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Patriot Paws-trained dog named ASPCA's Dog of the Year



Lori Stevens, Royce City founder of Patriot Paws, is shown here with Archie, the ASPCA's Dog of the Year, whom Stevens trained, and Sgt. Clay Rankin of West Virginia, a recovering Iraqi war veteran Archie now assists.

Photo Courtesy of Anita Kelso Edson, ASPCA/Rockwall County News

The American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (ASPCA) has selected Archie, a service dog for an injured veteran in Clarksburg, W.Va., as this year's winner of the ASPCA Dog of the Year Award.

Archie was trained by Lori Stevens of Patriot Paws, a Rockwall-based organization that works with service dogs and matches them with disabled veterans. Archie is one of ten people and animals that were honored for their heroic deeds at this year's Humane Awards Luncheon held on Thursday, Oct. 29, in New York City.

"The Humane Awards is an opportunity for the ASPCA to recognize the unique and often heroic contributions that are made on behalf of animals each and every day," said ASPCA President & CEO Ed Sayres. "Service dogs like Archie play a crucial role in the emotional stability and physical well-being of their handlers, resulting in lifelong companionship."

A true four-legged hero, Archie is an eight-year-old black Labrador retriever, who serves as an assistance dog and social lifeline for Sergeant Clay Rankin. Sgt. Rankin suffered spinal injuries while serving in Iraq, and Archie is his primary caregiver and social safety net. Archie's loyalty and perseverance in helping Sgt. Rankin accomplish his daily tasks has allowed the veteran to regain his confidence and

independence, move forward with his life and continue serving the country he loves.

The first canine graduate of the Army's Wounded Warriors Program, which assists and advocates for seriously wounded, ill and injured soldiers, veterans and their families, Archie is trained to perform various services such as getting help in emergencies, retrieving items, and preparing food with the goal of increasing self-sufficiency for Sgt. Rankin.

Stevens, of Royse City, also received recognition of her own recently for her work with Patriot Paws as she was presented the Woman of the Year award by the American Legion Auxiliary (ALA) at its 89th Annual National Convention in Louisville, KY.

As the founder of Patriot PAWS Service Dogs, Stevens has more than 15 years experience working with service dogs. In February 2005, a group of disabled veterans from the Dallas VA Hospital asked Stevens to assist them with training. This is where she learned about the plight of disabled veterans in need of service dogs. As a result, in February 2006, her 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, Patriot PAWS, was born.

Patriot PAWS dogs are trained to perform various services, such as getting help in emergencies, retrieving items and pulling

wheelchairs with the goal of increasing self-sufficiency for the disabled veteran. Since many disabled veterans also suffer from Post Traumatic Stress Disorder along with depression, the service dog can play a crucial role in the emotional stability of the veteran, resulting in lifelong companionship.

"When I first started Patriot PAWS, I wanted to find a practical, yet positive way to train our dogs," said Stevens. "What happened next was a huge win for everyone involved."

Patriot PAWS entered into a partnership with the State of Texas Department of Criminal Justice to train female inmates to become service dog trainers. Inmates learn an occupation that can be used immediately as a new career path when they are released. Ultimately, inmate service dog trainers and the volunteers of Patriot PAWS will help to give back the freedoms that were lost to disabled veterans.

Stevens and her No. 1 canine partner, Beau, have appeared coast to coast and on "The Late Show" with David Letterman and Animal Planet's "Pet Star." Stevens is married to Daniel Stevens and has three sons, Charlie, Don and Rick. Charlie is in the U.S. Air Force and served during the Iraq War.

Founded in 1919, the American Legion Auxiliary is the world's largest patriotic women's service organization. With a membership of nearly 900,000, local ALA units have a strong presence in more than 9,500 communities nationwide. The ALA's mission to serve veterans, their families and their communities is carried out through its hundreds of outreach programs delivered by its members, volunteers and national headquarters.

Information contributed by Anita Kelso Edson, ASPCA Senior Director, Media & Communications and American Legion Auxiliary Press Release

Rockwall County News Briefs

Preschool Association to meet

The Rockwall Preschool Association will meet at 9 a.m. Friday at the Free Methodist Church across from Nebbie Williams Elementary at 9 a.m. Friday. Susan Laseynski, Rockwall Rainbow, will speak on "Helping Your Community." RPA membership is open to area mothers of children ages birth through kindergarten. For further details visit rockwallpreschoolassociation.com.

Founders' Drive Dinner planned

The Royse City ISD Education Foundation will host a Founders' Drive Dinner honoring its Lead Gift Founding Donors launching its Founders Drive Campaign beginning at 6:30 p.m. Friday at Occasions at Stone River, 1250 FM 2453, Royse City. Dress will be country club casual.

Benefit Elvis tribute concert scheduled

Rockwall tribute artist Larry "Elvis" Stilwell will perform beginning at 7 p.m. Friday at the Higher Trails Cowboy Church, 1400 FM 903, in Merit. The show will benefit 3-year-old Hector, son of Farmersville, who sustained serious head trauma in a recent auto accident. Stilwell will give a two-hour performance, which will be open to the public and free of charge; donations will be accepted. For details call Joan Stuart, 972-302-2122.

RCP 'Nonsense' auditions set

The Rockwall Community Playhouse will conduct a one-day audition for "Nonsense" beginning at 1 p.m. Saturday. The roles are for women, as well as an understudy, need to be filled. Visit [RCP Web site](http://RCP.com) for more detailed information.

'Tis the Season Bazaar open Saturday

The First United Methodist Church of Rockwall will host its annual "Tis the Season Bazaar" on Saturday at the church, 1200 Yellowjacket Lane. Homemade crafts, décor items, baked goods and a café will be featured. Admission will be \$1, which helps support the United Methodist Women's mission work. For more information call Kathy Lane, 972-475-5974 for more information.

Tailgate & Community Bash planned

The Dorris Jones Elementary School WATCH DOGS will host a Tailgate & Community Bash from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

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Federal indictment leads to Jose Luis Coria arrest in Dallas

Jose Luis Coria, the target of a federal investigation into an international drug-trafficking organization, was arrested Oct. 21 when officers with the Rockwall Police Department executed a search warrant at a Dallas location.

Coria's arrest was made "without incident" during the search at a location on North Masters Road, according to Lt. Carl Alsbrook, the Rockwall PD's public information officer. The information was provided in an Oct. 28 news release.

Coria, who had been sought by federal indictment, is believed to have ties to La Familia, a drug-trafficking network, according to the release.

The search was executed by the local department's SWAT team and Criminal Investigative Division, Alsbrook said in the release. Methamphetamine and seven firearms were seized.

The arrest was the result of a two-year investigation that involved members of the Rockwall Special Crimes Unit and the federal Drug Enforcement Administration, as well as other North Texas agencies.

Approximately 40 search warrants were simultaneously served throughout the area as part of this

effort, which according to the release has been dubbed "Project Coronado." The search warrants resulted in the seizure of approximately 650 pounds of meth-

amphetamine; 4.5 kilograms of cocaine; \$660,000 in cash; 50 firearms; 53 vehicles; one boat; two all-terrain vehicles; a camper; and two properties.



Luz Maria Gonzales-Zuniga, surrounded by her daughter Elizabeth, son Jose and husband Baltazar, receives the keys to the family's newly rebuilt house from Pastor Steve Stroope of Lake Pointe Church in Rockwall. Lake Pointe Church and community volunteers rebuilt the home after it was destroyed by fire from a lightning strike in 2008. See Page 6 for complete story.

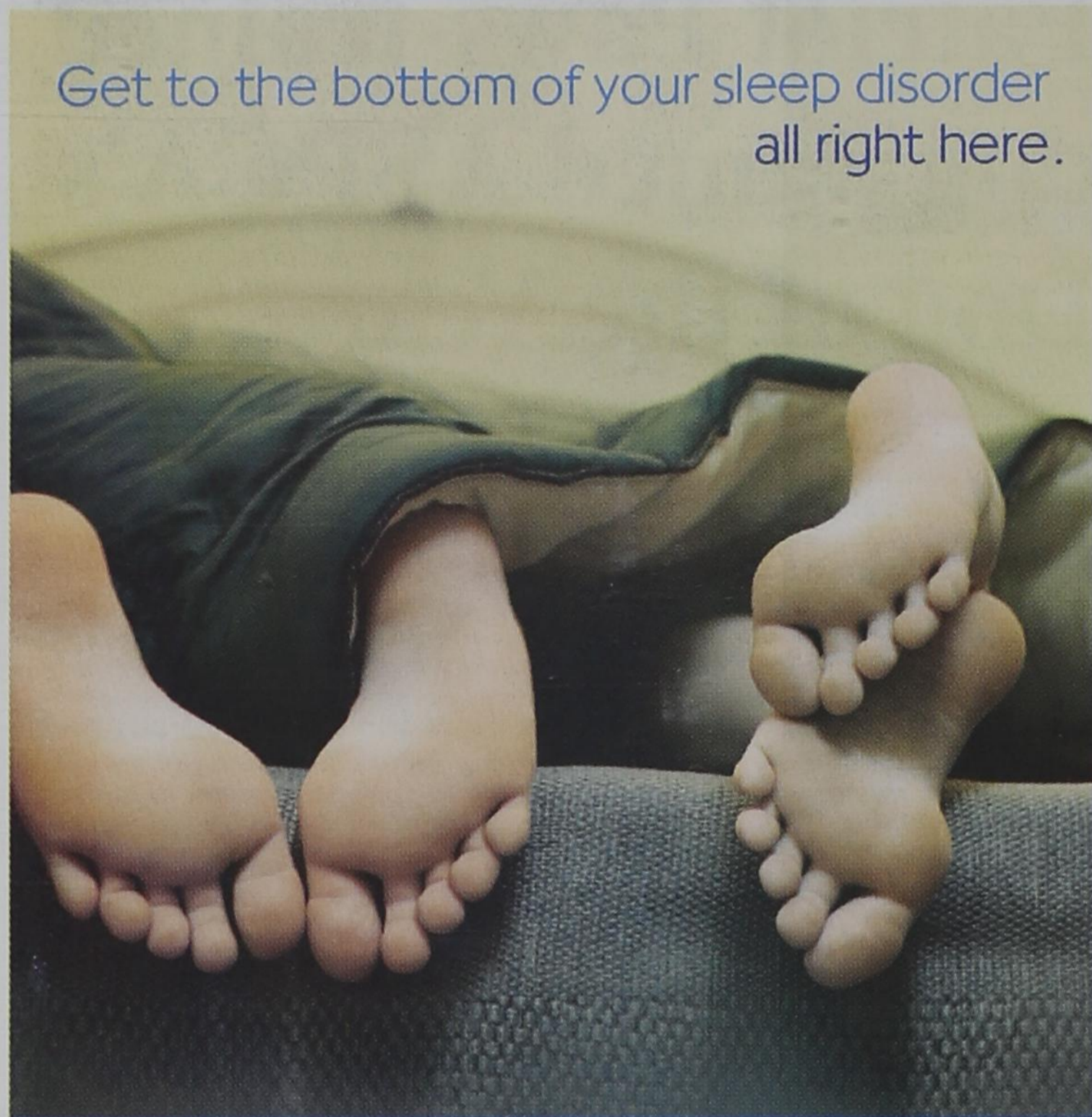
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Toy drive drop-off set at Saturday fair

The Saturday Family Community Fair, which will run from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Rockwall Crossing Shopping Center on I-30, will include a drop-off site for the Helping Hands annual Christmas toy drive that is currently under way.

