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Royse City couple trapped five days Following hurricane's landfall in Mexico

By Bill Coppedge

During an evacuation, in pitch-black darkness, I fell down the stairs," Alisha Elliott said. "My ankle is still very fat and it really hurts. This is only one of the horrifying events that occurred during the storm. I, along with excessive heat, humidity and very little - then the storm hit. This is the most scared I have ever been. When our cell phone ran out of power, there was no way to get back home to let them know we were all right."

Donny Elliott of Royse City and his wife, Alisha, had scheduled the trip to Los Cabos, Mexico, to celebrate the Elliotts' anniversary.

The couple have three girls -- Jacie, Kori, 4 -- who luckily went on the trip with their parents. Alisha's mother, in Sachse, Miller lost her daughter after the cell phones batteries ran out. The next three days were sheer hell, not knowing what to do for her daughter, son-in-law and

They arrived on Sept. 14 and were rescued Sept. 18. Their trip was a beautiful vacation resort, and the two of them were so excited about what lay ahead of them: long days of eating, enticing food and enjoying being stress-free for a few days.

They had been told that a Category 3 hurricane was on its way, but it turned out to be a Category 4. When they arrived at the hotel, RIU Santa Fe, an hour and 45 minutes after the hurricane hit. The hotel had an occupancy of 902 guests. As

tourists arrived, the staff told them to go into the kitchen and get their own plates of food, then go to their rooms where they would ride out the hurricane.

That was the last they saw of any staff or hotel personnel. The tourists were deserted, left on their own to survive the best they could, according to the Elliotts.

At 4:30 a.m. Sept. 15, the resort lost all power.

Estimates indicated there were 38,000 tourists trapped in the area during the hurricane and its aftermath.

"When it was over, the first floor of the hotel was under five feet of nasty, dirty, stinky water," Alisha said. "There were no toilets, no water for bathing, and the smell in the air became really foul. During our entire stay, no one from the hotel ever came to check on us to see if we were injured, ill or needed help in any way."

The Palace Resort next door was on higher ground, so many of the Santa Fe customers went there to take refuge in the lobby. Tourists were crowding everywhere to try to find a safe place. Rumors of all the stores being looted were rampant and the tourists were told that looters and terrorists

had taken all the food and water.

The Palace did try to help with some food and water for the guests from the Santa Fe Hotel. On Sept. 15 the Palace began rationing food and everyone got one meal. Tourists got three small meals on Sept. 16 and two meals on Sept. 17. By then, the drinking water was gone.

At 3 a.m. Sept. 18, Alisha said they were told that a shuttle was coming to take them to the plane that would airlift tourists out of the area. They also were told to pack only what would fit in a carry-on bag, such as a back-pack, and leave the rest of their luggage in the room. The Elliotts' room was on the fourth floor. Their friends' room was on the third floor.

As everyone began to slowly make their way down the stairs in

darkness, Alisha missed a step and fell down the stairs, hurting her ankle.

It was 9:45 a.m. Sept. 18 before the shuttles finally arrived to take them to the airport.

"Once the tourists arrived at the airport, they were told that the elderly, ill and those with young children would be boarded and flown out first," Donny said. "But that didn't happen. The line for waiting was over a mile long and the wait for planes was unbelievably long. Remember there were literally thousands of people trying to get out of there. We waited over five hours before we were loaded onto a plane."

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Alisha and Donny Elliott of Royse City spent five days in Los Cabos, Mexico, as Typhoon Odile.

Photo courtesy/Rockwall County News



This is the remains of a home improvement store after Hurricane Odile ravaged Los Cabos, Mexico, on Sept. 14.

Photo by Alisha Elliott/Rockwall County News

Modern brick pattern to remain in historic downtown

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On Monday, September 15, during a work session in the regular Rockwall City Council meeting, the brick pattern chosen for the pavement around the square will stand under the downtown improvements project.

According to a memo from City Manager Rick Crowley to the mayor and council, the council continues to receive complaints of varying detail related to the brick selection of the downtown project. Several meetings with Hill & Wilkinson, a Texas building contractor based in Dallas and La Terra, a Dallas-based landscape architectural firm, have been held about the brick in question.

Had council chosen to amend the current plan, the area on the square where brick has just been installed would have been modified by chiseling out the black bricks and replacing each with a rose-colored brick which may be selected as a more desirable color and is readily available.

Hill & Wilkinson's cost estimate to purchase the rose-colored brick, chisel out the installed black bricks and replace with the rose colored brick, remove black bricks from the mingled pallets and insert rose-colored brick, along with other cost would total \$30,534 and would take approximately two weeks.

"No matter what we do, somebody's not going to like it and somebody is going to like it," Councilmember Mike Townsend said.

Other council members also voiced their opinions about the look of the current brick pattern as it stands. "I don't see any black downtown except the black of the mold on some of the bricks. I, like some people on the committee, think it looks too modern if we're looking to make it historic and I think that's what they were talking about," Mayor Pro Tem Jim Pruitt said. "This is not a project where some designers decided how it should look and when I received comments from the majority of the committee that picked this, they weren't happy with it. I understand they have a right to change their minds and that's why right now, we have a chance to change this at a very minimal cost."

"I don't know that one is better than the other. I just know that one will save us \$30,000," Councilman Bennie Daniels said.

A motion was made to chisel out the black bricks already installed and replace them with rose colored bricks as per the requested estimate.

The motion failed with a 2-5 vote. The two affirming votes being Mayor Sweet and Mayor Pro Tem Pruitt. "When you start setting the precedence that you will change, change, change, you end up with a Fannin Street or Clark Street situation," Councilmember David White said, "There's no assurances in construction."

Other items that the council discussed were:

The budget for the Rockwall Technology Park Association budget was approved. The budget includes a slight increase in the park maintenance budget to reflect more frequent mowing intervals on the property.

A request for a Charter Review Commission was approved. The council will consist of ten citizens from the city. According to the tentative schedule, the commission will meet from mid-October through the end of the year and the committee will meet with the council between January and February 2015.

The next scheduled city council meeting will be October 6 at Rockwall City Hall.

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On Monday, September 15, the Rockwall City Council voted to keep the current modern pattern on the renovation of the downtown square.

Photo by Tim Burnett/Rockwall County News



Alyssa Childers and Andrew Sauerwein were crowned homecoming queen and king during pre-game activities conducted Sept. 26. Childers is the head varsity cheerleader, a member of theater, National Honor Society and Mu Alpha Theta. She hopes to attend either the University of Arkansas or Texas Tech where she will pursue a nursing degree. Sauerwein, a member of the drum line, is a culinary arts student and a participant in Special Olympics swimming, basketball, soccer and weightlifting. After earning his high school diploma, he plans to continue honing his talents in guitar and drums, as well as working with animals.

Photo by Bill Carter (billcarterphotography.zenfolio.com)/Rockwall County News

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Oct. 4 open house
Rockwall Fire Department 10th annual open house from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Oct. 4 at Rockwall Parkway. Admission will be free. Food, demonstrations and family-friendly activities. The event coincides with Convention Week, Oct. 3-5. For more about the event, visit rockwall.net or call 972-970-1700.

Democratic Men to meet for luncheon
The Democratic Men's Group of Rockwall County will host its next luncheon beginning at noon Oct. 4 at Johnny Carino's Italian Restaurant, 819 E. I-30, Rockwall. The group meets on the first Saturday of each month at various local restaurants to discuss local, state and national events and politics. Men concerned about the future direction of Texas and Rockwall County are welcome. Topic for discussion at the next meeting will be the upcoming statewide election.

RHHS Shattered Dreams DVD viewing set
The Rockwall-Heath High School Shattered Dreams program will provide a community viewing of its DVD beginning at 6:30 p.m. Oct. 6 in the RHHS Performing Arts Center. The two-day program, which takes a full year to plan, is conducted with assistance from local police departments, EMTs, AirEvac, faculty and staff, judges, attorneys and volunteers and is offered to juniors and seniors prior to prom. The screening will be open to the public and free; (Continued on Page 3)

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Local artist finds renewed desire to paint; art show set for Oct.

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Local artist Joe LaBarre was drawing "recognizable objects" from the age of 3, according to his mother, Patti LaBarre.

Joe LaBarre attended Rockwall High School from 2004-2006 and Rockwall Christian Academy from 2006-2007 before graduating from RCA.

Jason Bishop, owner of The Londoner in Rockwall, walked up on LaBarre painting outside one evening and commissioned him to do a painting of some of his show cows. LaBarre did a large painting of a barn with Bishop's cows prominently featured. The painting was done from a photo LaBarre snapped.

"It was a picture I went out and took at like 6:30 in the morning, so the sun was hitting it in kind of a cool way," LaBarre said.

Upon delivery of the painting, Bishop commissioned two more paintings to go in his newly constructed restaurant in Frisco.

The two paintings of Tony Bennett and Frank Sinatra will adorn the walls of Fede Trattoria, an Italian restaurant, which will open in the coming weeks.

"I really started messing around with paint when I was seven or eight or nine," LaBarre said.

