekly event will run from 7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. Range; cost is \$20 per person. Basic golf instruction and practiced during each session. For sign up contact Randy Wade at 972-636-3333.

### Hearts 5K Run/Walk set Oct. 11

The Hope and Hearts Foundation will host its first Payton's Hope Run/Walk on Oct. 11 in Garland's Audubon Park. The profit organization that offers resources and support to women who have experienced a pregnancy loss, infant loss, or stillbirth. The group is dedicated to decreasing infant loss through education and research. For more information, go to [www.hopeandheartsrn.org/](http://www.hopeandheartsrn.org/)



## "Mas Caliente"

Racing in last Saturday's Chandlers Landing Yacht Club event with owner and skipper Gene Crosbie and crew. "Mas Caliente" is a Santana 30 racing in the A Fleet as a larger, faster boat with lowest handicaps.

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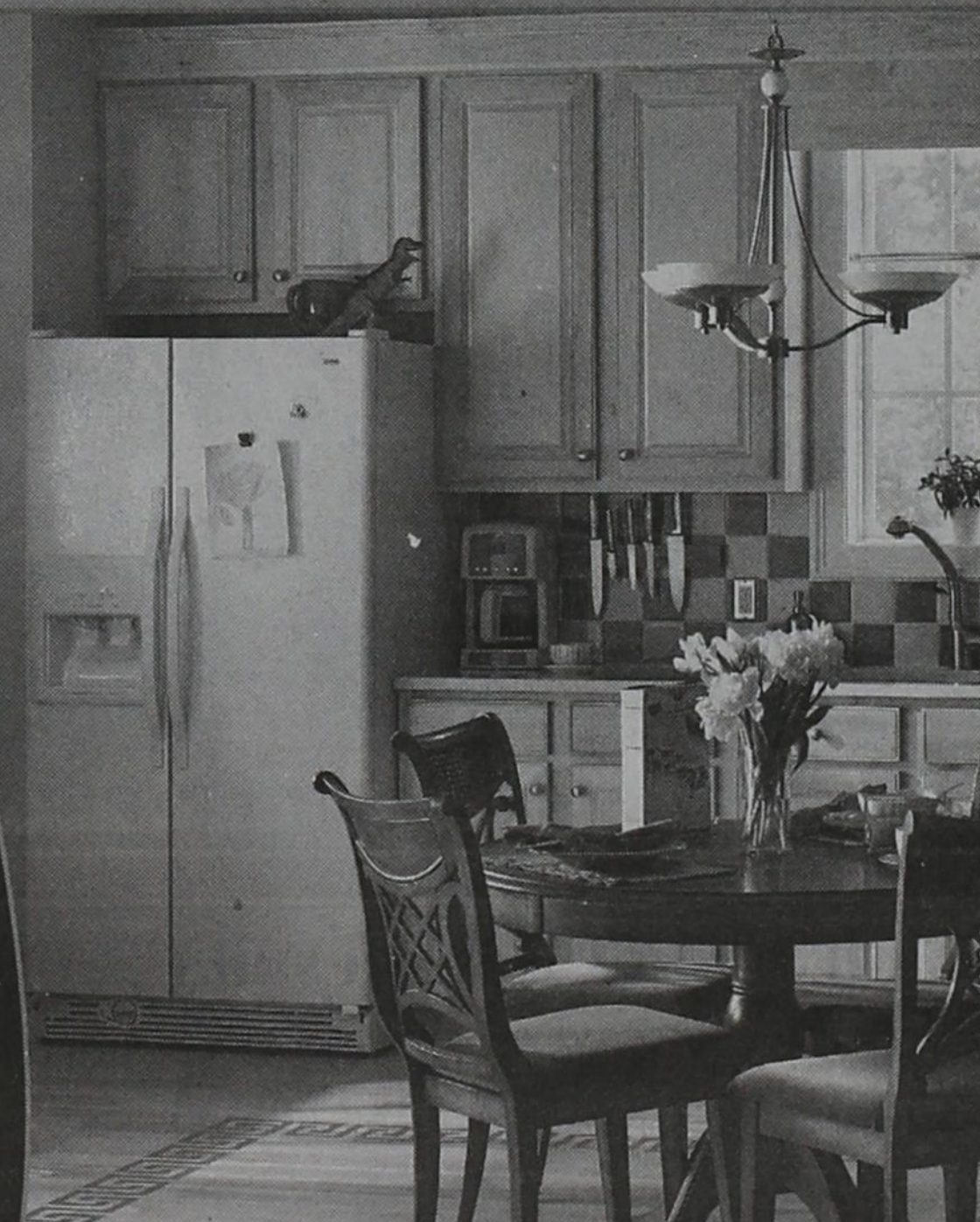
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# Rockwall County Schools • Rockwall-H



Heath High School Junior Varsity volleyball team member celebrating the tournament victory at Crandall last week are (left to right) Coach Nick Gay, Morgan Madrid, Sydney Verdun, Ashley McClintic, Kylie Bambico, coach Tressa Marr, Kathryn Olmstead, Jessica Jones and Baileigh Millinder. (Photo courtesy Tressa Marr)

## Lady Hawks v hosts Mesquite home opener A

by Matt McGillen

Unable to consistently put the ball where Heath Lady Hawks split a pair of non-district South Garland 25-23, 25-19 before being swept South Garland High School Aug. 26.