"A non-profit critical assistance agency, Helping Hands wants all children in Rockwall County to have a very Merry Christmas this year," said Sherry Hamm of Helping Hands. "We love helping Rockwall residents in need, but we can't do it alone. We were built on a foundation of volunteers and community donations, so please help us continue our mission by making a generous holiday donation to Helping Hands."

Toys and other contributions also may be dropped off at Helping Hands, 950 Williams St. Sponsors also are needed for the agency's Adopt-a-Family Christmas Program. Contact Hamm at 972-771-HELP to sign up or for more information.



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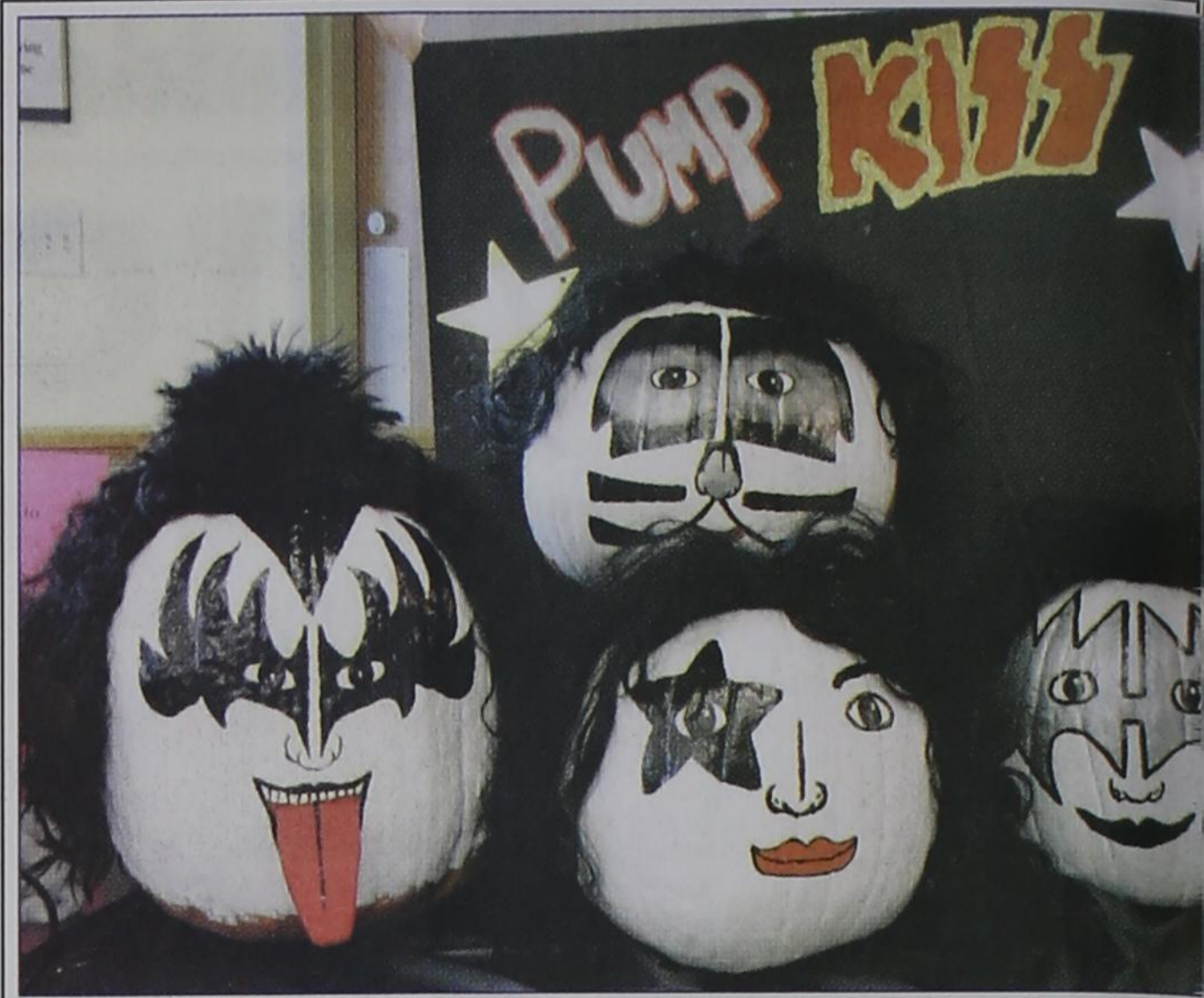
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Presbyterian Hospital of Rockwall celebrated the Halloween season with a pumpkin decorating contest for its employees. The winning entry, Pump-Kiss, was created by the Business Office. Second Place went to Women's Services for Baby Laka (a cute newborn baby girl made from all sizes of pumpkins) and a place was awarded to Radiology for their Barium Enema Pumpkin Patient (no description is provided for this entry). Employees were also treated to games and snacks in the courtyard at the Friday event, where they could play to win certificates for free lunches in the hospital cafeteria.

Staff Photo by Kathy Williams/Rockwall County News



Goblins and ghouls, princesses and super heroes all gathered at Summer Ridge Assisted Living for tricks and treats last week. Kindergartners, from Rockwall's Galaxy Ranch School, along with teacher Mindy White, visited residents and received treats along the way. Pictured here is Summer Ridge resident Betty Flatten handing out candy to the children.

Photo Courtesy of Shelley Aubrey/Rockwall County News

Rockwall Area Habitat to honor 23 volunteers

Twenty-three Rockwall Area Habitat for Humanity volunteers will receive the U.S. President's Volunteer Service Award Sunday at the organization's volunteer appreciation and awards event.

The awards program, created by the U.S. President's Council on Service and Civic Participation, strives to honor Americans who achieve a certain

standard measured by the number of hours of service provided over a 12-month period or cumulative hours earned over the course of a lifetime, according to a Habitat for Humanity news release.

Individuals and groups qualifying for an award based on volunteer efforts with the RAHFH during 2008 include:

- Lifetime Achievement (4,000-plus hours of service) – Carl Glaze, John Kirkland, Mary McClure and Ed Schwaneke
- Gold (500-plus hours of service) – Greg Caffarel, Knights of Columbus, Our Lady of the Lake Catholic Church
- Silver (250-plus hours of service) – Greg Blair, Sandra Claunch, Victor Isaak, Larry Laszynski, Loretto Martin, Mike Polkinhorn and Larry Wells
- Bronze (100-plus hours of service) – Jim Beebe, Vanessa Bovee, Angela Brannon, Norm

Brennecke, Glen Detgen, Goelden, Chad Lloy, Madison, Brendan I, Mike Wagner

The Rockwall Area Habitat board of directors, assisted by Congressman Ralph Abner, will present each award with a certificate of appreciation and a flag that was flown at the U.S. Capitol.

The event will take place at 3:15 p.m. at the Sante Fe Winery, Rockwall, and is open to all Habitat volunteers. RSVP to mhicks@rockwallhabitat.org. Admission is free.

Members of the community are invited to visit from 6 p.m. to purchase wine and benefit the day's sales. Live jazz by the Carter Jazz Band will be performed from 1:30 p.m. to 4 p.m. For more information, visit rockwallhabitat.org.

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Rockwall-Heath High School Robotics Team won second place at the BEST Robotic competition Friday, Oct. 24, at UT Dallas. Dallas ISD's Thomas Jefferson High School took first by very few making 3rd through 5th was St. Marks School, The Hockaday School and Ursuline Academy. These top five teams will advance to regional competitions at the end of November. Team members (standing left to right) Mark Jones, Kevin Manivong, Chandler Hoover, Andrew Brown,

Connor Phillips, Alycia Barsness, Grant Corder, Tyler Barsness, John Schneider, Jack Moore, Francisco Sanchez, Nick Engmann, Valentina Filic, Austin Sharon, team sponsor Leslie Reese and team sponsor Jean Laswell, (seated left to right) Guy Kowalchick, Ellis Bayoud, Shannon Halpin and Brandy Nelson. Not pictured are Jason Bowerman, Stephen Long and Cory Nelson. Robotics is part of the Career and Technology Education program at Rockwall ISD and is directed by Dr. Leta Durrett.

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Margo Nielsen, Helping Hands Executive Director, received a check for \$15,000 from Joel Johnson, president of Operations for Culppepper Steak House, and participants from the recent Chef's Shootout Culppeppers. The Shootout featured some of Rockwall's best chefs coming together to raise funds for Helping Hands. Rockwall restaurants joining the competition, which was hosted by Bob and Karen Nielsen, were AVA, The Oar House, Zanata's, Texas Roast, Bin 303 and Blue Canyon. Joining Nielsen were (back row left to right) Chef/Owner Mat Nugent of BIN 303; Sushi Chef Kevin Shen; Executive Chef Chad Bowden of Culppepper Steak House; (front row left to right) Johnson, Nielsen, Schneider of TR Café & Grill; Executive Chef Scott Coffman of Blue Canyon; Chef Harry of Kyoto, General Manager Tom Mach of Kyoto and Helping Hands Executive Director Margo Nielsen. Culppepper and his crew from Culppeppers took first place at the competition with his Seared Diver and Vanilla Bean Crusted Dry Aged New York Strip.