He remembers getting together with his cousin, Amber Waddell, and a Bob Ross paint set and watching the weekend fly by.

"We would paint and play N64 and that was pretty much our weekend," LaBarre said, "We did that at least once a month for at least a year or two."

In fifth grade, art class in school kept him entertained.

He took lessons from another local artist in seventh and eighth grade.

In middle school he also picked up more art classes in school.

"Whatever electives [he] took [in school]," his mother said, "It was always art."

After graduation, art was put on the back burner until 2012.

"I just kinda tried it out again one night," LaBarre said, "I went

to Wal-Mart and picked up some oil paint starter set and cheap brushes. Just on a whim. And I was like 'Oh, this is fun, I forgot how fun it was.'"

Little by little, the flame began to burn brighter. LaBarre credits online photo-sharing application Instagram for reigniting his interest in painting.

"I've wanted to do this since I was a little kid," LaBarre then, especially in high school, I was really negative about it. I really saw any real world application for it and I was never at art galleries or anything. I just never thought anything would of it. Then, now, I really see how people are making their end off of it and I'm like OK, that's what I want to do."

LaBarre and his mother, Patti, both will enter pieces in the Annual Fall Fine Art Show, which will be run Oct. 3-5 at the Rotary Building.

Show hours will be noon to 7 p.m. Friday; 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday; 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday.

Mayor David Sweet will present the awards at a reception to be held at the Rotary Building on Saturday.

Sales of artwork will support Tom Collins Memorial Scholarship, which is given annually to a Rockwall graduate.

Nationally recognized, award-winning artist Rusty Jones will also be present.



Local artist Joe LaBarre has been putting paint to canvas for as long as he can remember. His pieces will be entered into the 14th Annual Fall Fine Art Show held by the Rockwall Art Association on October 3-5 at the Rockwall Rotary Building located at 408 South Goliad just south of the downtown square.

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Jenae Glanton, Cain Middle School director and Fine Arts Department was awarded the Texas Educational Association's K-8 Educator of the Year Sept. 23. The award is given to Texas educators who have shown excellence in and superior theater education. Glanton is a graduate of Texas Woman's University, with bachelor's and master's degrees in theater. She has been teaching middle-school theater for 11 years and has directed more than 30 productions at the middle-school level, earning nine ULL Play district placements. This is her second year in the Rockwall ISD. Glanton is an Actor's Association Membership Candidate and has been in several professional productions in the Fort Worth area. She is an honorary PTA member and serves the Texas Educational Theater Association as the K-12 Committee vice president-elect and the Texas Thespians Chapter as Junior Thespians Festival director. Courtesy photo/Rockwall County News

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RPD plans Texas Night Out observance

A community event designed to unite citizens of Rockwall against crime and reinforce community-police partnerships, Texas Night Out, will run from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Oct. 7. Every year, many Rockwall residents participate by turning on their porch lights, locking their doors and spending the evening outside with their neighbors...

Caregiver Conference set Oct. 10

A free conference sponsored by Meals on Wheels Senior Services and Texas AgriLife Extension Service is set for Oct. 10 at the Rockwall County Library. The event will open at 8:30 a.m. with exhibits and registration; the conference will run from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Breakfast and lunch will be provided.

Breakfast fundraiser to benefit Rockwall PAWS

Rockwall PAWS will benefit from a breakfast fundraiser at Applebee's in Rockwall, 687 E. I-30, from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. Oct. 11. Tickets cost \$8 per person and half of the proceeds will be used to fund the treatment of heartworms in positive shelter dogs.

Master Gardeners to host plant sale

The Rockwall County Master Gardeners will host a plant sale from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Oct. 11 at the County Courthouse next door to the library. The event will be conducted rain or shine. Available plants will include pansies, violas, snapdragons, chrysanthemums, dwarf roses and more.

RARTA plans Oct. 13 meeting

The Rockwall Area Retired Teachers Association will meet Oct. 13 at the Rockwall ISD Administration Building, 1050 Williams, in Room 800. The meeting is scheduled for 1:45 p.m.; however, those planning to attend are invited to come at 1:15 p.m. for refreshments.

Republican tent rally set Oct. 18

The Rockwall County Republican Women, Rockwall County Men, Rockwall Hispanic Club and the Rockwall County GOP will host a Republican Under One Tent Rally from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Oct. 18 at 730 N. Munson, Roysse City. Area residents are urged to come and meet the Republican candidates, enjoy a fish fry and dance along with the Rockwall County Square Dancers.

Raffle campaign to benefit CASA, AMBUCS

A raffle campaign to benefit Lakeside AMBUCS and CASA of Rockwall County is being conducted at the Heath Salon & Spa. The winners will win holiday gifts; winners' names will be drawn Nov. 6. Cost is \$5 per ticket or \$20 for five tickets.

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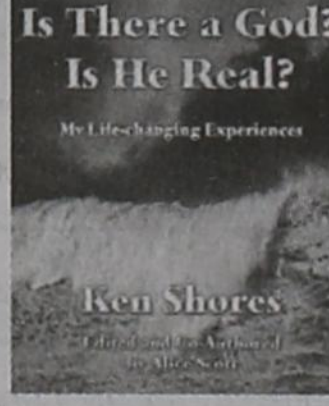
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Roysse City couple endures hurricane's landfall in Mexico ...

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The temperature has risen and it was so very hot. There were many elderly people and parents with tiny babies, standing in the blazing sun, toward the end of the line. It was a horrible scene. Those in charge, just took the first in line and loaded them on the planes. They did not even try to get the elderly, ill or young in first."

The Elliots said they were told there were casualties from the after-effects of the hurricane. Two tourists were reported missing after having gone out into the ocean to swim in the high tides. The Coast Guard was looking for them, but at the time of the two couples' departure, it was unknown as to whether or not the two mission persons had been found.

The Elliots arrived back in Dallas at 9 p.m. Sept. 18, so happy to be home.

Their luggage is still there as far as she knows, Alisha said, and she doesn't think they will ever see it again. She has written a letter to the hotel where they stayed, hoping to get some type of refund or even some answers to her questions regarding their lack of service.

The worst part of the whole experience, she said, was that after dark they could not go outside as it was pitch black and they had nothing to do but just sit in the rooms or lie in their beds. No power, no television, no communication with anyone. Because of the violence they were heard about, they were afraid to leave their room; after all, they were on the fourth floor and it was a long walk up and down the stairs in total darkness.

Alisha said she was sad and didn't understand why the media reported almost nothing regarding the hurricane or the many thousands who were stranded there for five days. Many were from Texas and the Dallas area.

"The iPhone got more coverage in the media than the hurricane did," she said.

"It will be interesting to see if we ever get our luggage back or a refund for the disastrous trip, to mention the cost of the flight," she said. "At the very least, I would like a response to my letter."

Final Texas Gateway Project community info sessions slated

The last of several community information sessions scheduled as part of the development of the Texas Northeast Gateway Project, a limited-access tollway facility that will meet transportation needs identified by the Blacklands Corridor Feasibility Study, will be conducted this week and next week.

The remaining sessions are scheduled as follows:

- Oct. 2, 7 a.m. to 9 a.m., Comfort Suites, Lake Ray Hubbard, 8701 E. I-30, Rowlett
• Oct. 2, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., Comfort Suites, Lake Ray Hubbard, 8701 E. I-30, Rowlett
• Oct. 7, 7 a.m. to 9 a.m., Best Western, 2011 Hwy. 78, Wylie
• Oct. 7, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., Best Western, 2011 Hwy. 78, Wylie
• Oct. 8, 7 a.m. to 9 a.m., Holiday Inn Express, 1001 Pullen St., Roysse City

Sessions in Rockwall were conducted last week.

The Texas Turnpike Corp. is developing the Texas Northeast Gateway Project, conducted by the North Central Texas Council of Governments. Texas Turnpike Corp., under the guidance of the Texas Department of Transportation, is conducting studies concerning the feasibility, route or alignment and environmental impact of the project.

For more information, visit texasnortheastgateway.com, email info@texasnortheastgateway.com or call 817-763-5500.

RISD school board plans work session

The trustees for the Rockwall Independent School District will have a work session beginning at 6:30 p.m. Oct. 6 in the district's Administration/Education Center, Room 600, at 1050 Williams St.

The board will hear a report on facilities assessment and renovations, followed by demographics projections and new facility needs. The superintendent also will provide an overview of the district's "next steps," according to the meeting's agenda.

Rockwall County Entertainment

Art League plans Fine Art Show

The Rockwall Art League will host its 14th Annual Fine Art Show Oct. 3-5 in the Rockwall Rotary Building, 408 S. Goliad. Show hours will be noon to 7 p.m. Friday; 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday; and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday. Mayor David Sweet will present the awards at a reception from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday. The event will be free and open to the public.

Rib Rub & Run planned in Rockwall

An IBCA-sanctioned barbecue competition, the Rib Rub & Run, will run from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Oct. 4 at The Center, 108 E. Washington, Rockwall. The event will feature 5k and 10k runs, live music, wing tasting, barbecue-related vendors, food, a kid zone and many more activities.