Coupled with their 0-2 performance at the Aug. 22-23, the Lady Hawks fall to 5-7 for the "We just didn't play our game," said He. "We're making up our own fate as we go along. Although they went out with back-to-back bracket after going 5-1 in pool play games at was at least one bright spot for Heath.

Senior Laine Garrett, having recovered from knee surgeries, was selected to the all-tournament. "She played really well, but she is still not Younger said.

Against South Garland, the Lady Hawks won of perhaps their best player, senior Rachel Shocourt after rehabbing a knee injury herself, Heath game, coming back from a 9-2 deficit to pull to. Although they fell back behind 16-12, the L eight consecutive service points to take a 20-16 Colonels from there for the sweep.

Against 5A Skyline, neither team played very unforced errors on both sides, which combined ficiating made for a very ragged match with the Raiders.

At Mesquite, the Lady Hawks opened pool Mesquite 19-17, 15-9 before splitting with Berk king both games from Corsicana 15-13, 15-7. In to Mesquite 25-21, 25-18 to drop into the consolation eliminated by North Mesquite 25-19, 25-13.

The Lady Hawks next action will be Aug. 2 district foe Mesquite Horn. The junior varsity and while the varsity gets underway immediately follow

## Hawks prepare for opener Sept. 5 at h

by Matt McGillen

On paper, at least, it seemed that the Rockwall upper hand going into their controlled football scrimmage Eagles Aug. 21 at Homer B. Johnson stadium.

The Eagles, a 5A playoff qualifier last season, ing quarterback Blake Hamblin. Hamblin, a corner broken ankle during practice earlier in the week, with Heath's vaunted defense, which is anchored by smart linebackers.

And when returning all-state running back Kea opening handoff of the scrimmage and rocketed 75 of the Eagles' stunned defense for a Heath touchd out was on.

Ah, but such are scrimmages.

As it turned out, the Hawks never came close the Eagles would later score twice in the 12-minute closed out the scrimmage.

The Hawks quarterback, highly regarded Drew der heavy pressure most of the evening from the 6-3 senior ended the scrimmage just five-for-nine in completion of 11 yards.

Stepping in for the Eagles at QB, Scott West dier their scores, including zipping a perfect strike to Goodwin running a deep slant route that went 43 y

The Eagles racked up 156 yards enroute to the clock-timed period, while the Hawks managed just three-and-outs.

The Hawks host 5A regional qualifier Skyline Stadium Aug. 29 at 7 p.m. in another pre-season went 12-2 in 2007 and feature standout running back

Rockwall-Heath opens regular season play by 7:30 Sept. 5.

## Cain football sign up 260 players Mustangs' five

by Matt McGillen

Hoping to build on the success of last year's two that had a combined 14-2 record but have since moved the road to Rockwall-Heath High School, fourth-year head football coach Brad Fichtel welcomed 260 players practice Aug. 25.

Those players – 125 seventh graders and 135 eighth be divided into two eighth grade teams and three sev Fichtel said, with everyone getting a chance to see at time.

"Everybody who wants to play, will play," said F three years at Rockwall High School as an assistant before head job for the Mustangs. "If you practice, you'll play."

The overall Cain philosophy, Fichtel said, stresses nng as the end result.

"Our goal is to have fun and have a good experience tinue to play in the future," Fichtel said.

Running a similar offense to the one the Heath Hawks hopes to continue where his 2007 eighth grade teams led went 6-2 while the A team won the middle school district with a perfect 8-0 mark.

"We run a scaled down version of what the high school said. "We use the same terminology. We've had excellent coach Moss at the high school."

So far, so good for the Mustangs.

"We want to keep building on the success we've had "We want to create our own tradition."

The Mustangs, who won't don pads until Monday season Sept. 9 with the location and opponent yet to be



Rockwall-Heath Hawks runningback Kendial Lawrence skirts around Rowlett defenders during last week's scrimmage in Garland. The Hawks open the season September, hosting Sherman. Photo by Carl McClung

## Cain Middle School suits out three volleyball teams

by Matt McGillen

As the only head volleyball coach Cain Middle School has ever had, Belinda Stephens knows full well what the hardest part of coaching the six volleyball teams the Mustangs will put on the floor will be.

"We all hate the cutting process," said Stephens, who enters her 18th year of coaching, as she kept a watchful eye on the 84 seventh graders vying for the 36 spots on the A, B and C seventh grade teams.

Stephens, who is also the head girls basketball coach at Cain, will oversee a week-long tryout process that began Aug. 25 and includes about 50 eighth graders trying to fill another 36 spots for the three eighth grade teams.