Photo by Kathy Williams/Rockwall County News

Group seeks applications for Richardson Award

The Rockwall Area Volunteer Organization, a volunteer organization of professional women and men, is accepting applications through Dec. 1 for the 2009 Richardson Award. The \$1,000 award is named after the president of the first volunteer club who was committed to helping young girls and women to volunteer action. Applicants must be female, between the ages of 14 and 17, and live in their community or county. Each applicant should submit a problem and work-solve initiative in both written and video format.

challenges instead of obstacles and believe in the power of volunteer action," according to the club's news release. "Whether these efforts are fighting against drugs, crime and violence, cleaning up the environment or working to end discrimination and poverty, they are actions that make the community and the world a better place in which to live."

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Helen Mitchell (seated) with her daughter Linda Duran.

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The Promise of the Father comes...Acts 2:1-4

We will now look at the events recorded in Acts 2:1-4. With help from God, the apostles had just chosen a replacement for Judas. Later, on a special day called Pentecost while all the disciples were together in the temple at Jerusalem, holy spirit was poured out into the world. The promise of the Father became available.

Starting with verses 2-4, "And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like fire, and it sat upon each of them. And they were all filled with the holy ghost and began to speak with other tongues as the Spirit gave the words."

While every body sat in the temple, a sound from heaven suddenly broke the silence. To understand what that sound was it helps to remember that earlier, Jesus Christ told them to wait for the promise from God. The promise was to be God's gift of the holy ghost. Given this, we can safely conclude the sound represented the pouring out of holy spirit. It is impossible for spiritual things to be directly perceived by our five senses and science. So the sound had to be miraculously provided by God. It is interesting to note that the word spirit came from a word that referred to wind. So it is quite fitting that God would give the sound of wind while pouring out holy spirit.

A vision of cloven tongues like fire was given to them. And the tongues sat upon each of them. They had already been taught earlier that speaking in tongues would be available. So when the time was right, God gave them the perfect cue to start speaking. It was a vision of cloven tongues sitting upon them. Isn't that so cool! They saw the vision and immediately acted on it. To speak in tongues simply means to speak in languages foreign to the person speaking. Please understand that they were not possessed into speaking in tongues. They freely started speaking according to God's will. And as they started speaking, the Spirit gave the words.

Please note that the vision of tongues was only for that situation. There are no records of any other people seeing similar visions. After the events of Acts 2:1-4, it was no longer necessary to receive this vision. The other records of people speaking in tongues involved someone teaching them about it.

A study of the words "sat upon" also shines more light. It came from an earlier word that referred to a continuous pressing downward upon something. It presumes that the thing being pressed down cannot come

out. For those who wish to study this in more detail, it is the Greek word "epi." It is used in Acts 10:44 where Peter ministered the holy ghost to gentiles, "While Peter yet spoke these words, the holy ghost fell on all them which heard the word." The words "fell on" were translated from "epi."

How did they know the holy ghost fell on them? "For they heard them speak with tongues, and magnify God" (Acts 10:46). This shows that speaking in tongues is directly related to the holy ghost permanently pressing downward upon somebody. In this record Peter had to teach them, but in Acts 2:4 the disciples had already been taught about speaking in tongues. They just didn't know when to start. This is why God gave the vision of cloven tongues pressing downward upon each of them.

In Acts 2:4 we see the first record of people being baptized with holy spirit and getting born-again not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible seed, by the word of God which lives and abides forever (1 Peter 1:23). These were the ever-abiding words that sprang out of them as rivers of living waters when they started speaking in tongues.

After that point, the first disciples were saved from having to endure

Rockwall County Obituaries

Mary Corbin

Services for Mary Corbin, 79, of Rowlett were conducted at 10 a.m. Tuesday, Nov. 3, 2009, in the Rest Haven Funeral Home-Rockwall Chapel with Dr. Aubrey Patterson officiating. Burial followed in the Rest Haven Memorial Park.

She died Saturday, Oct. 31. Born Sept. 8, 1930, in Dublin to Guy T. and Elizabeth (Moore) Jones, she was a talented cook and homemaker who enjoyed traveling or riding in the country. She was married 58 years to W.C. "Dub" Corbin, who owned an Allstate Insurance agency in Dallas for 41 years. The couple were residents of Rowlett for almost 20 years and are members of Lake Pointe Church.

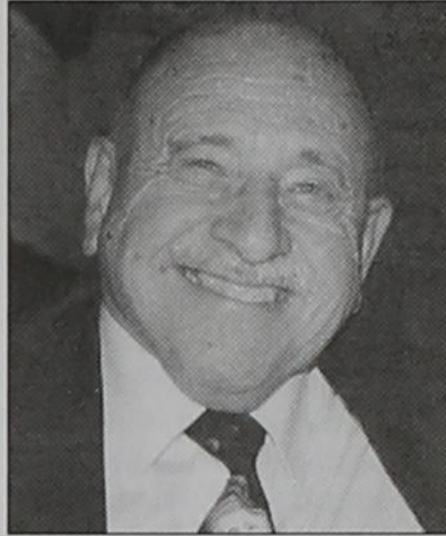
Survivors include her husband of Rowlett; one son, Charlie Corbin and his wife, Alice, of Rowlett; one daughter, Nancy Corbin of Rockwall; her grandchildren, Courtney and Logan Corbin of Rowlett; her brother, Richard Jones and his wife, Joann, of Abilene; her brother-in-law, Bill Corbin and his wife, Doris, of Mabank; her nieces and nephews, Becky Jones, Chris Jones, Cindy Corbin-Black and Lisa Corbin-Polyak; and numerous other family members.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

Richard Majchrzak

Services for Richard Majchrzak, 62, of Roys City were scheduled for 2 p.m. today, Friday, Nov. 6, 2009, in the Rest Haven Funeral Home-Rockwall Chapel with Pastor Al Barnett officiating. He died Sunday, Nov. 1.

Born Sept. 10, 1947, in Germany to Frank and Francis Majchrzak, he was a technician and a member of Lake Pointe Church. Survivors include his wife,



Glenda (Davis) Majchrzak of Roys City; his children, John and his wife, Laurie, of Rochester, N.Y., and Ted Majchrzak; Majchrzak, both of Orlando, Fla.; his stepchildren, Rebecca Downard of Arlington, Jonathan and Nakia Hopps of Wyllie and Kenneth Pounds of Point; and his grandchildren, Melissa, mantha, Chloe, Narissa, Jordyn, Konner, Kimberly and Austin. He was preceded in death by his parents.

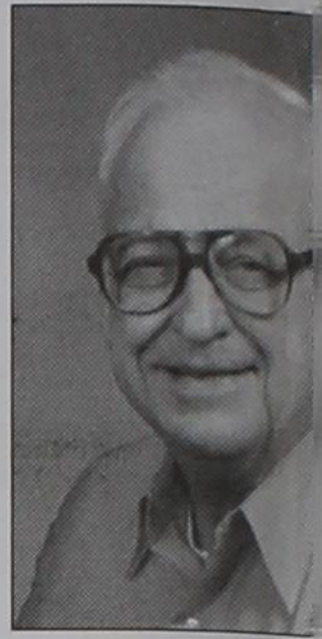
Gerald L. Taylor

Graveside services for Gerald L. Taylor, 79, of Roys City were conducted at 2 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 3, 2009, in the Rest Haven Memorial Park with Pastor James Woelmer officiating. The Rest Haven Funeral Home-Rockwall Chapel was in charge of arrangements. He died Sunday, Nov. 1.

Born July 20, 1930, in Sumter, S.C., he served in the U.S. Air Force and was a member of the Society of Plastics Engineers in South Carolina. A 30-year resident of Roys City, he was a past member of the Elks Club in Dallas and a member of Faith Temple Baptist Church in Poetry.

Survivors include his son, Jerry Taylor and his wife, Jill, of Roys City; his daughter, Patricia and her husband, Ron, of Flower Mound; his sister, Margaret and her husband, Harry, of Myrtle Beach, S.C.; his grandchildren, and Catie Taylor of Garland, Jonathan Taylor of Commerce and a fer and Matt Kohlhofer of Houston; and one great-grandchild, Taylor of Garland.

He was preceded in death by his parents and his wife, Betty Taylor of Garland.



Theatre arts class offered for home-school students

A theatre arts class for home-schooled students will be offered by Talent Box Productions Theatre, 244 N. Fourth St., in Wills P. The class will run from 9 a.m. to noon beginning Nov. 18 and continue each Wednesday through Jan. 20. A production will be held at the close of classes on Jan. 22.

The 30 hours of instruction will teach student stage direction, projection, theatre etiquette, focus, expression, character development and other theatrical skills.

The class will be directed by Bonnie Reichel of Terrell, Jan. of Myrtle Springs and Dianne Hamilton of the Tawakoni/Quire Reichel has a lifetime of theatre experience, both on and off stage and served as an instructor with the Boles Independent School District for many years. She has directed children's theatre for three years.

Cost for the course is \$100 or \$90 if paid prior on or before Nov. 14. For more details or to enroll, contact Reichel at 972-524-7500.

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First Presbyterian Church of Rockwall is located at 602 White Hills Drive, just north of the intersection of 130 and Ridge Road. The congregation, which is dedicated to local and global mission work, is led by Pastor Cheryl Taylor. Visitors are invited to attend Sunday school at 10am and worship at 11am. For more information call 972-771-5702.

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at the school, 2051 Trail Glen. A cakewalk, bounce houses, silent auction and chili are planned. TVs will be placed strategically for football viewing. Proceeds will support school activities. For information call Brian Neely at 972-771-1070 or bneely@rockwallisd.org.

Low-cost animal shot clinic offered

Animal Services will host a low-cost shot and microchip 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday at the vet's office, 2001 S. Goliad. Dogs must be on a leash, all cats in carriers. Rabies shots will be offered for \$10, one year, or \$24, three-year shot; other basic shots will cost \$5. Microchipping will be offered for \$20 while supplies last. City registrations also will be available. Call 972-771-7750 for details.

Springer to host Fall Festival

Elementary will conduct its Fall Festival from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. The event will include concession stands with pizza, hot dogs, and drinks, as well as a trackless train, bounce house, dunk tank, and prizes. Pre-sale tickets are available at the school at a cost of \$1; at the door tickets will be two for \$1.