Artists' reception planned for Oct. 9

An artists' reception for Joetta Currie and Doris Vasek, in conjunction with Downtown Rockwall's Monthly Night Owl Experience, will run from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Oct. 9 at KE Cellars, located at 301 N. San Jacinto in downtown Rockwall.

The artists' work will be featured from Oct. 9 through Nov. 5. The reception will be free and open to the public.

Talking Tombstones set Oct. 10

The Rockwall County Historical Foundation and the Rockwall County Historical Commission will present the next Brown Bag Lecture Series event from noon to 1 p.m. Oct. 10 at the historic courthouse in downtown Rockwall. The topic will be October's traditional Talking Tombstones, with residents from Rockwall's past "coming to life to tell their own stories."

Fishing derby slated at Harry Myers Park

The pond at Harry Myers Park, 945 E. Washington, has been stocked with catfish in anticipation of the City of Rockwall's Parks & Rec department's Oct. 11 fishing derby. The event, open to children ages 3-14, will run from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. and cost \$5 per fisherman. Participants may bring their own bait; a limited amount of bait will be made available.

Not-so-Scary Hayride to be offered

Not-so-Scary Hayrides will be offered Oct. 17-18 in Myers Park East. Rides will be offered from 8:30 a.m. to 10 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. to noon on both days and from 1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. on Oct. 18. The rides will be available to children through the age of 7 and will include a Monster Mash dance, spooky snacks and story time.

Iron Chef Challenge fundraiser scheduled

The Boys & Girls Club of Rockwall County will host its Iron Chef Challenge from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. Oct. 18 at the South Fork Ranch. Space is limited; only the first 20 teams or 200 people will be allowed to participate. For more information email mpotter@bgcrockwall.com or call 972-722-2462.

Rockwall County Obituaries

Damian Atticus Finch

service for Damian Atticus Finch, newborn son of Jeffrey (Wood) Finch, was conducted at 3 p.m. Sept. 29, at the Haven Funeral Home-Rockwall Chapel. He died on Sept. 23.

For whom the world was not quite ready, he is loved and missed by members of his family: his parents, his sister, and brother, Grayson Finch, all of Roysse City; his father, Tommy and Kevin Griffin, Eddie Wood and Patrick and his great-grandparents, Coquese and Jeffrey Goines; uncles and other family members.

Health Fair set Tuesday in Rockwall

Parks & Recreation department and the Dallas Vet Center will host the 3rd Annual 55 & Better Senior Health Fair beginning at 10 a.m. Oct. 1, at 108 E. Washington, Rockwall.

The fair will include a variety of vendors, including health care professionals, retirement communities and more. Community groups and organizations that provide military and veteran services will be present.

Services from the Dallas Vet Center will be on hand to provide information on Readjustment Counseling Services for veterans, National Guardsmen and their families. The Mobile Library from the San Antonio Vet Center will be on site.

Refreshments also will be offered. For more information, contact Mary Jones, office manager, or Terri Adams, at the Dallas Vet Center at 2140361-5896.

Homecoming planned for Oct. 10

Rockwall High School's annual homecoming is set for Oct. 10. Information on the Roysse City Independent School District

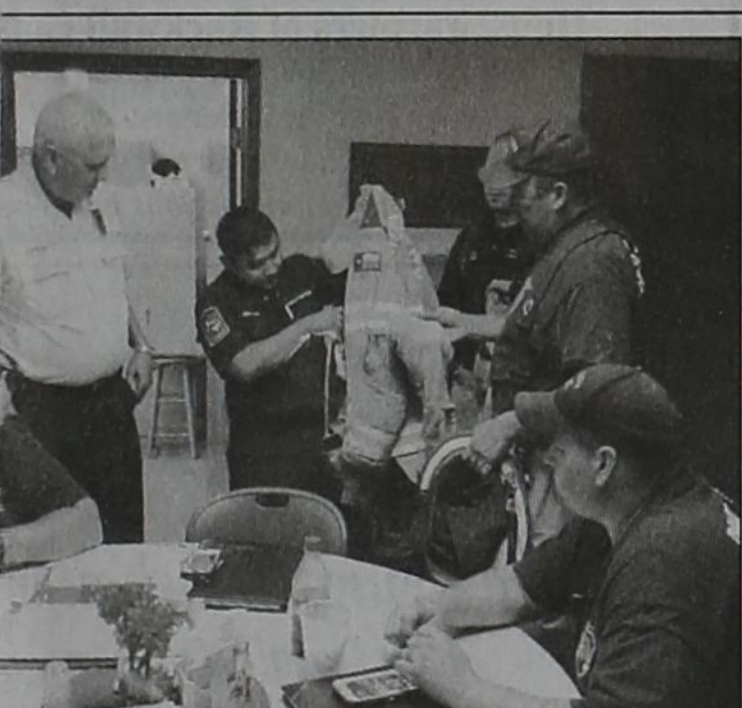
homecoming will kick off at 3 p.m. with the homecoming parade along Highway 78, followed by the Alumni Pre-game Social that will run from 7 p.m. to 11 p.m. at the RCHS Auditorium. Parade winners will be announced at 5:55 p.m. in the RCISD Stadium.

The homecoming court will be introduced at 7 p.m. at the stadium. Homecoming will kick off at 7:30 p.m.

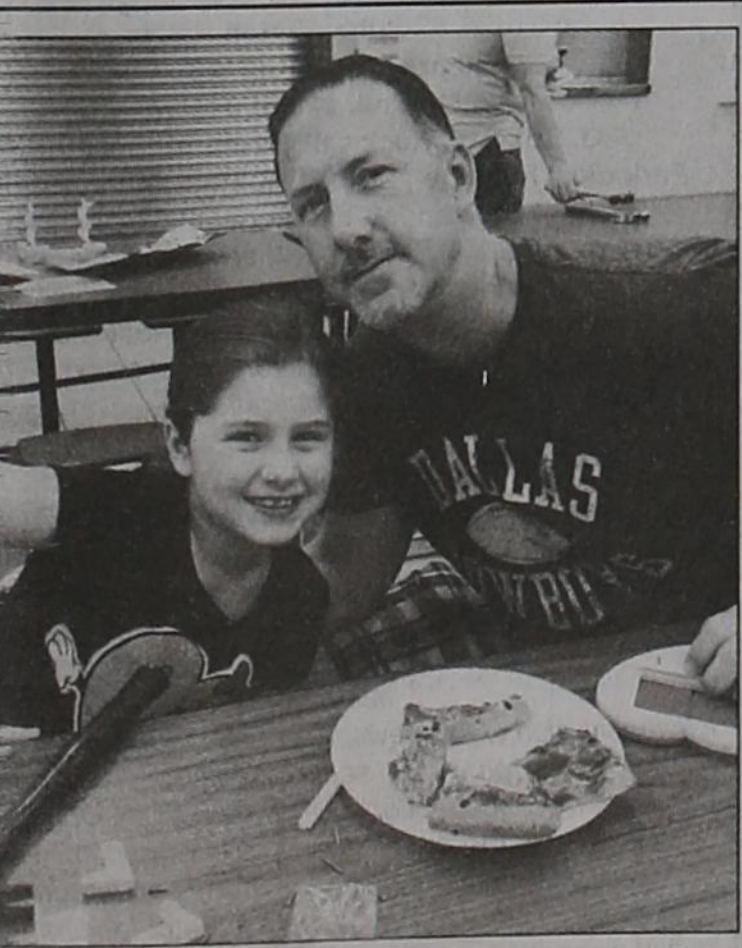
Homecoming parking will be shut down beginning at 2 p.m. For more information, contact Jo Nell Melody at 972-636-2413 or jmelody@rcisd.org.



Rockwall recently conducted a ceremony to dedicate Ken Dickson Lane in honor of Ken Dickson, who served on the Rockwall City Council from 1981-1985. Pictured above are Mayor Pro Tem council members Dennis Lewis, Scott Milder and Mayor David Sweet and Dickson. Dickson Lane runs west of SH 205 North and intersects with North Drive. Photo/Rockwall County News



Rockwall City firefighters help each other inspect their equipment during the weekly Tuesday night meetings at the fire station on Main Street. Their personal protective equipment, also called bunker gear, is continually checked for any need for repair, adjustment or cleaning. The above photo was taken at a Tuesday night meeting. There are 27 volunteers and the only paid firefighter is Fire Chief Richard L. Bell. Pictured from the left are Firefighter Mike Bell, who is making recordings of the inspections, Bell, Lt. Mike Bell, firefighters Buck, Barreles and Clements. Photo by Millie Jean Coppedge/Rockwall County News



Maynard Woodliff and her father, Jason, are shown at the father's Night event conducted at the Nebbie Williams Elementary School. Hosted by the school's PTA, the event saw fathers and their fathers enjoy pizza and desserts, followed by a variety of fun activities and tug-of-war contests. Photo/Rockwall County News

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On God's Word

by Timothy W. Burnett

Speaking in tongues and prophesy ...