Although the eighth grade teams did well – the A and B squads played at about a .500 level and the C team went undefeated – Stephens knows that there's more to the season than winning.

"Middle School is more about learning the fundamentals. All the students need to participate in something," said Stephens. "We try to let them participate in as many activities as they can."

Stephens, who along with the rest of her staff spent four days working with Heath High School head coach Maggie Younger and her staff, to make sure the two schools were on the same page.

"We follow the lead of the high school," she said.

Still, something special could be in the works for the seventh grade A team.

"We have five girls who played at nationals," Stephens said. "We expect big things from the seventh graders."

The Mustangs' eighth grade teams open the season at Ereckson Middle School Sept. 4, with the C team getting underway at 5:30 followed by the B team at 6:30 and the A team at 7:30.

## Heath DPS offers Citizens' Academy Sept. 8

The Heath Department of Public Safety will present a 12-week DPS Citizens' Academy from 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. on Mondays beginning Sept. 8.

The program will offer a behind-the-scenes look at public safety in Heath through classroom instruction and hands-on experience with public safety equipment and vehicles. Topics taught by Heath DPS personnel will include training in police and fire operations, as well as basic emergency medical training. Participants also will learn about specialized units within the department.

"During the Citizen Academy, HDPS personnel and citizens will build bonds that can last far past each participant's graduation date," said Brian Burton, community resource officer. "This is an opportunity to increase communication between the community and our department to encourage an ongoing exchange of information and ideas."

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# Rockwall County Schools • Royse City

## Boys take season in warmup

Texas high school football, it's still too early to make the jump from 3A to 4A without missing a beat in the playoffs last season. But based on their scrimmaged Frisco Centennial Aug. 21, the Bulldogs still

of the nearly-completed new \$17 million Royse City stadium produced little for either team to get too excited, with each team scoring only once in the 150-play

quarter played with game-clock conditions near the Arizona-bound senior QB Richard Morrison led the 4-yard drive in about four minutes that ended with

Grant Dave powering in from the two. Morrison led for 3,350 yards and 33 touchdowns last season to the second round of playoffs, scrambled for 11

of his passes, one for 15 yards to Colton Gardner and Justin Jacobs. Morrison scrambled for 10 yards on the drive.

and-out by the Centennial offense it looked the other way when Morrison found Kris Smith for a 11

of the sideline that would have been a first down at the end of the play, however, wiped out the play and the

down 36 with 5:06 to play in the simulated period, Ryan Mossakowski went exclusively to the air, at-

tempting to pass, completing seven, to take the Spartans

and a miserable 1-9 record last year, were helped by against the Bulldogs that turned a third and 12

to the Bulldogs. Morrison scrambled for five yards before keeping the ball

for 12 to give the Spartans a first-and-goal from the line interference penalty in the end zone, Centennial

running two plays later with a one-yard run. Morrison

have been picked as high 18th and as low as 46th in area rankings, travel to Denison for another scrim-

minging the regular season at home when they host

the Bulldogs

volleyball gels to North Garland

of kind of an uneven fashion mentally early in the season, the volleyball team put it all together at home against

crushing the Lady Raiders 25-3, 25-12, 25-17 to win the match.

working on keeping our focus throughout an entire season just that," RC coach Trent Tharp said. "We've

ear mentally." The Lady Raiders, however, won the match with 12 kills, five digs, four assists and five aces, the

proved to 5-4 for the year. Sklyer Strahm added two kills and an ace of her own.

games we've played have shown signs of the team's growth," said Tharp, in his second year at RC after

and Richardson districts. "I am proud of the way the team

ers was among those workers, delivering 17 assists and four service aces and two digs. Taylor Jordan