IHS Drill Team to host dinner, auction

Rockwall-Heath High Highsteppers Drill Team will host a spaghetti and silent auction beginning at 6:30 p.m. Saturday in the cafeteria. Spaghetti, bread, salad, tea and desserts will be served. Auction items include a Bella Harbor weekend package, a High-seascot package, a golf package, men's gifts, etc. Tickets cost \$10, \$6 for children under 12. For tickets call Lisa O'Connor at 972-8803.

Signing Stars to perform

Signature Signing Stars will perform at the 11 a.m. worship service at the First Christian Church, 3375 Ridge Road, Rockwall. The group will perform two hymns in sign language, as well as offer their pottery for sale. Proceeds will benefit Coventry programs, in-services, social skills, sign language, potter and others. For more information contact the church at 972-771-5526.

RARTA plans Monday meeting

Rockwall Area Retired Teachers Association will meet at 1:15 p.m. Monday at the RISD Administration Complex. The program will be "White Rock Lake in Dallas" presented by Sally Rodriguez. School personnel and their guests are welcome. For details, contact Cecil at 972-771-3362.

Deadline for dog contest entry is Monday

Dog Trick Contest and Obedience Contest will be offered beginning at 3 p.m. Nov. 14 at the Rockwall Animal Adoption Center, 1825 Airport Road, or e-mailed rmcqueen@rockwallisd.org. Entries must be received by Monday - either dropped in person, 1825 Airport Road, or e-mailed rmcqueen@rockwallisd.org. Entries of appreciation also may be sent to the city's Animal Services Department and its staff. The Rockwall Police K9 Unit and the County Sheriff's Posse also will be featured. For further details call 972-771-7750.

Library offers teen study time

Rockwall County Library will offer a Pop In and Study time from 6 p.m. to 7:45 p.m. Tuesday. Participants should bring their books and plan to study.

Focus on home-based medical transcription

Rockwall ISD Community Ed program will offer a class entitled "Home-Based Medical Transcription Business" from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesday in Room 2313, RHS. Learn what medical transcription is and how to establish a home business. Cost is \$25; a \$20 fee will be required. For more details visit rockwallisd.com or rtranscription.com.

Library closed for Veterans Day

Rockwall County Library will be closed for Veterans Day on Monday, November 11.

Veterans Day program set at Williams MS

Williams Middle School will offer its annual Veterans Day program beginning at 10:45 a.m. Wednesday in the gym. Featured speaker will be a local U.S. veteran, school resource officer for the campus. Students, staff and members of various organizations will be involved in the program, which is for all military men and women who are serving or have served. The public is invited to attend.

Applebee's offers meals to vets, military personnel

Wednesday, Veteran's Day, Applebee's Neighborhood Grill & Bar is offering complimentary meals to U.S. veterans and active duty military with free meals. Each with proof of current or former U.S. military service will receive a complimentary entrée from a specified selection from the menu. The offer will be in effect from lunchtime through the dinner hours for dine-in customers. For details visit applebees.com/vetsday.

Marketing seminar slated in Rockwall

Business owners will have the opportunity to learn from a national marketing specialist, Jon Schallert, who will give a 90-minute presentation, Increase Sales and Profits as a Destination Business, beginning at 8 a.m. Thursday at The Center, 108 E. Washington St. The seminar will be open to the public. Those planning to attend should contact Golden, Rockwall Main Street manager, at 972-772-6400.

Business After Hours event set

Rockwall County Chamber will host Business After Hours from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday at the Stone River Golf Club. Appetizers and beverages provided by club owner Kirk Froehlich and golf pro Randy Wade. Event is designed to allow local businessmen and women to socialize, share ideas and make contacts.

Family Fun Night set at park

Rockwall County Chamber will host Family Fun Night at the Harry Myers Community Center. Activities will begin at 6 p.m., including Hula Hoop, jump rope, three-legged race, bounce house and many other activities. Prizes will be given to winners.

ISD to host College Financial Aid Night

Rockwall ISD will host a Financial Aid Night at 6:30 p.m. Monday in the RHHS cafeteria. A financial aid team from Texas A&M University-Tyler will provide information on both English and Spanish speaking financial aid opportunities. All parents and high school students may attend. For details

call James Jones at 469-698-2662 or e-mail jbjones@rockwallisd.org.

'Understanding TRS' workshop slated

An interactive workshop on understanding the Teacher Retirement System is set for 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Thursday in the RHS Lecture Hall. From eligibility to retirement choices, this class is designed to provide a better understanding of TRS. Cost is \$15; Don Morrison will serve as instructor for the Rockwall ISD Community Ed program-sponsored workshop. For more details visit rockwallisd.com.

Out-to-Lunch Bunch headed to Plano

The next Out-to-Lunch Bunch event for seniors ages 50 and older will run from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Nov. 13 at Nee Nee's Tea Room in Plano. Cost will be \$7 for Rockwall residents, \$11 for non-residents; cost covers transportation only. For more details on this Rockwall Parks & Rec Department program, which takes place the second Friday of each month, visit rockwall.com/parks.

Brown Bag Lecture set Nov. 13

The Rockwall County Historical Foundation will feature Patty Canup's "Oral Histories of Rockwall" at its Brown Bag Lecture at noon Nov. 13. The meeting will take place in the Historic Courthouse. The program is free and open to the public.

AARP 55 Alive Driving class set

A course designed to help older drivers cope with age-related changes affecting driving will be offered from noon to 4 p.m. Nov. 13 at The Center. Open to individuals ages 50 and older, the class is sponsored by the Rockwall Parks & Rec Department. Cost for AARP members is \$12 for residents and \$18 for non-residents or, for non-members, \$14 for residents, \$21 for non-residents. For more details visit rockwall.com/parks.

Nov. 13 is deadline for T'giving Meal Drive

Nov. 13 is the deadline for foods to be donated to the Thanksgiving Meal Drive sponsored by the Roysse City Police and Fire Departments. Items needed include canned vegetables, packaged gravy mix, cornbread mix, cranberry sauce, boxed potatoes, stuffing mix, pumpkin pie mix and pie shells. Drop-off locations include the RC City Hall, RC Police or Fire Departments, American National Bank, Texas Leadership Bank, First United Methodist or State Farm Insurance.

Blood drive set at Masonic Lodge

The East Trinity Masonic Lodge in Rockwall will host its fall blood drive benefiting the Texas Scottish Rite Hospital for Children from 8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Nov. 14 at the Lodge Hall on the southwest corner of the Rockwall County Courthouse square (entrance is across Hwy. 66 from the side entrance of Square Market).

Free mammograms offered

UT Southwestern Medical Center will provide free mammograms for uninsured women residing in Rockwall, Kaufman and Ellis counties from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Nov. 14 at the First Assembly of God Church, 3101 S. Houston St., Kaufman. Digital screenings will be done in a mobile mammography van; images will be transmitted to UT Southwestern's Center for Breast Care. Patients will receive results within a week. Mammograms are funded by a Breast Cancer Relief Foundation grant, which also will fund diagnostic follow-ups, if needed. Screenings will be limited, so pre-registration is required: 214-645-2560.

RHS PTA plans holiday arts, crafts event

The Rockwall High School PTA 2009 Fall & Holiday Arts & Crafts Show will run from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Nov. 14 at the school. Unique hand-crafted home décor, holiday gifts, one-of-a-kind items, custom ordering and personalized items will be among things offered. Admission will be \$1.

NAMI support group meetings planned

Two free NAMI support groups - one for those with a mental illness in Room 121 and one for their families in Room 123, B Building - will run from 1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. Nov. 14 at the First United Methodist Church, 1200 E. Yellow Jacket Lane, Rockwall. Call Hal or Dee Whitfield, 972-412-6030 for more details.

RPA plans wine-tasting, art auction

The Rockwall Preschool Association will host a wine tasting and art auction from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. Nov. 14 at BIN 303 restaurant, 105 Olive St., Rockwall. Pieces representing various mediums by local artists will be auctioned; light hors d'oeuvres, wine and lemonade will be served. Cost will be \$20 for adults, \$10 per child (under 10); children ages 2 and under will be admitted free of charge. For tickets call 469-644-9864; tickets may be purchased at the door. Proceeds will benefit the Rockwall ISD Education Foundation Grant.

Heath Goes Hollywood set Nov. 14

Heath Goes Hollywood, a benefit for Helping Hands, will run from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. Nov. 14 at Heath Salon & Spa. The event will feature sponsorships, a silent auction, raffle opportunities and entertainment. The salon, located at 201 Hubbard Drive in Heath, also will host a community appreciation event Nov. 9-14.

Teen Game Night set at library

The Rockwall County Library will host its Teen Game Night from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Nov. 17.

Seniors' Civil War, currency tour slated

The Rockwall Parks & Rec Department will host a Civil War and Currency Tour from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Nov. 18. Travel with other seniors as they tour the Bureau of Engraving and Printing and the Texas Civil War Museum. Cost is \$10 for residents, \$15 for non-Rockwall residents. Registration fee covers admission to both museums. For more details visit rockwall.com/parks.

Library to host computer workshop

The Rockwall County Library will host a computer workshop from 10:30 a.m. to noon Nov. 18.

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in the technology lab. The workshop will focus on e-mail usage. Patrons interested in signing up for free e-mail accounts or needing general assistance with e-mail related questions should sign up in advance at the reference desk. A valid library card will be required. Workshop will be limited to 10 students.

Teen Book Club to meet

The Rockwall County Library's Teen Book Club will meet from 4 p.m.



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Volunteer manpower rebuilds family's burned home in Lake Rockwall Estates

Contributed by Amy Van Vleck

When tragedy struck a family in the Lake Rockwall Estates (LRE) area of Rockwall County in 2008, a community rallied together to offer support, supplies, and spiritual counsel. One year later, the family moved back onto their property into a new home built entirely by volunteers.

The family of eight had been displaced for slightly more than a year since a fire destroyed their home. While attending their niece's Quinceañera in 2008, the Gonzales-Zuñiga home was struck by lightning. Fortunately, a neighbor was home and contacted the fire department, saving some of the family's cherished items.

"We were just glad that we were not home," said 17-year-old Elizabeth, as she explained the events of that day. "We were glad that no one was hurt."