1 Corinthians 14:1-5

After talking about the most important part of spiritual living, Paul changed the subject to the most important part of the manifestation of holy spirit.

1 Corinthians chapter 13 focused on the love of God as more important than walking by the faith of our Lord Jesus Christ in the manifestation of holy spirit and hope.

Without the love of God, all the other aspects of spiritual living results in a condition of nothingness and is compared to hearing a sounding instrument or tinkling cymbal.

Having established this highly important rule, Paul changed lanes, "Follow after charity, and desire spiritual gifts, but rather that you may prophesy."

At first glance it may seem that Paul is saying that people should either do one or the other. Follow after one, but rather do the other.

The word "rather" was translated from the ancient Greek word "malon" which meant "more." Paul was saying follow after charity, but there is more. Let all things be done unto the edification of the body of Christ.

While reading through chapter 14, notice that Paul is not saying to neglect one area, but to set one area at a higher priority.

"For he that speaks in an unknown tongue speaks not unto men, but unto God; for no man understands him, howbeit in the spirit he speaks mysteries" (verse 2).

Speaking in tongues has an important function in the Christian's life, but Paul is building the case that although it is edifying for the one speaking, it is not edifying for others. It's such a fantastic thing that God's spirit-filled saints can speak in tongues often in their personal prayer lives.

"But he that prophesies, speaks to men unto edification, and exhortation, and comfort. He that speaks in tongues edifies himself, but he that prophesies edifies the church."

How does speaking in tongues edify the one speaking? Is it because that one understands what he is saying? No.

Verse 14 helps to understand this better, "For if I pray in an unknown tongue, my spirit prays, but my understanding is unfruitful."

How can a person be edified by speaking in tongues?

All Christians are identified as having the full authority of Jesus Christ in them. They are sealed with the Holy Ghost. It is the Holy Ghost that is edified. That's right - God set up the conditions so they can do the one perfect thing that edifies the Holy Ghost in them. It's called speaking in tongues, or praying with the spirit.

This is probably why Paul continued in verse 5, "I would that you all speak in tongues ..." Let's stop here for a moment and let this soak into our hearts.

The next part of the sentence does not overturn or nullify the part we just read.

"... but rather that you prophesied; for greater is he that speaks in tongues, except he interpret, that receive edifying."

Wait a minute! Did he just say that people who prophesy that they speak in tongues? It sure seems that way.

The words "he that prophesy" were translated from one word which simply meant to prophesy. The manifestation in prophesy is greatest compared to speaking in tongues. This is not saying to not speak in tongues. Only that prophesy because it edifies others.

Bryan Sparks: 'You were made to belong'

by Millie Jean Coppedge
Pastors Bryan Sparks and his wife, Crystal, respond with excitement and expectations when asked about their church, The Church RC. Both are pastors and have plans to make their mission a reality.

"Our church didn't begin in a building," Bryan Sparks said in our hearts.

Their dream was to start a new church. In the early part of 2013, they moved to Roysie City without knowing anyone in the community. They simply felt a calling that this was the place that God would provide.

The amazing part of this story is that they began with just a team. On Sunday, Sept. 28, at their grand opening, they had a tremendous turnout. So much has happened in such a short time and motivated even more to see this church grow and prosper.

Bryan Sparks said there was no facility in Roysie City to accommodate their congregation. They went to Fort Elern at 2801 FM 35 and made an agreement to partner with the school for one year, they hope to purchase land and have a church built.

The worship leader of The Church RC is Candace Marchant's pastor is Ashley Baxter. There are approximately 60 members with about 60 of them being children. A student ministry will begin in January.

Various outreaches and activities are offered for the youth. "Our kids programs will become your kids' favorite day said Bryan Sparks. "The Church RC offers various ministries including our worship band to a creative team whose focus is photographic design. There are a lot of different interest groups."

The philosophy of the church/a brief summary of its beliefs on the atmosphere conducive for people to find Jesus. The church believes that their church is "founded on the truth that Jesus is the Son of God."

Weekend worship experiences, community groups and mission outreach programs are their plans through which to reach the goals of the church.

The website The Church RC states that there are three reasons the church wants people to know about the RC Kids' promises are that their children will be learning about God and they will have fun and they will be safe.

A final note from Pastor Bryan: "No one is required to belong to a church. We want people to know that they were made to belong to a church. We want people to know that they were made to belong to a church. We want people to know that they were made to belong to a church."

Church to host Nov. 1 craft fair
The "Tis the Season Bazaar, a craft fair conducted annually by United Methodist Church, will run from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Nov. 1. The event will feature 35 vendors with handmade craft items, gift items, holiday décor, as well as "the best pecans in Texas."

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"Let every thing that hath breath praise the Lord. Praise ye the Lord." Psalm 150:6

"A fool's mouth is his destruction, and his lips are the snare of his soul." Proverbs 18:7

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Opinions

Stakes of the past are back

Andrew P. Napolitano

When an American invasion of Iraq had nothing to do with mass destruction? What if whatever weapons of mass destruction Saddam Hussein once had were sold to him in the 1980s by arms dealers with the express permission of the U.S. government? What if he no longer had them when the U.S. invaded? What if the principal reason for invading Iraq was to depose Hussein and to kill President George H.W. Bush, whose son was the reason?

Another reason for the invasion of Iraq was to enable governments to control or receive oil from Iraq? What if the administration lied to the American people, Congress, the governments of other nations in order to persuade them to invade? What if the Bush administration knew all along it posed no threat to the stability of the Middle East or the security of the U.S.? What if Hussein was, in fact, a friend in the Middle East?

Was an American invasion violated the moral precepts of the Judeo-Christian teaching and culture of the West? 500 years, and that have underpinned international law for 100 years?

Was an invasion killed 4,500 Americans and 650,000 Iraqis, 40,000 Americans, displaced 2 million Iraqis and cost more than \$100 billion in Iraqi property? What if that cost more than one trillion borrowed U.S. dollars, and that Iraqis lost their lives?

Was an American invasion sent many members of the Iraqi military into the arms of anti-government resistance? What if the American invasion also produced a fierce resistance determined will to expel the American invaders?

Was the Middle East has been the scene of a 1,000-year-old feud between two branches of Islam: the Sunni and the Shia? Under Hussein the Sunni persecuted the Shia and also

persecuted a third group in that region, the Kurds? What if Hussein used the weapons of mass destruction that American arms dealers sold him to gas thousands of Kurds? What if the Shia now persecute the Sunni?

What if Iraq is not a country of people with common cultures and interests and generally accepted borders, but rather an amalgam of warring groups cobbled together by British and American diplomats? What if only a strongman like Hussein -- however evil and ill suited for government by Western standards -- can keep peace and stability in an artificial country like Iraq?

What if al-Qaida was not present in Iraq before America invaded? What if the American invasion drew al-Qaida fighters to Iraq from Africa and other parts of the Middle East? What if the American invasion produced a violent stew of resistance to and resentment of American-induced violence in Iraq?

What if that stew -- which has been known by different names, but is now called ISIS -- included not only fighters from all over the Middle East and Africa, but also from the current Iraqi military and from Hussein's military, which U.S. forces thought they had defeated or dispersed? What if many of those former Iraqi military forces brought their American-made and American-paid-for military equipment and their American military training with them into ISIS?

What if, in the 11 years since the U.S. invaded Iraq and in the 13 years since the U.S. invaded Afghanistan, American troops have been training new Iraqi and Afghan armies? What if during that time of training many of those U.S.-trained troops joined the ISIS resistance? What if the U.S.-trained troops that stayed in the Iraqi military are really a rag-tag band of second-rate soldiers who are unable to defend the Iraqi government against ISIS? What if President Obama's military advisers have told him this?

What if some of the training has taken place in the United States? What if some of those trainees left their instructors, fled a U.S. Army base and were at large in the U.S. with their weapons?

What if under the watch of the U.S.-trained Iraqi soldiers one-third to one-half of the landmass of Iraq has fallen to ISIS? What if ISIS -- though barbaric and ruthless and decidedly undemocratic -- has established governments in the lands it conquered? What if those governments -- though terrifying to those who would resist them, as Hussein was -- have financed schools and hospitals and operated as the only government in the land, as Hussein did? What if those governments are selling oil to finance themselves, as Hussein did?

What if the forces in the U.S. who believe the military is best when it is fighting are again beating the drums for war in Iraq? What if Obama's present plans are to arm and train moderate Syrian rebels and induce them to fight ISIS on the ground while the U.S. provides air cover? What if the U.S. really cannot tell the moderate Syrian fighters from the fanatical Syrian fighters? What if they are one and the same fighters, whose moderation or fanaticism changes with the politics and military needs of the moment?

What if American empire building and military adventurism and going about the world looking for monsters to slay have caused this mess? What if the American government refuses to recognize that? What if the United States is about to embark on the same thing all over again? What if all this has not made a single American freer or safer? What if all this has made the American government paranoid and the American people less free and poorer and more vulnerable?