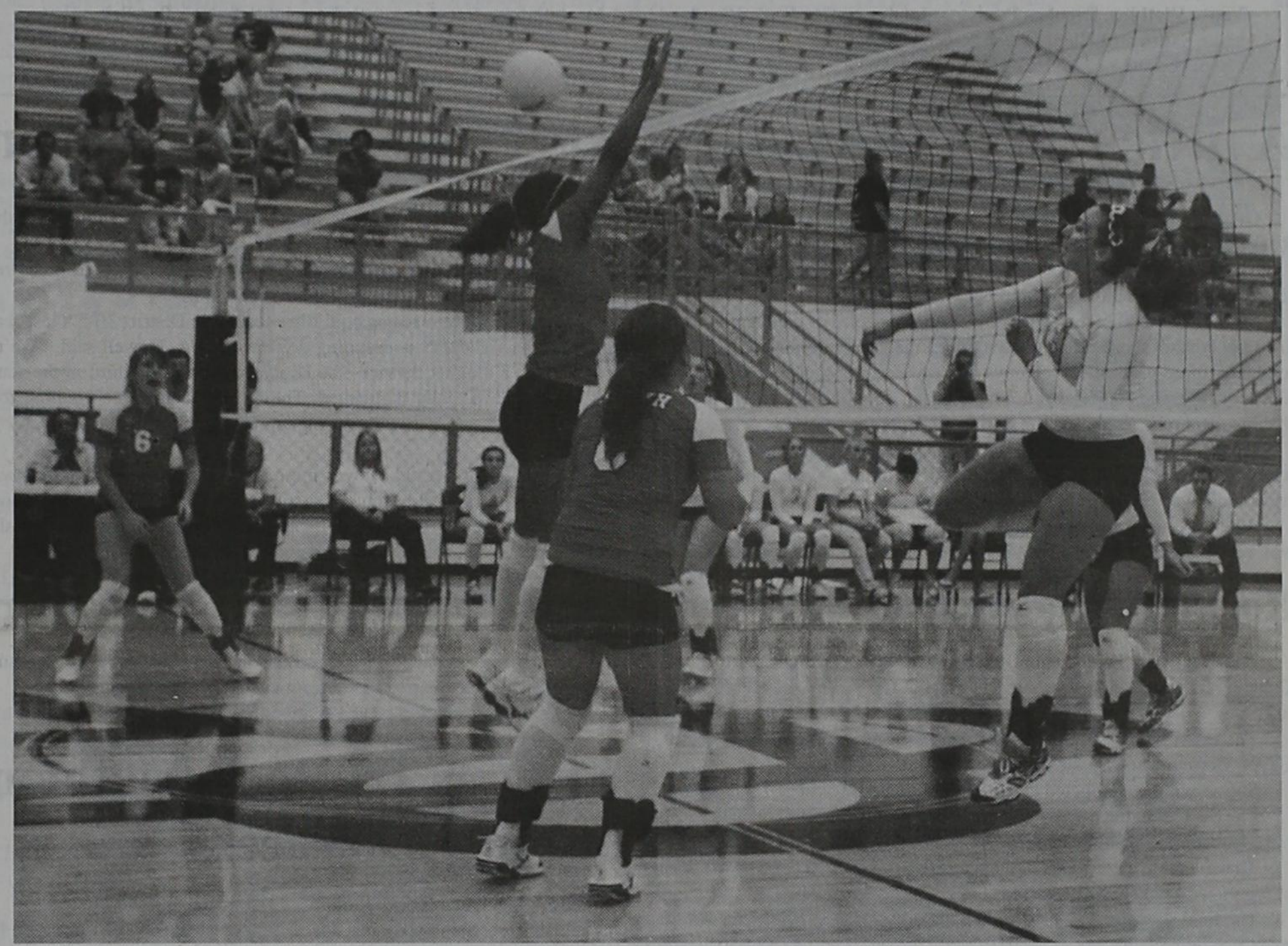
aces, with Fayrina Merrick's four digs, two aces

who finished their last season in 3A with a 28-11 record, will try to extend their win streak

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Grant Campbell (75) clears a defender for Ryan Fedric during the August 21 scrimmage with Frisco Centennial at Royse City. Jason Burns (74) assisted in the play. The Bulldogs open the 2008 season Thursday, August 28 at Denison. Photo by Amy Smith



The Royse City Lady Bulldogs outscored North Garland in action last week at home, with Kellie Wyrick (right) assisting at the net. Photo by Tim Burnett

## Royse City organizations receive gifts from estate

The Royse City Police Department and Royse City Early Bird Rotary Club are the beneficiaries of a gift provided by the estate of the late Lt. Jim Baker, a well-respected fraud investigator with the police department.

Lt. Baker's will stipulated that \$4,000 be given to the Battle of the Badges program, according to Royse City Police Chief Tom Shelton. Carolyn Thumann, Immediate Past President of Rotary, said the club also received \$4,000 to be used in conjunction with the police department.

The Battle of the Badges group is made up of police officers and firefighters who award scholarships to local students, and provide assistance to officers and their families in emergency situations. The money is raised at the annual Battle of the Badges golf tournament.

Lt. Baker was with the Royse City Police Department for four years. Before joining the department, he was an investigator in the private sector and conducted training seminars through his own company.

For more information on the Battle of the Badges, contact Lt. Jeff

Stapleton, Chief Tom Shelton or Lt. Rick Bell at the Royse City Police Department at 972-636-9422. For more information on the Royse City Early Bird Rotary Club, contact Thumann at 972-771-5844.