The couple's wedding attire hung outside the neighbor's home for quite some time to eliminate the smoky smell. The children mentioned that their Bibles were saved, as well as one daughter's precious stuffed dog. Most everything else perished in the fire.

What did not perish, however, was hope. Through the combined efforts of the City of Rockwall, Rockwall-Heath High School, and Lake Pointe Church, the family began to receive support.

The first response to the family's needs came from Rockwall's City Code Enforcer, Leonard Mendez, who heard of the fire and that the family had lost their basic necessities. He contacted Enid Reyes at Lake Pointe Church, who directs the LRE Community Center, and Adriana Gutierrez at Rockwall-Heath High School, where three of the children attend school. These entities immediately began to work together to help the family by providing lodging at a local hotel and transportation to school for the children.

This was just the beginning of a transformation brought about by tragedy.

"Many [Lake Pointe] Life Groups pulled together to provide food and clothing to the family," said Reyes, the church's director of community ministries. "They also provided furniture, mattresses, gift cards, and money. They became very engaged in helping this family."

"Out of the help and ministry assistance we gave them, they began coming to Lake Pointe's Hispanic church," Reyes said. "The father came to Christ and the whole family became very active in the [LRE] Community Center. They offered to volunteer at every scheduled opportunity. In fact, the girls have become leaders inviting other youth to the church."

Transformation at Lake Rockwall Estates is happening one person at a time, Reyes said. "They come in, we love them as Christ would, we are His hands and feet. They come to know Him personally, they come to church, they get involved. Then they invite others in the community to get involved in the activities at the Center."

When Lake Pointe Church celebrated 30 years of service to the community in June—sporting their black "I Got My Shovel" t-shirts—a home construction project for this family seemed like a natural choice. The family met LRE program benchmarks (through the area's Community Center), has the largest amount of volunteer hours, and they prequalified financially.

The purpose of the weekend-long Anniversary celebration was to serve the community and give back to Rockwall residents. This particular project, however, took much longer than one weekend to complete.

With the foundation poured, volunteers began construction of the home on Saturday, June 13, and worked every weekend until its completion on Oct. 3. The home was dedicated and the volunteers celebrated during an Open House on Saturday, Oct. 17.

"The completion of a project like the Gonzalez home is only made possible by the generosity of those who have donated materials and services, but more importantly by those who donated their time to the project," said John Wardell, Lake Pointe Church's executive pastor of operations.

"The most valuable volunteer in the project was Alan Selden, a professional home builder who led the construction of the home from start to finish. The Community Center at Lake Rockwall Estates and this home are both products of his leadership and his servanthood," Wardell said.

Mr. Selden said that "God just sent the right number of people for whatever was going to be done each day. They each were enthusiastic and each had a servant's heart."

"Some were skilled, some were not. And that really is fine," Selden added. "Even in the Bible, God called those who didn't know what they had to offer, but they were willing to do the work. We provided the tools and leadership; volunteers provided the manpower. Even the father, the recipient of the home, was there taping, bedding, and painting. He did a wonderful job!"

And that is exactly what the

Open House and Dedication on Oct. 17 celebrated: the will of the servant's heart. "Whether they worked multiple weekends of one day, it took the combined effort of these volunteers job done," Selden said. "I give credit to God and to the good of Lake Pointe for the completion of this project."

"It is our hope to be able to complete other homes in the Rockwall Estates area," said Wardell. "The accomplishment goal will be dependent upon our ability to finance the home. The generosity of those who provide materials and services, importantly we need to build a strong volunteer base of people willing to serve as we build these homes. Whether you are yourself skilled or not, these projects provide a way for you to help others and to make a difference in our community."

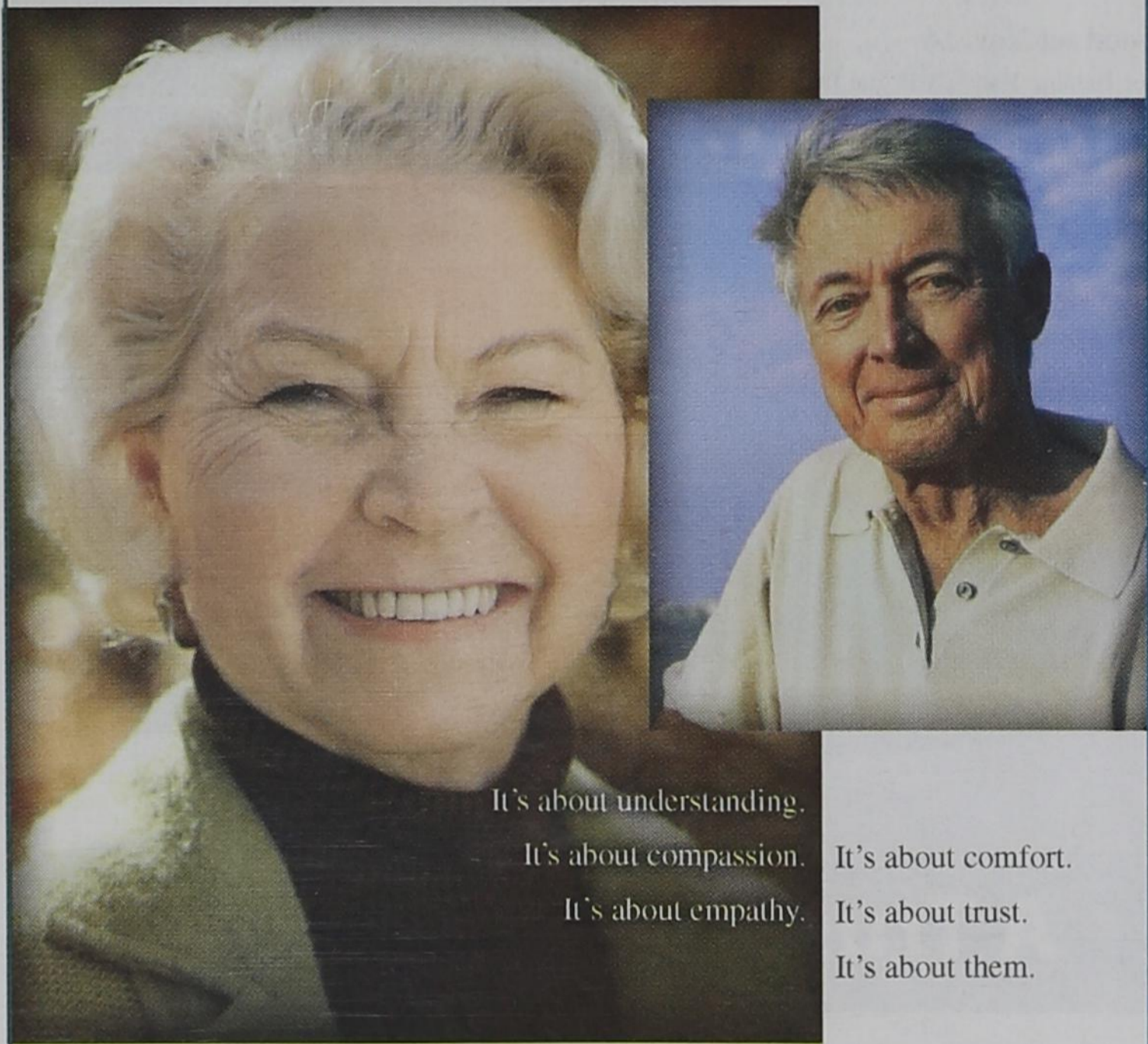
And it did make a difference. "I'm so excited for my mom to get this new house," Elizabeth said. "They worked very hard on our old house before the fire."

"The whole process truly shows God's grace," Reyes said, answering [the father's] repeated questions, "Why them, why she simply answered "because God loves you."



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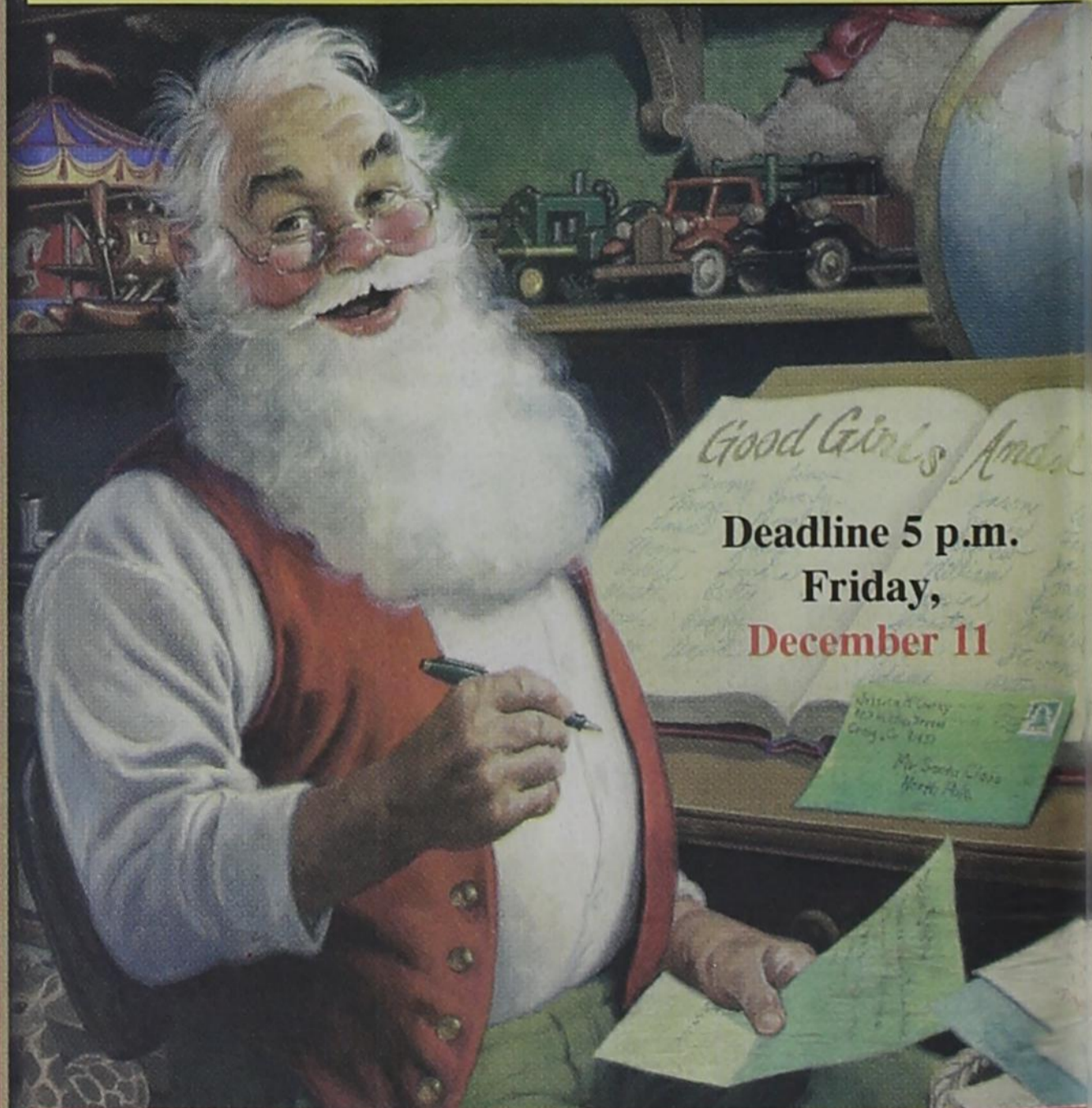