What if the government here cannot recognize its failures? What if a people who cannot understand the mistakes of the past are doomed to repeat them? What do we do about it?

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In 2008, Incumbent Republican Mike Kelly defeated Democratic challenger Karl Kassel by one vote following a recount for the Alaskan House of Representatives. There were a total of 10,035 votes cast.

In 2012, in the Iowa Republican Caucuses, Former U. S. Senator Rick Santorum defeated former Massachusetts Governor Mitt Romney in the statewide Republican caucuses, the closest GOP primary election in United States history. Romney had been declared the winner by 8 votes on caucus night. There were a total of 121,503 votes cast.

Yes, every vote is important and we should not find excuses not to vote.

With the use of the internet we can research the backgrounds of our eligible candidates, including any voting records they may have. According to the Washington Post the Senate is ignoring hundreds of bills passed by the GOP House. Senator Harry Reid does not even bring them to the Senate floor for debate or vote. WE THE PEOPLE voted all these people in, to represent us according to the United States Constitution.

The government who is voted in by WE THE PEOPLE is paid only by the taxes from WE THE PEOPLE, and that also includes the people hired by the elected officials. The businesses that make, and sell products to provide the money, services and products through their taxes as part of their cost. The people who work for the businesses receive salaries for their work and also pay taxes. The

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http://christiancitizens.org/christian_voting_guide_2010.html
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<http://votersedge.org/texas-election-voters-guide-to-ballot-measures-and-candidates#.VCWtYd0zWM>
<http://www.sos.state.tx.us/elections/pamphlets/largepamp.shtml>
<http://texas.state-election.info/>
<http://www.uselections.com/tx/tx.htm>
http://www.census.gov/compendia/statab/cats/elections/voting-age_population_and_voter_participation.html

Locals graduate from North Texas

More than a dozen local residents were among degree recipients at the University of North Texas' summer commencement exercises, according to a university news release.

Degree recipients included, from Fate, Amber Morgan Freeland, master's degree in journalism; and Gina Thompson, master's degree in rehabilitation counseling; from Heath, Jake E. Luxton, bachelor's degree in kinesiology; and from Roysse City, Sayida Fatimah Chapman, a bachelor's degree in social science.

Rockwall residents earning degrees included Amber Rennae Cullen, bachelor's degree in hospitality management; Talya L. Ennis, bachelor's degree in political science; Erika Maria Estrada, bachelor's degree in applied arts and sciences; Amber Morgan Freeland, master's degree in journalism; Allison Hansell, bachelor's degree in journalism; Kristopher Dale Holdman, bachelor's degree in general studies; Vanessa Martinez, master's degree in library science; John Robert Noble, bachelor's degree in finance; Tina Osvald, bachelor's degree in merchandising; John Michael Scott, bachelor's degree in finance; and Rachel Marie Thurman, master's degree in hospitality management.

Court Dockets

State of Texas v. Shahid Rashod Clark
Number: 2-13-400
Filed: 07/31/2013
Description: Ring or possession of controlled substance 28g to 200g
Amount: \$0.00
Felony

State of Texas v. Robert Lee Grein III
Number: 2-13-528
Filed: 10/16/2013
Amount: \$0.00
Assigned

State of Texas v. Andrew Carrol Harthan
Number: 2-14-201
Filed: 04/30/2014
Description: Property equal to or more than \$1,500.00 with 2 previous convictions
Amount: \$0.00
Felony

State of Texas v. Jordan Lee Munson
Number: 2-14-375
Filed: 07/30/2014
Description: Fire or Deliver Controlled Substance
Amount: \$0.00
Felony

State of Texas v. Juan Medina Nino
Number: 2-14-377
Filed: 07/30/2014
Description: Involving Serious Bodily Injury Death
Amount: \$0.00
Felony

State of Texas v. Jason Myrick Robinson
Number: 2-14-415
Filed: 08/13/2014
Description: While Intoxicated 3rd or more
Amount: \$0.00
Felony

State of Texas v. Donavan Markietha Simon
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Filed: 03/19/2014
Description: Engaging In Organized Criminal Activity
Amount: \$0.00
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Locals earn SFA degrees

Three local residents were among students who receive degrees from Stephen F. Austin State University during its August commencement exercises, according to a university news release.

Degree recipients included Courtney Dabney of Heath, who earned a bachelor's degree in dance; Amanda Kelso of Rockwall, who received a bachelor's degree in art; and Katelynn Scott of Rockwall, who earned a bachelor's degree in interdisciplinary studies.

TEXAS CROSSWORD

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ACROSS

- 1 this Newton was part of great Cowboy '90s offensive line
- 5 TXism: "he couldn't drown a plastic _____ (bad fisherman)"
- 6 "two chances: _____ and none"
- 7 TX McMurry's 1st novel: "Horseman, Pass _____"
- 8 _____ Ross State Univ. small Montgomery Co. town
- 15 weather maker: "El _____"
- 16 Cartwright's ranch "The eyes of Texas _____ you"
- 21 digestion organ
- 22 TXism: "bought a pig _____ (screwed up)"
- 27 TX practical joke: "snipe _____"
- 28 Castroville was 1st settled by folks from this French region
- 29 very bad
- 30 TX & U.S. flag: red, white, _____
- 32 hospital area for acute care
- 33 TXns fought in both of these (2 wds.)
- 36 TXism: "still wet behind the _____"
- 37 lyric poem
- 38 damage causer
- 39 TXism: "_____ pot never boils"
- 41 the letter "S"
- 42 used in blue jeans
- 45 this Graynor was in 2007 "Turn the River" with TX Rip Torn
- 46 travelers security (abbr.)
- 47 this AI was an Astro pitcher (1990-93)
- 48 _____ Grande
- 49 TXism: "he's still got some snap in his _____"
- 52 Tonto's horse
- 53 hot _____
- 54 TXism: "_____ horse town"

DOWN

- 1 nat'l forecaster (abbr.)
- 2 early popular internet provider (abbr.)
- 3 "Quanah _____ Chief" (paper)
- 4 TX Roy Orbison & this singer recorded "That Lovin' You Feelin' Again"
- 8 bull or stallion
- 9 TXism: "_____ the bush"
- 10 TX Buddy Holly hit: "Rave _____"
- 11 this Darin was in TX-filmed "State Fair" (init.)
- 12 TX female outlaw
- 13 perennial flower
- 14 Chevy compact in 60s & 70s
- 15 TXism: "_____ plucked chicken"
- 16 TXism: "small fish in a big _____"
- 17 TX voted to _____ from Union in 1861
- 18 "roses are blue" witticisms
- 20 Stephen F. Austin's last words: "Texas _____ recognized _____"
- 23 western neighbor: _____ Mexico
- 24 assert or declare this Craig rode 1990 Kentucky Derby winner trained by TX Carl Natzger
- 26 "more _____"
- 28 invisible emanation
- 31 TX Penal Code & TX Transportation Code, e.g. _____
- 34 designation for 3rd generation Jeep Grand Cherokee
- 35 Houston industry: _____ space
- 37 state where 20 Dallas Cowboys & 12 Houston Oilers are enshrined
- 40 this Carpenter pitched for the TX Rangers (1993-94)
- 43 rock cavities
- 44 one who creates laws?
- 50 some TXns float on the Guadalupe on inner _____
- 51 actress Taylor who starred in TX-based epic "Giant" (init.)

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Sons of the American Revolution East Fork-Trinity Chapter meets 6:00 p.m., second Thursday each month. 4881 Bass Pro Dr. Garland, Texas. Guests & family welcome. <http://www.txssar.org/EastForkTrinity>.

Rockwall County Kiwanis Club Meets every Tuesday at noon at the Rockwall Wedding Chapel, and we recently added an evening meeting on the first Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m., also at the Rockwall Wedding Chapel, 203 S. Fannin. For more information call 972-772-6001

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS ESTATE OF MARGARET MARY HUBBARD, DECEASED

Notice is hereby given that Letters Testamentary upon the Estate of Margaret Mary Hubbard, Deceased, were issued to the undersigned on September 18, 2014, by the County Court at Law of Rockwall County, Texas. All persons having claims against the Estate are hereby required to present same within the time and in the manner prescribed by law. Claims should be addressed in care of Bryan Keith Hubbard at 803 C Street SE, Washington, DC 20003. Independent Executor, Estate of Margaret Mary Hubbard, Deceased Cause No. PR 14-111

NOTICE TO CREDITORS ESTATE OF LOUISE D. BOREN, DECEASED

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary upon the Estate of Louise D. Boren, Deceased, were issued on September 23, 2014, in Cause No. PR 14-115, pending in the County Court at Law of Rockwall County, Texas. All persons having claims against

the Estate are hereby required to present same within the time and in the manner prescribed by law. Claims should be addressed in care of "Representative, Estate of Louise D. Boren, Deceased" and may be presented to the Representative at the following address: 113 S. Bernice Drive Garland, Texas 75042 Signed this 24th day of September, 2014

Terry L Boren, Independent Co-Executor
Patricia S. Boren Lemons, Independent Co-Executor

The Estate of Gary Dean Sorensen, deceased
Letters testamentary issued on this estate were granted on Sept. 12, 2014, by the Rockwall County Court at Law, Cause No. PR14-102. Anyone having claims against this estate are

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Notice of Test of Automatic Tabulating Equipment

Notice is hereby given that the Automatic Tabulating Equipment that will be used in the General Election held on November 4, 2014 will be tested on October 7, 2014 at 9:00 a.m. in 107 E. Kaufman, Rockwall, Texas to ascertain that it will accurately count the votes at all offices and all measures.