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The Texas Raiders Baseball Team recently places 4th out of 30 teams in the Baseball of America Super Series Under-11 Championships in Sherwood, Arkansas. The raiders are coached by Aaron Anzua and played in the Plano Premier League this spring. The team is composed of players from Heath, Dallas, Highland Park, Plano and Richardson. Players are (back row, left to right) Landon Lott, Garrett Erickson, Josh Salim, Layne Looney, Brenner Holliman, Andrew Frost, Sam Franklin, (front row) Vance Watkins, Brookes Panhans, Jordan Salim, Kade Woodard, and Jacob Salim. Coaches are (left to right) Jordan Bradley, Mike Salim and Head Coach Aaron Anzua. Photo courtesy of Melissa Holliman

## A little run in the park starts cross country season

OK, Jackets fans. You don't have to drive hundreds of miles to see a Rockwall team in action Saturday. The RHS boys' and girls' cross country teams will open their season in races beginning at 8:30 a.m. at Norbuck Park in Dallas. More than 1,000 high school runners are expected to compete over a 1 1/2-mile course, shorter than the two miles the girls will run or the five kilometers (three-plus miles) the boys will traverse most of this season. And a far cry from the 800 total miles head coach Toby Howell recommended that his male runners should run during the summer. "I was a little bit worried about the boys' side because we missed so many kids from last year," Howell said. "If we didn't have a good summer, we could have been in trouble."

returning runners. Supplementing them were two strong additions to the team, Jacob Phillips and R.J. Pettigrew. Their presence could prevent what Howell expected could be a "rebuilding year." The Yellowjackets' teams both were second in District 10-5A last season. Even though RHS is dropping down to 10-4A, Howell said, "We're moving into a tougher district. The Highland Park girls (third in the state last season) have really dominated. They're the team to be gunning for. (Richardson) Pearce is usually strong among the boys, and Roysse City is decent." Rockwall's girls could be even more up to the challenge than the revitalized boys' team is. Returning is a solid nucleus of Michelle Conomos, Randi Soldat, Caitlin White and Aly Heuer. According to Howell, freshman Kelly Hardenbrook should be a good addition.

## Rockwall High School cheerleaders host annual Cabaret fundraiser

The Rockwall High School cheerleaders will host their 21st annual Cabaret fundraiser, "The World is Our Stage," at performances set for Sept. 6-7. The event will feature songs and dances from Tokyo, Iceland, Russia, Egypt, Germany and Spain, as well as other countries. Shows will be conducted at the Williams Middle School Theater. The Sept. 6 matinee show will begin at 1 p.m.; doors will open at 12:30 p.m. Ticket price will be \$8. That evening, a 6:30 p.m. dinner show will be offered. Doors will open at 6 p.m., and tickets will cost \$15. The final show is scheduled for 3 p.m. Sept. 7. Doors will open at 2:30 p.m. Tickets will cost \$8.

The theater's capacity is 600, so advanced ticket purchases are suggested. Tickets may be purchased from any RHS cheerleader. For more information call 214-929-6455.

## Kiwanis Tri-Rock triathlon attracts 396 racers

The 8th Annual Tri-Rock Triathlon was held this past Sunday, August 24, at the Rockwall YMCA. The event drew 396 participants from around the state. Racers completed in a 300-yard swim, 14-mile bike ride and a 2.9-mile cross-country run. Sponsored by the Kiwanis Club of Rockwall, the annual triathlon is one of their major fundraisers of the year. 100% of the proceeds go back to the community in the form of scholarships and donations to organizations such as the YMCA, Helping Hands, Equest and Shoes for Kids, among others. Prizes were given in several categories, such as by age, singles or teams.

Local winners included:  
Female Age Group 45-49: 3rd Place, Carolyn Frankowski of Heath.  
Male Age Group 13-15: 1st Place, Justin Tokuz of Rockwall; 3rd Place, Ian Zurutuza of Heath.  
Male Age Group 16-19: 1st Place, Casey Hamilton of Rockwall; 3rd Place, Trip Lee of Rockwall.  
Male Age Group 20-24: 2nd Place, Louie Corwin of Rockwall

## Crafters wanted for RHS fundraising fair

If you are handy with a glue gun, the Rockwall High School PTA is looking for you. Booth applications are now being taken for its annual holiday arts and crafts fair in November. The fair will be from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, November 8 in the Rockwall High School gymnasium. Proceeds from the show are given to the school to help where financial assistance is needed. In the past, the fundraiser has provided prom tickets for students who could not afford to attend, helped the school's robotics club attend a national competition in Georgia, and purchased special academic supplies and equipment. To receive more information about the event and booth rentals, contact Liz Tarter at 972-772-8662 or at liztarter@nstin.net.