Emily Mastronardi, shown above, was just one of the many Parks students who participated in the Oct. 30 Hoe Down at the school. Each year, fourth and fifth grade students at the school gather for a western dinner/dance to help raise money to support fifth grade students and their teachers to Camp Grady Springs, a science-driven, activity-filled three days and nights. The event included a dunk tank, limbo, Hula Hoop contests, comedy routines to "Thriller" and other music, and numerous other activities. Brookshire's, Kroger, Costco, Chick-fil-A and Soaring Wings provided donations to help make the fundraising event possible. High school and middle school volunteers helped out by staff event.

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Ann Walton, Jana Windels, Angie Glidewell, Jodi Kuhn, Joey Grand-Lienard and Lori Smith (left to right), all members of the Rockwall Women's League Fall Social Committee, join Fall Social Chair Jami Frisby for karaoke during the League's annual Fall Social last month at Galaxy Farms in Heath. The theme was "RWL Idol." Several members and their husbands entertained active and associate members by performing karaoke songs. The league will hold its next general meeting from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m., Friday, Nov. 13, at Holy Trinity Episcopal Church in Heath. The upcoming spring ball and community service activities will be on the agenda. Contact Amy Butler at 214-763-9614 for further information.

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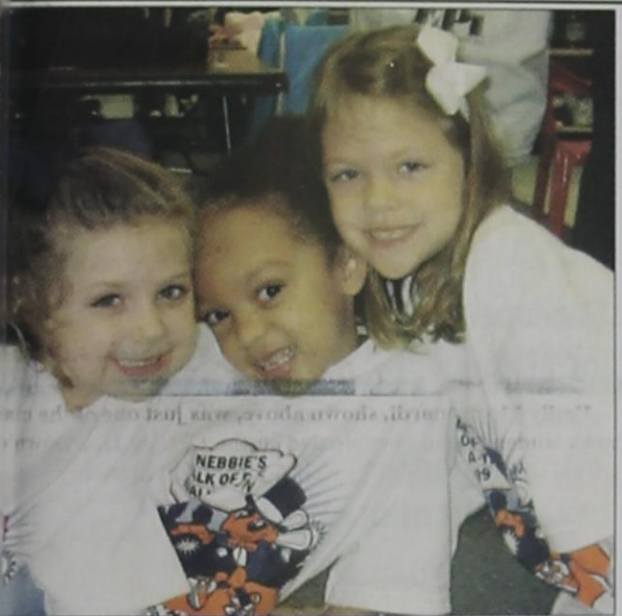


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150 Roysse City High students representing the Student and other school organizations conducted a Trick-or-Treat 'n Eat! Campaign, collecting more than 2,500 food items hanging on doors throughout the community. Pictured above, left, are a handful of participants, including Dani Sanderson Smoot, Brooke Taylor, Brittney Wood, Cassie Degnanah Brown, Taylor Williams, Laura Lofton and Brittany Woods collected were distributed to local food pantries.



Williams Elementary School once again hosted its Annual 4-Thon last week on Friday, Oct. 30. The event was held to help raise money to support the classrooms. Cheyenne Weable's kindergarten won a YMCA swim party for raising the most money in the school. The day started with a parade, with each grade creating a themed banner. Kindergarten's theme was "Reach for the Stars." After the parade, the school divided into groups and walked around the school, including a nutrition class led by Beth Williams, an aerobics class led by Cynthia Michael and a demonstration given by the Rockwall Fire Department. This day filled with lots of fun and excitement. Students Isabella Greenawalt, Alyssa Greenawalt, Lucy Jacobs cuddle up during the 4-Thon indoor picnic lunch.

Polar Express begins Nov. 13 in Palestine

Texas State Railroad will begin the Polar Express Train on Friday, Nov. 13 in Palestine.

The train is led by the award-winning conductor, Chris Van Allsburg, who will read the story "The Polar Express" while reading along with the children as the train makes its journey. Other activities include meeting Santa, and enjoying hot chocolate and a gift. More than 31,500 children were sold to visitors in Palestine and several other locations. More than 1,000 tickets already have been sold for this year, according to the marketing manager. Dates include Nov. 13, 14, 27, 28 and 29 and Dec. 11-23, 26 and 27 at 5:10 p.m. and 8:15 p.m. Runs will be offered at 11 a.m. and noon on Dec. 2, 3, and 4.

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Hawks' victory ends with Frisco Liberty

McGillen

Leading 23-22 in the second volleyball match against Frisco Liberty Hawks needed just two points to seal the victory. However, rallied to score the net. Then won the third game as well as the first ever trip to the postseason at Frisco High School Tuesday. The Lady Hawks, the No. 3 seed from Rockwall, defeated Frisco's five-year defending champion, Frisco Liberty, 25-17. The No. 2 seed from District 9...

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the Lady Hawks look to continue their success, replacing Courtney McGillen won't be easy.

ing to be a tough loss," Younger said. The four years and they brought home four state titles. McGillen and our seniors were just a lot of fun to watch. The Lady Hawks, however, didn't see the end of the road. The talented Lady Redhawks, who were ranked 13-1 mark compared to the Lady Hawks' 2009 season. The game of the best-of-five sets was a close as they would eventually closed out the match on the floor untouched by a swing. The only coach Heath has...

know what to expect," she said. McGillen said. It won't be long until the Lady Hawks are back on the court.

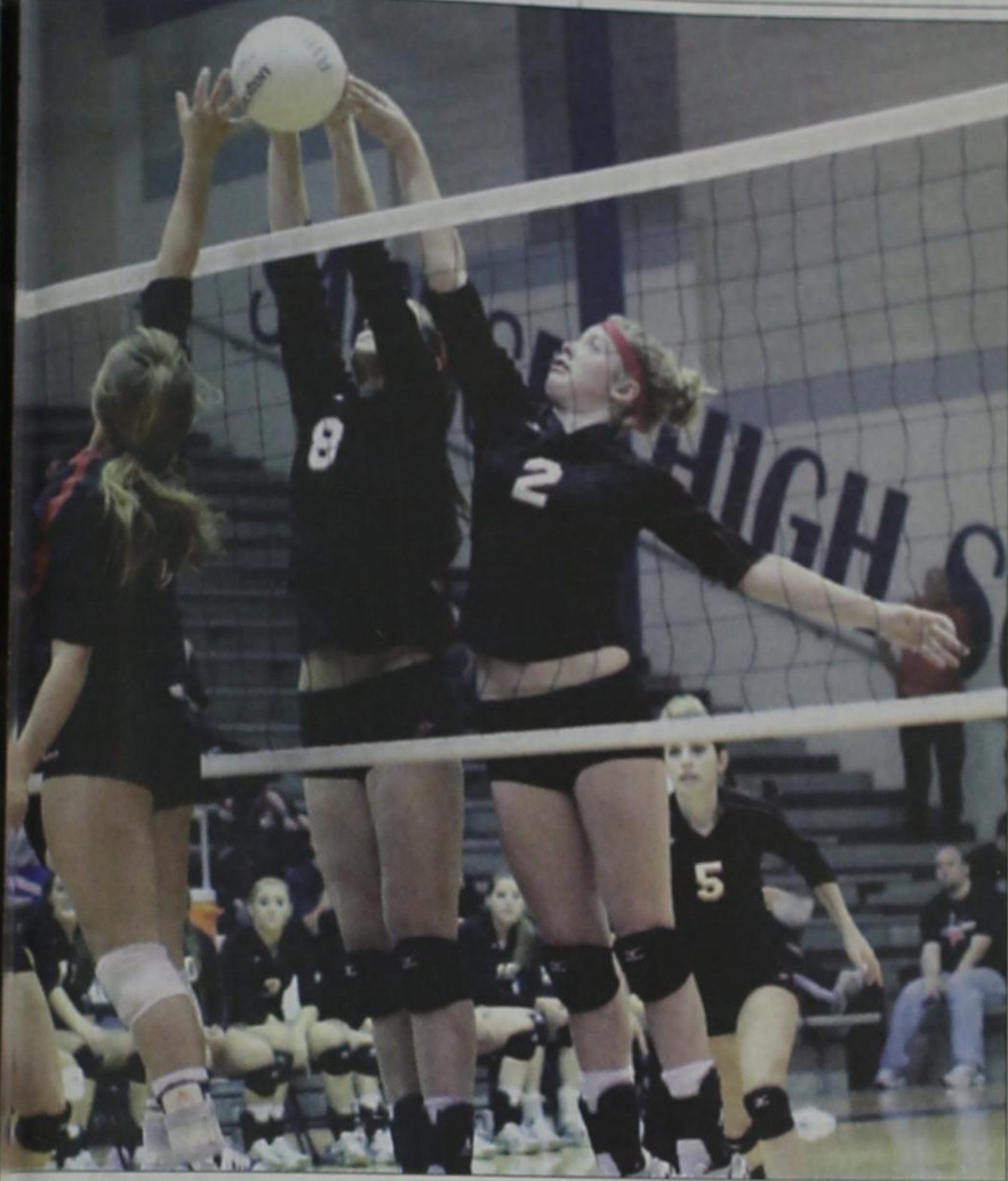
Improving Falcons' performance ranked Duncanville in 2009