Issued this the 23rd day of September, 2014

Glenda Denton, CERA
Elections Administrator
Rockwall County

Aviso Publico De Probar El Equipo Para Tabular Automaticamente

Por lo presente se da aviso que el equipo para tabular automaticamente que se usara en Eleccion General que se llevara a cabo el 4 de noviembre de 2014 se probara el 7 de octubre de 2014 a las 9:00 a.m. en 107 E. Kaufman, Rockwall, Texas para determinar si el equipo contara con exactitud los votos para todos los puestos oficiales y sobre todos los proyectos.

Publicó esto el 23rd día de septiembre, 2014

Glenda Denton, CERA
Administrador de las elecciones
Condado de Rockwall

Legal Notices

Royse City ISD Child Find Policy

In accordance with Federal Regulations, Individuals with Disabilities Educational Act, Child Find Identification (34CFR section 300.125, 300.451), this is notification that Royse City Independent School District, Located at 810 E. Old Greenville Road, Royse City, TX has a child find system for identifying, locating and evaluating all children with disabilities, from birth through 21 years of age, residing in the district, including children with disabilities attending private schools, regardless of the severity of their disabilities, and who are in need of special education and related services.

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

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS

ROCKWALL INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT'S School Financial Accountability Rating

Rockwall Independent School District will hold a public meeting at 7:30 p.m., October 20, 2014, in Room 600 RISD Administration/Education Center 1050 Williams Street Rockwall, Texas

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City of McLendon-Chisholm, Texas ORDINANCE NO. 2014-15

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF McLENDON-CHISHOLM, TEXAS, ADOPTING APPROVING A REVISED OFFICIAL ZONING MAP FOR THE CITY, REFERENCING SECTION 1-6 OF APPENDIX "A" OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, CITY OF McLENDON-CHISHOLM, TEXAS; PROVIDING A REPEALING CLAUSE; PROVIDING SAVINGS CLAUSE; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDING A PENALTY OF FINE NOT TO EXCEED THE SUM OF TWO THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$2,000) FOR EACH OFFENSE; AND, PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Passed and approved by the City Council of the City of McLendon-Chisholm, Texas 26th day of August, 2014

City of McLendon-Chisholm, Texas RESOLUTION NO. 2014-05R

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF McLENDON-CHISHOLM, TEXAS, AMENDING THE MASTER FEE SCHEDULE FOR THE CITY OF McLENDON-CHISHOLM TO CHARGES TO BE IMPOSED BY CITY STAFF IN CONNECTION WITH SEWER FEES, DEPOSITS AND RATES; PROVIDING THAT OTHER FEES NOT LISTED BELOW NOW CHARGED PURSUANT TO OTHER ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS SHALL REMAIN IN EFFECT UNTIL TRANSFERRED TO THE MASTER FEE SCHEDULE; AMENDING; PROVIDING A REPEALING CLAUSE; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Passed and approved by the City Council of the City of McLendon-Chisholm, Texas 26th day of August, 2014.

- Public Notice -

The City of Rockwall Planning and Zoning Commission will hold a public hearing on **October 14, 2014** and the Rockwall City Council will hold a public hearing on **Monday, October 20, 2014** to consider the following item(s). Both hearings will take place at 6:00 p.m. in the City Chambers at Rockwall City Hall, 385 South Goliad, Rockwall, Texas.

Z2014-028: Proposed Specific Use Permit - 2225 Ridge Road

Hold a public hearing to discuss and consider a request by Mohamed Taha for the approval of a Specific Use Permit (SUP) to allow a minor auto repair garage to be established in conjunction with an existing oil/lube change facility located on a 0.2755-acre parcel of land identified as Tract 3, Block B, Rockwall High School Addition, zoned Commercial (C) District, situated within the Scenic Overlay (SOV) District, addressed as 2225 Ridge Road, and take any action necessary.

Z2014-029: Proposed Specific Use Permit - SH276 & John King Blvd.

Hold a public hearing to discuss and consider a request by Steven Freeman of Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc. on behalf of Don Holloway of Lofland Farms, LTD for the approval of a Specific Use Permit (SUP) for a retail store with more than two (2) gasoline dispensers on a 0.743-acre tract of land identified as a portion of Tract 5-3 of the W. H. Baird Survey, Abstract No. 25, City of Rockwall, Rockwall County, Texas, zoned Planned Development District (PD-45) for general retail land uses, situated within the SH-205 By-Pass Overlay (205 By-Pass Overlay) District and the SH-276 Overlay (SH-276 OV) District, located at the southeast corner of the intersection of SH-276 and John King Boulevard, and take any action necessary.

Z2014-030: Proposed Zoning Change - SH276 & Dowell Road

Hold a public hearing to discuss and consider a request by Dub Douphrate of Douphrate Associates, Inc. on behalf of Barry Luff of L2 Properties, LLC for the approval of a zoning change from an Agricultural (AG) District to a Planned Development District for Single-Family (SF-1) District land uses for a 138.79-acre tract of land identified as Tract 1 of the J. L. Luff Survey, Abstract No. 137, City of Rockwall, Rockwall County, Texas, and zoned Agricultural (AG) District, generally located on the east side of Dowell Road south of the intersection of SH-276 and Dowell Road, and take any action necessary.

Z2014-031: Proposed PD Development Plan - IH30 & Sunset Ridge Drive

Hold a public hearing to discuss and consider a request by Jimmy Strohmeier of Strohmeier Architects, Inc. on behalf of D. W. Bobst of J-BR2, LLC for the approval of a PD Development Plan proposing to establish five (5) pad sites for restaurants and retail shopping within the Planned Development District 32 (PD-32), on a 2.893-acre parcel of land identified as Lot 1, Block B, Harbor District Addition, City of Rockwall, Rockwall County, Texas, situated within the Hillside Sub-District of Planned Development District 32 (PD-32), located within the IH-30 Overlay (IH-30 OV) District, at the southwest corner of the intersection of the IH-30 Overlay and Sunset Ridge Drive, and take any action necessary.

All interested parties are encouraged to attend. Please contact the City of Rockwall Planning and Zoning staff at (972) 771-7745 with any questions. Additional information on all development cases can be found on the City's website: <http://www.rockwall.com/PlanningDevCases.asp>

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Yellowjackets puts up big numbers in homecoming win

Rockwall (5-0, 2-0) put up 22 unanswered points in the third quarter, and added another touchdown in the first 30 seconds of the fourth for a 56-21 Jacket advantage. Warren scored from 44 yards, and again from two yards, and Castille took touchdown passes from Reed of 47- and 49-yards. Midway through the fourth, AJ Blacknall added a two-yard touchdown run in between two Patriot touchdowns.

Prior to kickoff, the Rockwall Homecoming Court was recognized and the 2014 Queen and King were crowned — Varsity Head Cheerleader Abby Childers and Andrew Sauerwein, a member of the Orange Wave Band drum line.

Rockwall will return to Wilkerson-Sanders tomorrow at 7:30 p.m. as they look to go 3-0 in district against Naaman Forest. The Rangers (1-4, 1-1) picked up their first win of the season Thursday with a 42-21 victory over winless North Garland.

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| Total Yds | 679 | 412 |
| Penalties-Yds | 11-100 | 9-70 |
| Punts-Avg. | 1-46 | 6-34.33 |
| Fumbles-lost | 2-1 | 0-0 |

Passing – RHS: Will Reed 15-20-332-5TD, Matt Jones 1-1-12; LCHS: T.J. Edwards 19-26-202-INT Receiving – RHS: Xavier Castille 10-241-4TD, Jay Galloway 2-51, Wyatt Miller 2-38-TD, Kaleb Moore 1-12, Chris Warren 1-2 Rushing – RHS: Chris Warren 15-236-4TD, AJ Blacknall 12-76-TD, Tamba Juanah 3-24, Xavier Castille 1-8, Jake Hvyll 1-0

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| Rockwall | 28 | 6 | 22 | 14 | 70 |
| Lakeview | 14 | 7 | 0 | 14 | 35 |

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| 1st Downs | 25 | 24 |
| Rushes-Yds | 34-335 | 42-210 |
| Comp-Att-Int | 16-21-0 | 19-26-1 |
| Passing Yds | 344 | 202 |



Yellowjackets' Senior Wide Receiver Xavier Castille darts down the left side of the field for a touchdown during the last two minutes of the first quarter against Lakeview. The TD increased Rockwall's lead to 28-14. The 'Jackets Homecoming game ended with a final score of 70-35.