## Road trip: Rockwall travels to Midland for first football game

Rockwall head football coach Scott Smith does his own team, but he knows even less about opponent Lee. Smith said, "They did not scrimmage. All we game seven last year and our game against them they're well drilled. They play an odd (numbered) multiple offense. They're skilled and physical." On the other hand, the Yellowjackets benefited last Friday at Denison. "We always want to keep getting better," Smith from the start of the Denison scrimmage to the end. Now it's on to face Midland Lee, which has made the playoffs in each of the last two seasons out of District (6-6 in 2007) now are in the huge (10 teams, stretching Texas) District 2-5A. This is the third consecutive year that Rockwall as part of ASCO Midland Football Madness, a three-day five high school games. Smith has ties to Midland from coach of Lee's rival, Odessa Permian. Lee also is somewhat unknown because just 2 received all-district mention last year are returning both defensive players: safety Zach Starnes (honorable man Josey Childs (first team). The Jackets also are missing key components, especially players, from last year's team. They finished second 6-5 overall after a heart-breaking 42-35 Bi-District game at Texas Stadium. Eight first-team and six second-team all-district players among them were the 10-5A offensive most valuable player Braden Smith, now at SMU; first-team wide receiver (Rice), and running back Robert Carter (Eastern New Mexico). Replacing Smith is the lone first-team all-district Adam Dingwell was rarely used as a backup quarterback as an all-district tight end. The other leading returnees, all seniors, receiveable mention: wide receiver Mark Ulbik, 290-pound John Noble, linebackers Matt Claggett and Melrick Gunderson. Two other seniors are back after missing time last end Aaron Arterburn - at 6'3" and 225 pounds - college prospect, despite being out all of last season on jury. The team missed all 135 pounds of running back White after a foot injury knocked him out during the are at full strength now, Scott Smith said. The coach said, "There are a lot of new faces, new part of it, creating the chemistry of the team. There's a number of positions, and that's exciting. "It's so early. It usually takes us until midway to develop that chemistry. I don't worry; I just address the some people who have come on already." At least to begin the season, the Jackets will depend on committee of Anthony Strange, Josh Broach and a big Myles.

Joining Ulbik at wide receiver will be juniors Luke Loy, who's also the backup quarterback. "Jarron White receiver and also the running back position," Smith pointed out. **Jackets open against Midland Lee**  
Who: Rockwall vs. Midland Lee.  
When: Saturday, Aug. 31, 11 a.m.  
Where: Grande Communications Stadium, Midland (Rockwall).  
Records: Rockwall 0-0, Midland Lee 0-0.  
Injuries: No major injuries reported on either side.  
History: Rockwall defeated Lee 35-13 in the 2006 playoffs.

## Thursday night lights: Rowlett to visit Rockwall

**Who: Rockwall vs. Rowlett.**  
**When: Thursday, Sept. 4, 7 p.m.**  
**Where: Wilkerson-Sanders Stadium.**  
**Records: Rockwall opens Aug. 30 vs. Midland Lee at North Mesquite.**  
Injuries: Eagles quarterback Blake Hamblin suffered during preseason practice. Linebacker Parker Jackson concussed because of a knee injury. Backup running back Nick being seriously injured in an auto accident.  
History: Rockwall defeated Rowlett by three points in two seasons when they were District 10-5A rivals. Jackets coach Smith said the non-district rivalry would continue for the future. Notes: Just five days after opening their season, the Yellowjackets be back in action against Rowlett, which last year finished 10-4 in the Area playoff round after upsetting 9-5A champion Allen. "It's a quick turnaround, so we're preparing for both," Smith said. "Rowlett has made some changes, but they're still young." The Eagles have seven players returning on offense, including running back Dexter Imade, who ran for 1,351 yards and 14 touchdowns last year. Rowlett's track team won the 5A state championship last year with wide receiver Marquise Goodwin taking four individual titles and world junior long jump champion. The Eagles are speedy but not big. The big question will be whether Scott West can guide the team in Hamblin's absence.

## Rockwall HS, Williams MS sports schedule

- Rockwall Yellowjackets**  
**Saturday, Aug. 30**  
\* Boys' and girls' cross country at Norbuck Park, Dallas.  
\* Varsity football vs. Midland Lee, Grande Communications Stadium, Midland, 11 a.m.  
**Tuesday, Sept. 2**  
\* Volleyball at Wylie: Freshman B, 6 p.m.; Varsity and JV, 7:30 p.m.  
**Wednesday, Sept. 3**  
\* Football: JV White home vs. Rowlett, Wilkerson-Sanders Stadium, 5:30 p.m.  
\* Freshman at Rowlett, 5:30 and 7 p.m.  
\* JV Orange home vs. Rowlett, Wilkerson-Sanders Stadium, 7:30 p.m.  
**Thursday, Sept. 4**  
\* Varsity football vs. Rowlett at Johnson Stadium, Garland, 7:30 p.m.  
**Friday, Sept. 5**  
\* Volleyball at Denton Guyer: Varsity vs. Denton Guyer, 6 p.m.; JV vs. Denton Guyer, 7:30 p.m.; JV and freshman A and B times TBA.  
**Williams Wildcats**  
**Thursday, Sept. 4**  
\* 8th grade volleyball home vs. Allen Curtis: C at 5:30 p.m. and A at 7:30 p.m.  
\* 7th grade volleyball at Allen Curtis: C at 5:30 p.m. and A at 7:30 p.m.