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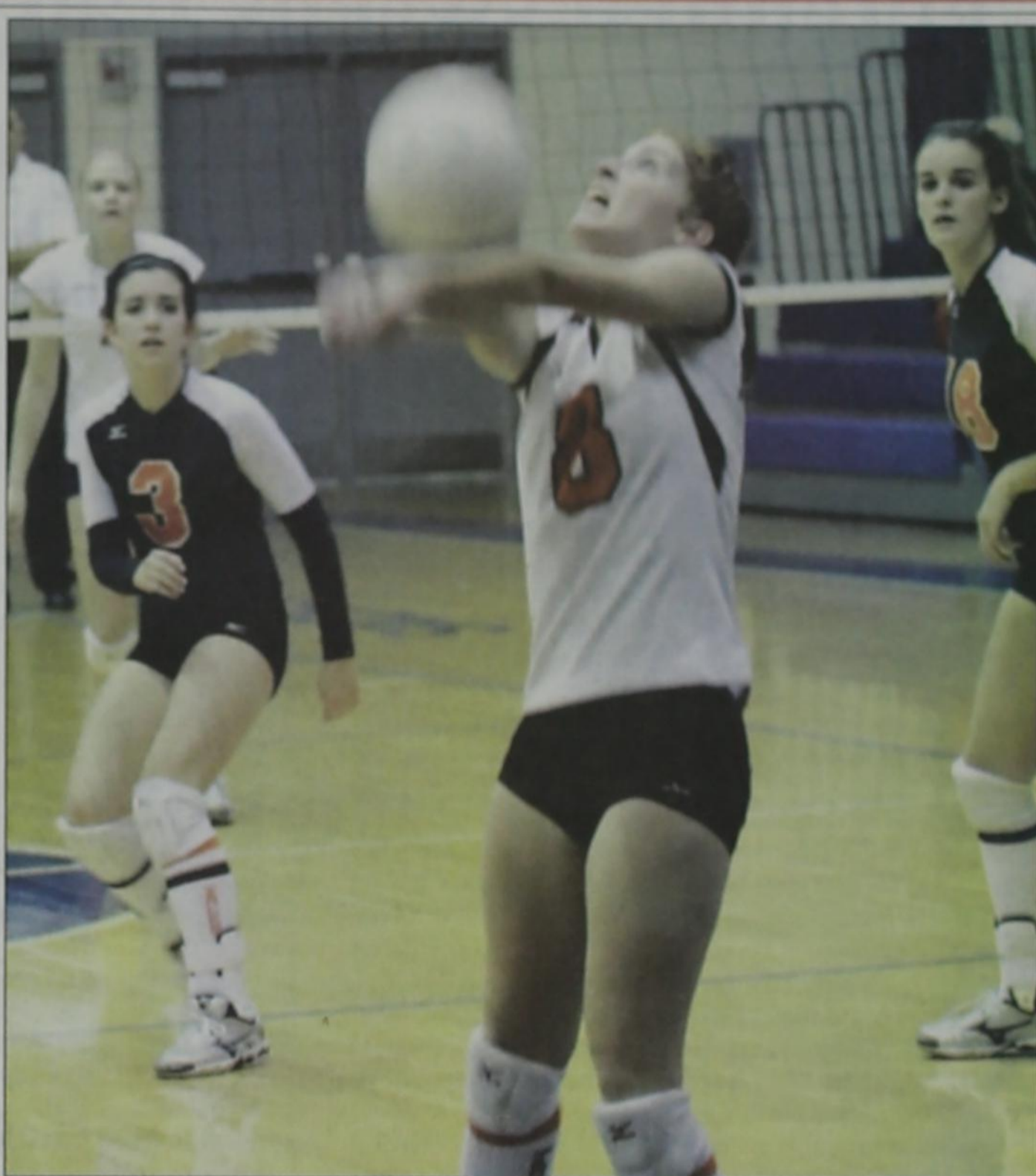
off a playoff-eliminating 79-60 victory, winless Fulton Academy and Duncanville Christian School at 7:30. The Falcons (9-9) got some great individual contributions from senior quarterback Nathan rushed for 234 yards and three touchdowns. McGillen had five tackles on defense. McGillen was 10-for-19 passing and three interceptions as well as carries for 72 yards.

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Rockwall County Sports



Rockwall-Heath's Ashley McClintic (8) and Ciara Ryan-Todd (2) go up to block shot during the Hawks' bi-district playoff match against Frisco Liberty at Sachse High School Tuesday. The Hawks were swept by the Lady Redhawks 25-10, 25-23, 25-15 to end their season with a 25-17 record. Also pictured on the play are Jennie Eilts (14) and Aubree Baune (5).
by Carl McClung/Rockwall County News



Rockwall libero Allie Cecil (8) bumps the ball toward the net, where her teammates Loren Kelly (3) and Ashlynn Broussard (18) wait to make a set during game three of Tuesday's Bi-District playoff loss to Frisco Centennial. (See story on Page 10)
Staff photo by Tim Burnett/Rockwall County News

Lady Hawks' volleyball season ends with sweep of Frisco Liberty

By Matt McGillen
SACHSE — Leading 23-22 in the second game of their first round volleyball match against Frisco Liberty, the Rockwall-Heath Lady Hawks needed just two points to pull even at one set with the powerful Lady Redhawks. However, they were unable to do so and instead lost the match. The Hawks, however, rallied to score the next three points for a 25-23 win in the third game as well, to abruptly end the Lady Hawks' first-ever trip to the postseason with 25-10, 25-23, 25-15 at Sachse High School Tuesday.

The Lady Hawks, the No. 3 seed from District 10-4A, ended their successful season in Heath's five-year history with an overall record of 25-17. The No. 2 seed from District 9-4A, lifted its record to 33-10.

The early exit from the playoffs, according to Heath coach Younger, her program is headed in the right direction. "It's one more step forward," said Younger. "Each year we've gotten better." While the Lady Hawks look to continue to improve, losing senior players, replacing Courtney Murphy, Katie Peisen and Jennie Eilts won't be easy.

"It's going to be a tough loss," Younger said. "They've been in the playoffs for four years and they brought us here. They believe in the program. And our seniors were just a lot of fun." The Lady Hawks, however, didn't seem to be having much fun in the talented Lady Redhawks, who rolled through their disheartening game of the best-of-five match was marked by some passing and unforced errors, in marked contrast to the last weeks of the regular season when Heath played lights out, in a sweep of cross town rival and defending area champion Frisco.

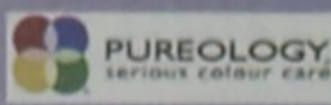
The Lady Hawks played much better in the second game, before they slipped away at the end. "It was just the pressure of the next level," Younger said. The third and final game of the match, which turned out to be the end of the Lady Hawks' 2009 season, they quickly fell behind before rallying to get back to within four points, at 14-10. That was as close as they would get, as Liberty continued to play, and eventually closed out the match with a dink serve to the floor untouched by a swarm of diving Lady Hawks. Younger, the only coach Heath has had, said she can't wait for next year.

"I know what to expect," she said. They know what the playoffs are all about. It won't be long until we start it all over again."

Improving Falcons entertain third-ranked Duncanville Christway in 2009 season finale

By Matt McGillen
DUNCANVILLE — Kicking off a playoff-eliminating 79-48 loss to Longview Trinity today, winless Fulton Academy closes out its 2009 schedule with a third-ranked Duncanville Christway tonight at Rockwall-Heath High School at 7:30. The Falcons (0-9) got some great individual performances in the loss to Frisco (2-5). Running back Rabah rushed for 234 yards on 24 carries and scored four touchdowns. He also had three receptions for another 22 yards and another interception. Quarterback Steffen was 10-for-19 passing for 104 yards with two touchdowns and three interceptions as well as nine tackles on defense. He had six carries for 72 yards.

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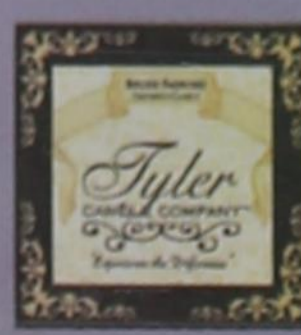
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Hawks look for share of District 10-4A championship

McGillen
HIGHLAND PARK — For Highland Park, tonight's District 10-4A finale against Rockwall-Heath is a win-win situation. The Hawks (5-1, 7-2) outright the district championship they surrendered to Heath (3-1) in overtime. If they lose, they wind up no worse than co-champs with the Trojans (5-1, 7-2) as well, if the Trojans lose to the Heath coach Mickey Moss. "It really matters because I'm just interested in beating Highland Park," said Moss. "If we beat Highland Park, we are the champions, whether it's by who wins, Highland Park, Heath, Smith and Pearce have four playoff berths from 10-4A. The Hawks will face either Frisco Wakeland from District 9-4A in the bi-district round on Nov. 13 at Wiley High School. Heath will also be in the 4A Division II tournament, while Highland Park will compete in the 4A Division I tournament which is based on enrollment. To beat the Scots, currently ranked sixth in the state among 4A schools will have to contend with the No. 2 offense in the state (499.6 yards of total offense per game), which features the No. 4 quarterback in the No. 1 Area receiver.

Six-foot-three senior quarterback Luke Woodley, who missed the Scots' season opener for disciplinary reasons because of an off-field issue that occurred in the summer, has nonetheless still thrown for 2,841 yards and 30 touchdowns with just four interceptions. He throws most often to 6-4 senior wide receiver Chris Hipps, who has 61 receptions and tops the 4A Area stats with 1,162 receiving yards and 15 scores. Hipps isn't Woodley's only target, either. Austin Miller (34 catches for 548 yards and 6 TDs), Josh Francis (45, 472, 3) and Morgan Stringer (22, 418, 3) will also put pressure on the Heath secondary. When the Scots do run the ball, they give it most often to Preston Miller, who has picked up 601 yards while scoring five times. Woodley, however, is no real threat to take off with the ball, as he has run for just 55 yards on 44 carries, a meager 1.3 yard per carry average. That is in stark contrast to the Hawks' signal caller, senior Kevin Rodgers. Not only has Rodgers thrown for over 2,000 yards (2,024) and a dozen scores, he has run for another 365 yards and three more touchdowns to lead a Heath offense that is rated eighth in the Metroplex, averaging 430 yards a game. Senior Cameron Wilson heads the Hawks receiving corp with 36 catches for 525 yards and a team-high six touchdowns. Ryan Peterson has a team-high 563 yards on 33 receptions and four scores, followed by Clark Pope (24, 385, 1) and Tyler Harding (23, 281, 1).