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Rockwall County News

Rockwall girls Cross Country find their stride

Rockwall girls cross country team won their third straight the season Saturday, Sept. 27 at the Forney Jackrabbit Rockwall and Heath teams placed in the top ten in the boys competitions.

Yellowjackets had four individual runners place in the top-ten, led by Ariell Hopkins (19:48.50). Maiya Collins finished third, Kaitlyn Stark (20:34.40) finished fifth, and Emily Henth with a time of 20:58.20.

Rockwall boys' cross country team, led by a 20th place finish by Caitlin Hudecek, placed fifth in the girls' 5,000-meter run.

Rockwall boys' cross country team placed fifth and sixth in the boys' 5,000-meter run. (17:05.70) and Damon Lewis (17:08.10) took fifth and sixth respectively to lead the Jacket boys to a third place team finish.

Rockwall-Heath placed fifth overall with a 13th place finish by Preston Coursey (17:34.10) and a 16th place finish by Nick Killian (17:55.80).

Rockwall will host the next event this weekend at Harry Myers Park in the Rockwall Sting Invitational.

Rockwall volleyball at top of district standings

Rockwall Yellowjacket volleyball teams continued their district lead on Tuesday, Sept. 26 on their home courts, taking their district comeback win over Sachse on Tuesday, Sept. 23, the Lady Yellowjackets possession of first place in District 11-6A. Rockwall won the set deficit to win the next three 25-16, 25-22 and 15-10. Rockwall (18-13, 5-0) downed the Patriots of Lakeview (25-20, 25-16, 25-10).

Rockwall boys' volleyball team, ranked 6th in the latest Texas Girls Coaches II, have yet to lose a set in District 12-5A competition. Rockwall (18-13, 5-0) took down the Potteet Pirates on Friday 25-7, 25-9 and 25-10.

Rockwall boys' volleyball team traveled to Rowlett this past Tuesday, and will head to Fort Worth to take on the Lady Rangers Friday at 5:30 p.m. The boys' team traveled to Forney on Tuesday, and will travel to Terrell Friday at 6:30 p.m.

Rockwall Falcons to visit THESA

Rockwall School will be shorthanded for its six-man football game Friday night against Fort Worth Texas Home Educators Sports (2-2) could have as few as nine players for the 7:30 p.m. game at Springs Field in Keller.

Rockwall's week after a 74-49 loss in a physical game at Campbell. Two players will be out because of injuries, and another player is expected to return this week leading up to the THESA game, Fulton head coach Morris said.

Rockwall Falcons could think they're looking into a mirror when they play THESA (3-2) on the field.

"It's similar to us in that they're not very big," Morris said, "not as big as Campbell."

Rockwall has a similar offense and defense as ours. They're maybe a step ahead of us, but it should be a good matchup."

Rockwall didn't have any major changes planned.

Rockwall just wants to get better at what we do."

Rockwall's ranking on football.com state rankings, Fulton is ranked sixth in District 11-6A, and THESA is No. 6 among the Texas Association of Athletic Organizations teams.



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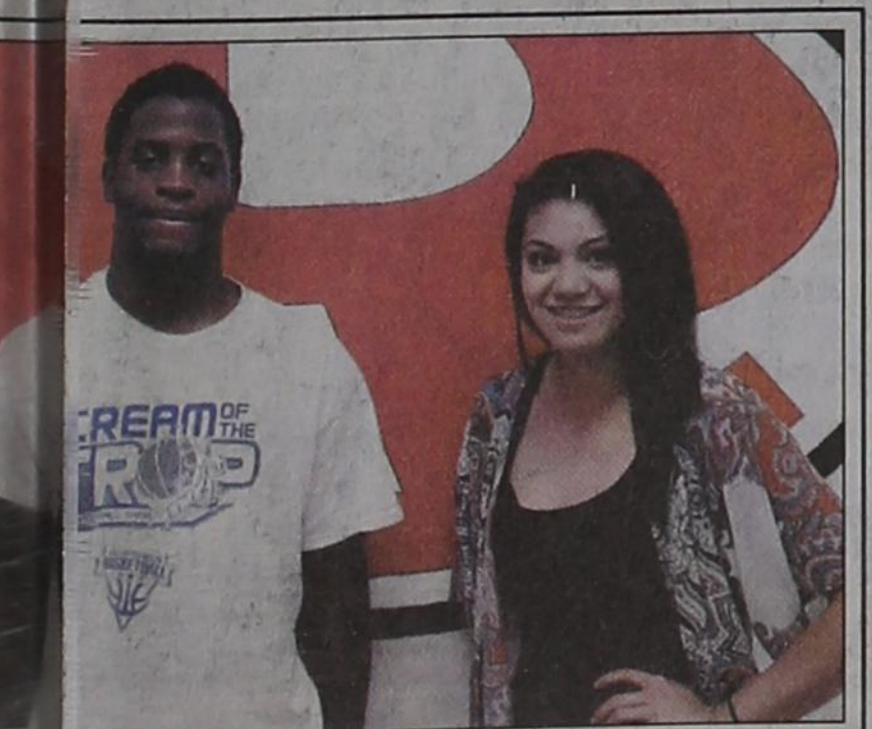
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Backers and RHS plans Literary Appreciation Night

Rockwall Jacket Backers is sponsoring Military Appreciation Night at Wilkerson-Sanders Stadium on Friday, October 24 when the Yellowjackets will play Rowlett in the Ray Hubbard Rivalry. Part of the special video tribute to RHS alumni who have also served in military service.

Rockwall High School Alumni or know of anyone who has also served in a branch of the U.S. Military (Army, Air Force, Marines, Coast Guard, National Guard or Reserves), please email the following information to rockwalljacketbackers@gmail.com with the subject "Military Appreciation Video." Name, RHS number, branch of service, and include a photo (.jpeg or .pdf) of the individual in uniform or taken during their high school career.

For submissions is October 15. For more information on Military Appreciation Night Video Tribute please contact Rex at 215 2030.



Named by coaches in their respective sports and chosen by the Rockwall High School Jacket Backers board, junior Chaney Garcia (volleyball) and senior Demetre Cooks (football) as the "Meader Auto Jacket Athletes of the Month" for September.

Photo by Nancy Goellner/Rockwall County News

Heritage Christian Eagles go all the way to stay unbeaten

by Lary Bump

Heritage Christian Academy passed its first real test Friday night to remain undefeated.

For the first time this season, HCA (4-0) played its first full football game, defeating Campbell 62-38. The Eagles had won their first three games by six-man football's 45-point mercy rule, and had run only one offensive play after halftime in any of those.

"It was good to see a full game, and it was a little bit of a different style of game," said HCA head coach Robert Huckabee. "It was good to have some people who hadn't been able to travel see us play."

"We needed a good, physical game. They gave us that, no doubt. They are a big, real physical team."

It was also the first home game for the Eagles, at Hobart Wisdom Field.

"It felt different. It was almost an adjustment being at home after traveling so much," Huckabee said. "It was good to have some people who hadn't been able to travel see us play."

Heritage Christian has defeated its opponents by a combined score of 238-53. The Eagles' success has them ranked third among the state's

TAPPS 6-Man I teams by sixmanfootball.com.

None of the first three opponents scored more than one touchdown, but Campbell (2-3) extended the game through the full 48 minutes.

Quarterback Christian Pettit and running back Colin Montgomery again paced an HCA offense averaging 59.5 points per game.

Huckabee said, "We did better in the first half than we did in the second.

"We did run a little more Shotgun, Spread and Pistol, and we had some success. It was a chance to get more reps for everybody. We still found areas to work on. We had a little difficulty. That will help us to know how better to handle it next time."

That next time is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. Friday at Savoy (2-3).

"We expect another physical game," Huckabee said. "They're kind of big, but not as big as Campbell, and they have a real good running back."

Campbell and Savoy have the same record. Sixmanfootball.com has Savoy ranked 44th and Campbell 46th in UIL 6-Man I.



Heritage Christian Eagles' Colin Westmoreland (5) carries the ball for a gain, Friday Sept. 26, against Campbell. Photo by Carl McClung/Rockwall County News

Pirates stymie Rockwall-Heath Hawks in district opener

by Ryan Garrett

The Poteet Pirates ran away with the 25-14 win over Rockwall-Heath Thursday to begin play in District 12-5A in front of a large crowd at Wilkerson-Sanders Memorial Stadium.

The Hawks (2-2, 0-1) didn't score until 7:28 in the fourth quarter on a 36-yard Jordan Hoy run up the middle of the field. As time expired in the game, Hoy found Grant Buckholt at the back of the end zone with a Hail Mary pass for the Hawks' final scoring play.

Poteet's defense put on constant pressure as the Hawks struggled to find their offensive rhythm. Heath was penalized eight times for 80 yards; five of those calls negated significant yardage that could have allowed Heath to build momentum.

After a big kickoff return by Rico Henderson that was brought back on a holding call, Heath found themselves starting the game on a first-and-25, and eventually turned the ball over on downs at the Pirates' 36. The struggles continued to mount as Heath trailed 11-0 at the half, and 18-0 through three quarters.