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- 7 TXism: "big enough to burn diesel"
- 8 TX Robby film: "\_\_\_ to Billy Joe"
- 9 even more talkative
- 16 dry, arid
- 18 TXism: "costs \_\_\_ leg"
- 21 air gun ammo
- 22 TXism: "mobile mouse \_\_\_ (cat)"
- 23 welding method
- 24 TXism: "blind \_\_\_"
- 30 TX-raised Erin Cummings film: "Tomorrow's \_\_\_" ('06)
- 34 summer savior in TX (abbr.)
- 35 TX-based chain: "Taco \_\_\_"
- 36 TXism: "fought tooth and \_\_\_"
- 37 T-shirt size
- 39 with "The," '91 film of TX-raised Emily Warfield (4 wds.)
- 43 "It's just a means to \_\_\_"
- 44 a Ranger catcher, Max
- 45 school exercise (abbr.)
- 46 TXism: "\_\_\_ slapper" (funny)
- 47 flowers: \_\_\_ way of saying "love"
- 49 Cowboy safety Thomas for '93 Super Bowl
- 52 pie \_\_\_ mode
- 53 TX-born actor Rip (init.)
- 54 Santa's helpers
- 55 profession of TX-born Renee Zellweger
- 58 Odessa has replica of Shakespeare's \_\_\_ Theatre
- 59 LBJ appointed this Fortas to Supreme Ct.
- 60 TXism: "take a look \_\_\_"
- 61 \_\_\_ Benito, TX

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- 2 Armstrong Co. seat
- 3 TX Buck Owens' "I've Got \_\_\_ the Tail"
- 4 TXism: "busy as \_\_\_-armed paper hanger"
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- 10 TX pronghorn
- 11 famous '50s Dallas stripper, Candy
- 12 Mavs retired #15 jersey of this Davis
- 13 Chevy model
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- 15 cell nucleic acid
- 17 first name of town of Alamo, TX
- 19 TX Dabney Coleman '87 film give consent
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- 25 Denton outlaw Bass
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- 31 Elliott of film "Tombstone" with TX-born Powers Boothe
- 32 this Kleberg is great-grandson of King Ranch founder
- 33 A-Rod left Rangers for this team
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- 40 one-man play based on Truman Capote
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- 42 TX Pride's "\_\_\_ So Loved"
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The alleged heir(s) at law in the above numbered and entitled estate filed an Application to Determine Heirship in this estate on January 30, 2008, requesting that the Court determine who are the heirs and only heirs of Audrey Allene Clark, deceased, and their respective shares and interests in such estate. Said application may be acted

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**Notice to the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission in accordance with the provisions of the Alcoholic Beverage Code.**

By: Twyla Starr, Deputy Clerk.

on by the Court at any docket on or after 10:00 A.M. on the first Monday following the expiration of ten days from date of publication of this citation. All persons interested in this case are cited to appear before this Honorable Court by filing a written contest or answer to this Application should they desire to do so. To ensure its consideration, you or your attorney must file any objection, intervention, or response in writing with the County Clerk of Rockwall County, Texas on or before the above noted date and time.

If this citation is not served within 90 days after date of its issuance, it shall be returned unserved.

Issued under my hand and the seal of said Court at office in Rockwall, Texas, August 20, 2008.

Lisa Constant, County Clerk  
Rockwall County, Texas  
By: Twyla Starr, Deputy Clerk.

**NOTICE OF PROPOSED BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2008-2009 AND PUBLIC HEARING**  
Pursuant to TEX. LOCAL GOV'T CODE ANN. § 102.006  
CITY OF MCLENDON-CHISHOLM, TEXAS  
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The City Council of the City of McLendon-Chisholm will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, the 9th day of September, 2008, at 6:30 p.m., at Chisholm Baptist Church, Fellowship Hall, 1388 State Highway 205, Rockwall, Texas 75032, for consideration of the Proposed Municipal Budget for Fiscal Year 2007-2008.

A copy of the Proposed Municipal Budget for Fiscal Year 2007-2008 will be available for review prior to the hearing in the office of the City Secretary.

### PUBLIC NOTICE

A public hearing will be held by the City of Rockwall Building & Standards Commission on Thursday, September 11, 2008. The following properties will be addressed during the public hearing: 2065 Crestlake Dr., 904 N. Goliad, 303 E. Rusk St., 4037 N. Goliad, and 605 N. Alamo, and 801 Austin. The meeting will be held at 7:30 P.M. in the City Council Chambers, located at 385 S. Goliad St., Rockwall, TX 75087.

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**  
FATE PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO. 1, PHASE 1A  
CITY OF FATE, TEXAS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the City Council of the City of Fate, Texas (the "City"), has called a public hearing for September 8, 2008, at 6:00 p.m. at the Fate Community Center, 104 South WE Crawford (FM 551), Texas to consider a service and assessment plan and the levy of assessments against the benefited property within Phase 1A of Fate Public Improvement District No. 1 (the "District") for paying the costs of certain improvements to be made within Phase 1A of the District pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 372 of the Texas Local Government Code, as amended.

At such time and place the City Council will hear testimony regarding the proposed assessments. All written or oral objections to the assessments will be considered at the hearing.

The general nature of the improvements are the design, construction and acquisition of water and sewer system improvements, storm drainage improvements and street and road improvements, including grading and site preparation for such improvements, for Phase 1A of the District; and expenses incurred in establishment of the District and costs incident to the issuance of bonds to be issued to fund said improvements.