Poteet (3-1, 1-0) did their best to impress in front of Texas A&M coach Kevin Sumlin, who arrived via helicopter midway through the first quarter.

Pirates outside linebacker Malik Jefferson — one of the top recruits in the state — and DeAndre McNeal outshined Heath's major recruits Trevor Elbert, an A&M pledge, and Longhorn commit Deshon Elliott. However, Jefferson and Elbert only played in the first half — Jefferson went out with a reported concussion and Elbert suffered a season-ending shoulder injury.

In a breakout night, McNeal led the Pirates with four catches for 157 yards and two touchdowns with a two-point conversion. He also had three of Poteet's five sacks.

Hoy was 14-of-25 passing for 169 yards and a touchdown. Henderson (21 carries for 75 yards) and Hoy (12 carries for 79 yards and a touchdown) led the Hawks on the ground.

Rockwall-Heath will travel to Terrell tomorrow to face the undefeated Tigers. Kickoff for Friday's Hawks-Tigers matchup at the newly renovated Memorial Stadium is set for 7:30 p.m.

| | 1st | 2nd | 3rd | 4th | Final |
|-----------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-------|
| Mesquite Poteet | 3 | 8 | 7 | 7 | 25 |
| Rockwall-Heath | 0 | 0 | 0 | 14 | 14 |

| | Poteet | Heath |
|---------------|--------|---------|
| 1st Downs | 14 | 13 |
| Rushes-Yds | 32-139 | 34-144 |
| Comp-Att-Int | 9-12-0 | 14-25-0 |
| Passing Yds | 195 | 169 |
| Total Yds | 334 | 313 |
| Penalties-Yds | 4-30 | 8-80 |
| Punts-Avg. | 3-29 | 5-26.8 |
| Fumbles-lost | 2-1 | 0-0 |

Passing — RHHS: Jordan Hoy 14-25-169-TD; MPHS: Kaleb Fletcher 8-11-155-TD, Walter Dawn Jr. 1-1-40-TD Receiving — RHHS: Dean Cline 3-45, Grant Buckholt 2-41-TD, Mark Bielski 4-36, Chase Peterson 2-17, Rico Henderson 2-16, Deshon Elliott 1-14 Rushing — Jordan Hoy 12-76-TD, Rico Henderson 21-75



The Rockwall-Heath Mighty Hawk Marching Band performs music 'Flight of the Phoenix' for the halftime show, Friday at Wilkerson-Sanders Stadium in Rockwall. Photo by Tim Burnett/Rockwall County News

HCA goes to 9-0 in district volleyball

Three district victories last week, with only one set lost, improved the Heritage Christian Academy volleyball team's record to 21-2-1 overall and 9-0 in TAPPS District 3-3A.

Madison Hill totaled 42 kills and Bayle Hawkins had 43 assists in the three matches to lead HCA. Brenna Bigger staff added 10 assists as the Lady Eagles went four sets at Red Oak Villa Christian School Saturday 25-20, 27-25, 12-25, 25-12.

HCA also won over Dallas Lutheran 25-12, 25-22, 25-21 Tuesday, Sept. 23, and over Irving The Highlands School 25-22, 25-17, 25-17 Thursday. Both were home matches at Rockwall Indoor Sports Expo.

The Lady Eagles had home matches scheduled this week against The Covenant School of Dallas Tuesday and at 7 p.m. Thursday against McKinney Christian Academy. MCA was the only team to take Heritage Christian to five sets during the first half of district play.

Next week, HCA will visit Dallas Yawnd Academy Monday and Trinity Christian Academy-Addison Tuesday.

Royse City falls to undefeated Forney

by Lary Bump

History was made by Royse City's football team Friday, but the outcome wasn't what the Bulldogs wanted to pass along in their proud legacy.

In RC's first district game in 5A, the Dawgs lost 35-17 at Forney. Royse City fell behind 14-0 in the first quarter, but came within 3 points at 21-17 late in the second quarter.

Then Forney scored with 1:05 left for a 28-17 halftime lead.

With quarterback Courtland Vance out of the game, the Bulldogs weren't able to get any closer in the second half.

The outcome wasn't unexpected. RC dropped to 0-4 overall, extending its losing streak to 10 games. The Jackrabbits are 4-0 overall and 1-0 in District 12-5A.

Forney jumped out quickly with two first-quarter touchdown passes from Luke Skipper to Shakur Morrow.

Brett Martinez's 20-yard touchdown run pulled the Bulldogs within 14-7 to enter the second quarter.

The Rabbits regained their 14-point lead on Jake Guercia's 10-yard run.

RC came back with a 1-yard touchdown run by short-yardage back Ibn Muhammad. The deficit was down to 21-17 when Preston Browning kicked a 21-yard field goal, his third this season. He also averaged 49 yards on his two punts, and caught four passes for 14 yards.

Skipper's third touchdown pass, to A.J. Atrip stretched Forney's lead to 28-17.

Vance completed 11 of 12 passes before leaving late in the second quarter. He also was Royse City's rushing leader with 83 yards in 12 carries. Ryan Stone took over at quarterback, went 7 for 19 and accounted for 66 yards passing and running.

Zach Jones led the Bulldogs defense with eight tackles. Jake Wolov had seven tackles, including one for a loss, and forced a fumble. Anthony Jordan had RC's only sack of Skipper.

Royse City will be back home Friday for a 7:30 p.m. game against North Forney (1-3, 0-1).

| | 1st | 2nd | 3rd | 4th | Final |
|------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-------|
| Royse City | 7 | 10 | 0 | 0 | 17 |
| Forney | 14 | 14 | 0 | 7 | 35 |

Forney — Shakur Morrow 20 pass from Luke Skipper (Coleman kick)
 Forney — Morrow 48 pass from Skipper (Coleman kick)
 RCHS — Brett Martinez 20 run (Preston Browning kick)
 Forney — Jake Guercia 10 run (Coleman kick)
 RCHS — Ibn Muhammad 1 run (Browning kick)
 RCHS — Browning 21 FG
 Forney — A.J. Atrip 22 pass from Skipper (Coleman kick)
 Forney — Chazz Slatinsky 42 run (Coleman kick)

| | RCHS | Forney |
|---------------|---------|---------|
| 1st Downs | 25 | 20 |
| Rushes-Yds | 53-281 | 26-208 |
| Passing Yds | 166 | 217 |
| Total Yds | 447 | 425 |
| Comp-Att-Int | 18-31-1 | 14-21-0 |
| Penalties-Yds | 4-25 | 4-35 |
| Punts-Avg. | 2-49.0 | 2-49.0 |
| Fumbles-Lost | 2-2 | 3-2 |

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS
 Passing — RCHS: Courtland Vance 11-12-0-107, Ryan Stone 1-5-9; Forney: Luke Skipper 14-21-0-217.
 Receiving — RCHS: Aaron Landers 7-75, Chance Selby 3-30, Maley 1-25, Preston Browning 4-14, Ben Yelverton 1-14, Alexander 1-7, Chris Sims 1-6; Forney: Shakur Morrow 4-48, Atrip 3-48, Cory Marr 2-29, Jacob Gonzalez 3-25, Kelvin 2-21.
 Rushing — RCHS: Courtland Vance 12-83, Zach Maley 11-77, Martinez 8-55, Chance Selby 7-23, Chris Sims 3-19, Ibn Muhammad 1-10, Ryan Stone 5-7; Forney: Luke Skipper 10-78, A.J. Atrip 4-42, Chazz Slatinsky 1-42, Jake Guercia 2-29, Shakur Morrow 1-7, Mylan Agent 1-7, Team 2-minus 33.

Lady Bulldogs close in on playoff contention

by Lary Bump

After a district-opening loss to Rockwall-Heath, the Royse City volleyball team won its next two matches.

However, the Lady Bulldogs lost twice last week to fall to 2-3 in the district, and on the fringe of the playoff race.

In a 25-10, 25-8, 25-12 victory over South Garland Sept. 16, RC's Taylor McCoy served 13 consecutive points. Allie Turk had a strong all-around match with eight assists, five kills, five digs and three service aces.

The Lady Bulldogs also swept West Mesquite Sept. 19. In the 27-25, 25-21, 25-14 victory, Cameron Worthy had a team-high 11 assists. McCoy had 10 digs. Turk contributed seven kills, two aces and two blocks. Eilish Poe led the team with five blocks.

Mesquite Poteet then defeated Royse City 25-23, 25-14, 25-21 on Sept. 23. Last Friday, the Lady Bulldogs lost at Forney 25-18, 25-15, 25-19.

RC continued district play Tuesday at Terrell. The Lady Bulldogs are scheduled to host North Forney Friday at 5:30 p.m., leaving plenty of time before North Forney and Royse City play football at RCISD Stadium at 7:30.

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Bulldogs' Quarterback Courtland Vance (5) sprints through a hole in the Forney defense during the first quarter, Fri. Sept. 26 at Forney. Photo by Tim Burnett/Rockwall County News