The estimated total costs of the improvements is \$4,800,773, which includes expenses incurred in establishment of the District and costs incident to the issuance of bonds to be issued to fund said improvements, of which \$4,650,000, shall be paid by assessment of the property owners within the District.

The boundaries of said District consist of a tract of approximately 317.21 acres of land, situated in the J.H. Balley Survey, Abstract No. 44, the D. Thedford Survey, Abstract No. 208, the G.W. Ridlin Survey, Abstract No. 184, the J. Edison Survey, Abstract No. 78, the S.B. Crabtree Survey, Abstract No. 58, the J.B. Merchant Survey, Abstract No. 159 and the J.T. Spillers Survey, Abstract No. 205, Rockwall County, Texas, and being all of that tract of land described in a Deed to Fate I-30, L.P., as recorded in Volume 3569, Page 275 of the Official Public Records of Rockwall County, Texas, all of that tract of land described in a Deed to Fate I-30, L.P., as recorded in Volume 3542, Page 39 of the Official Public Records of Rockwall County, Texas, and being part of that tract of land described in a Deed to Fate I-30, L.P., as recorded in Volume 3525, page 229 of the Of-

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Planning and Zoning Commission will hold a public hearing on **Tuesday**, September 2, 2008 at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at Rockwall City Hall, 385 South Goliad, and the Rockwall City Council will hold a public hearing on **Monday**, September 22, 2008 at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at Rockwall City Hall, 385 South Goliad, to consider the following item:

### Accessory Building 2855 Rolling Meadows (SUP)

Requesting and consider a request from CJ Rhodes for approval of a Specific Use Permit for an accessory building that does not meet the exterior materials requirements of the City of Rockwall Ordinance 1, Rolling Meadows Estates, which is zoned (SF-E/4.0) Single Family Residential, located at 2855 Rolling Meadows Drive and take any action necessary.

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

### CAUSE NO. PR 08-74

IN THE COUNTY COURT AT LAW OF ROCKWALL COUNTY, TEXAS

### PUBLISHED NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Mary Elizabeth Crawford, were issued on the 20th day of August, 2008 in Docket Number 08-00001 in the County Court at Law of Rockwall County, Texas to Frank Stevenson Crawford, Independent Executor.

The address of record for Frank Stevenson Crawford is 2475 Underwood #291, Rockwall, Texas 75087.

Persons having claims against this Estate are required to present their claims in the manner prescribed by law.

This 20th day of August, 2008.

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Bids will be examined at the offices of Wier & Associates, located at 701 Highlander Avenue, Rockwall, Texas, 75087 (phone number - 817-467-7700 fax 817-467-7713). Plans and Specifications are available at the same address, at a non-refundable fee of \$50.00. Bids are due on **August 28, 2008.**

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The District is generally located in the southwest corner of the intersection of I-30 and FM 551 (with a small portion located east of FM 551 and south of I-30), as more particularly described by a metes and bounds description in resolution number R-226 adopted by the City Council of the City of Fate on November 6, 2006, available at Fate City Hall, 105 East Fate Main Place, Fate, Texas, and available for public inspection. Phase 1A comprises approximately 92.379 acres of land, situated in the northeastern portion of the District.

The proposed service and assessment plan and assessment roll providing for the costs of said improvements to be assessed, levied and apportioned against the benefitted property within Phase 1A of the District and the real and true owner or owners thereof, is on file at the office of the City Secretary, Fate City Hall, 105 East Fate Main Place, Fate, Texas and open for public inspection.

NO. PR08-62

IN RE: ESTATE OF IN THE COUNTY COURT GLEN ALLEN SMITH, SR., AT LAW OF DECEASED ROCKWALL COUNTY, TEXAS

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

IN RE: Estate of GLEN ALLEN SMITH, SR., Deceased

Notice is hereby given that Letters Of Dependent Administration With Will Annexed of the Estate of GLEN ALLEN SMITH, SR., Deceased, were granted to the undersigned on August 12, 2008, by the County Court at Law of Rockwall County, Texas. All persons having claims against said Estate are hereby required to present the same to NATHAN K. GRIFFIN, Dependent Administrator With Will Annexed of the Estate of GLEN ALLEN SMITH, SR., Deceased, within the time prescribed by law. Claims should be mailed to: NATHAN K. GRIFFIN, Administrator of the Estate of GLEN ALLEN SMITH, SR., Deceased, 2626 Cole Avenue - Suite 510, Dallas, Texas 75204.

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**Request for Sealed Competitive**  
**Proposals**  
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**FIELD MAINTENANCE**  
**RFP 09-09-19-86**

Proposals received until 2:00 PM September 19, 2008

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District anticipates award at the October 20th board meeting. Proposal forms should be in a sealed envelope to the attention of the Director of Purchasing and marked with the proposal number and name. Proposals will be received until 2:00 PM on September 19, 2008 at the Administration Center located at 1050 Williams Street, Rockwall TX 75087 at which time said proposals will be publicly opened but not read.

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