On the ground, where the Hawks average 204 yards a game, sophomore Dorian Lawry leads his team with a 103 yards per game average, while senior Jesse Irokwe has run for 499 yards and five TDs. Defensively for the Scots, senior Noah Flabiano leads the team with 58 stops and five sacks. Heath's defense, meanwhile, is led by seniors Justin Powers (8.9 tackles per game) and David Tanner (7.6) as well as sophomore Dru Mayfield (7.2). Tanner has a team-high 10 sacks while Mayfield, Armando Villa and Drew Baxter top the Hawks with two interceptions each. **Who:** Heath @ Highland Park **Where:** Highlander Stadium **When:** tonight, 7:30 **Records:** Heath (7-2, 5-1) beat Turner 51-6. HP (8-1, 6-0) beat Rockwall 63-42. **Recent History:** Heath beat HP 38-31 in OT in 2008, snapping the Scots' seven-year, district-game winning streak. **When Heath has the ball:** QB Kevin Rodgers is 136-for-218 for 2,024 yards and 5 picks. RB Dorian Lawry has rushed for 831 yards on 124 carries and scored 13 TDs. WR Cameron Wilson has 535 yards on 33 receptions and six scores. **When HP has the ball:** QB Luke Woodley is 182-for-251 for 2,841 yards and 30 TDs with four interceptions. WR Chris Hipps has 61 catches for 1,162 yards and 15 scores. RB Preston Miller has run for 601 yards on 83 carries and scored five TDs. **Injuries:** None reported.

Rockwall High School, Greenville playing for pride

Rockwall Yellowjackets at Greenville Lions Saturday, Nov. 6, 7:30 p.m. "Cotton" Ford Stadium. RHS 4-5 overall, 2-4 District 10-4A; Greenville 5-4, 2-4. Jackets head coach Scott Smith said no players would be lost to return from being hurt since last Friday's 63-42 home loss at Park. That included center Jake Termin, who had to be helped into the locker room because of a left leg injury. "He's a tough kid," Smith said. Greenville, all-district linebacker Tristian Farley will return. He day's 43-22 loss at Richardson Pearce because of a concussion and neck. In last year's final game, Rockwall tamed the Lions 20-7. The Jackets have been in the same district before, and resumed playing each other when the Jackets moved from District 10-5A.

What to expect: Each team is disappointed that it will be playing for fifth place in the district instead of for playoff positioning. Smith and Greenville coach Jim Phillips are trying to emphasize reasons to play hard. For Greenville, that would be finishing with its first winning season since 2003. The Lions have gone 17-42 since then. RHS would like to finish at .500 and avoid a four-game losing streak to end the season. "It's important how you finish," Smith said Wednesday. "We want to finish strong. We've had a good two days of practice this week, and we'll have another today." It's the kind of game that could get out of hand if one team doesn't come ready to play. If it's close, neither team would seem to have an advantage coming in. Rockwall has had three games decided by fewer than 17 points, and is 2-1 in those contests. Greenville has played just two games that close, winning

both against non-district opponents during the season's first two weeks. The game will feature the district's two leading rushers. Jackets junior running back Josh Broach has 1,259 yards in 180 carries, with 19 touchdowns, even though he was injured and missed a game. Greenville quarterback Alton Dennis has gained 1,164 yards and scored nine times in 134 carries. Smith said of Dennis, "He's a threat to score every time he touches (the ball). They run a (Shot)gun with the option dive. We've got to keep them bottled up." The Lions' other leading performers are Dakieston Williams, with 638 yards and 11 touchdowns rushing, and Devonte Green, who has caught 29 passes for 474 yards and two TDs. But Greenville's is a run-first offense. Dennis has thrown just 114 times for 777 yards and 10 touchdowns. Rockwall also has moved the ball better on the ground. Quarterback Adam Dingwell has eight touchdown passes, but he has thrown for 1,524 yards.

Rockwall Christian Academy meets The Highlands to decide third place

Rockwall Christian Academy Warriors at Irving The Highlands Friday, Nov. 6, 7:30 p.m. Highlands Stadium. RCA 3-6 overall, 1-2 TAPPS District 2-IV; The Highlands 5-3, 2-4. The Warriors remain without linebacker Cody Wallace (fractured) and guard/linebacker Ryan Lee (concussion). Right tackle/linebacker Randy Castaneda will be ready to play both ways after recovering from a fractured tibia. Both Wallace and Lee are expected back next round of the playoffs. Last season, RCA shut out The Highlands 39-0. Rockwall has defeated the Blazers in each of the past three seasons after 2005 game.

RCA's junior quarterback, Stephan Turner, is leading the Metroplex's private schools with 1,443 rushing yards and 13 touchdowns on the ground. In a more balanced offense, he has thrown for 951 yards and nine TDs. Palmer said, "I think our offense will be OK. Stephan can be explosive and eat up yards. The key will be how well our defense can stop their offense."

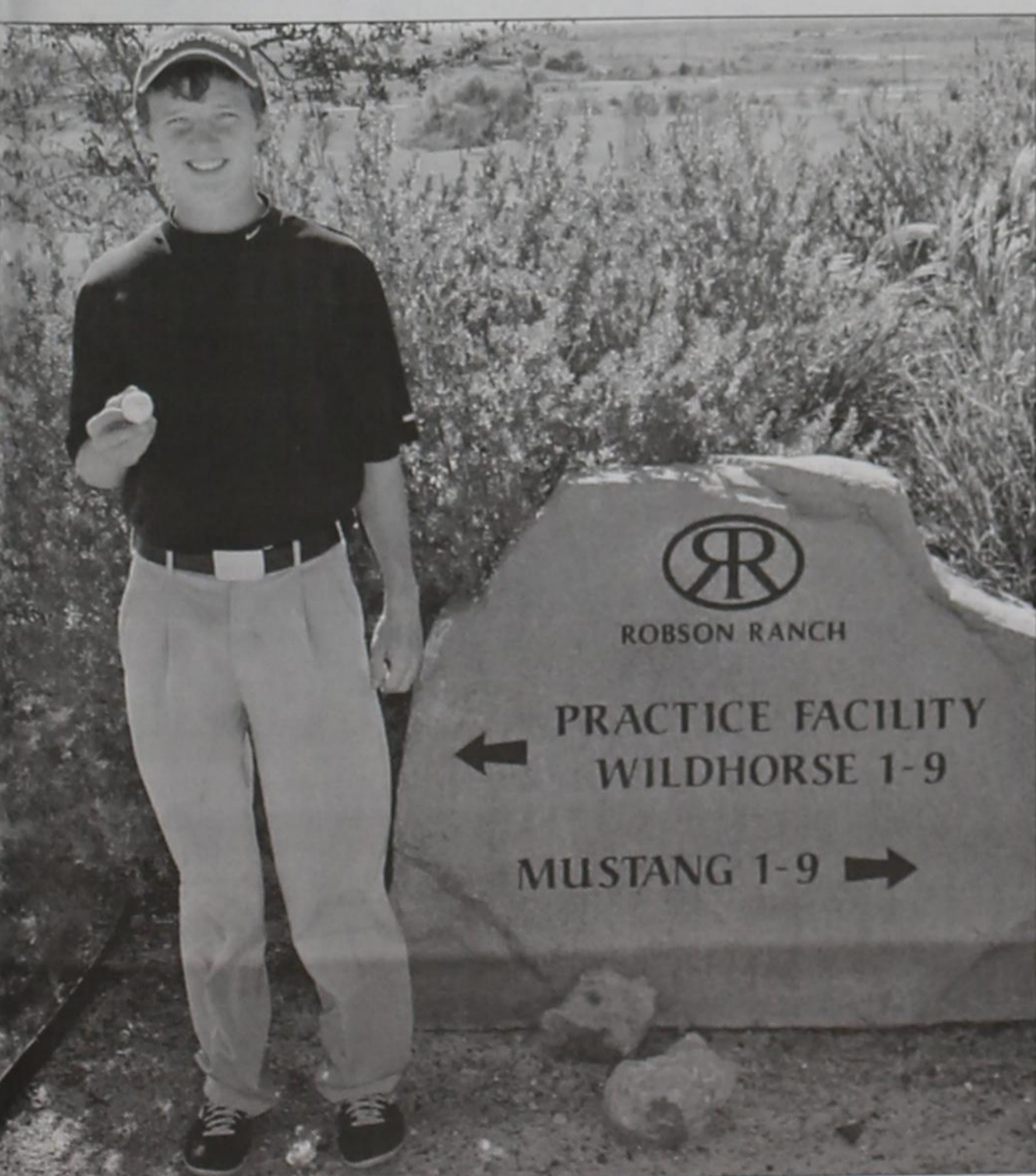
Playoff impact: The winner of this game would finish third in the district, and would advance to play District 3-IV runner-up Amarillo Arbor Christian at West Texas A&M in Canyon. The losing team would place fourth, and would travel to 3-IV champion Muenster Sacred Heart.

Royse City Bulldogs travel to RL Turner for District 10-4A finale Saturday in matchup of 0-9 teams

By Matt McGillen
CARROLLTON — When winless RL Turner hosts also-winless Royse City tomorrow afternoon at 3 p.m. at Carrollton's Standridge Stadium in the District 10-4A finale for both teams, it will definitely be a good news/bad news situation. The good news is that one team's long, disappointing season will end on a positive note. The bad news is that one team's long, disappointing season will just get longer and more disappointing. For the Bulldogs, who are 0-6 in the district and 0-9 overall, they hope to end a losing string that has grown to 10 in a row and dates back to a first-round playoff loss last season. For the Lions (0-6, 0-9), they hope to end a losing string that has grown to 16 straight going back to last year, when they won just one game, and a mind-numbing 36 losses in their last 37 games.

And the reasons for Turner's ineptitude are fairly obvious. Averaging just 10.2 points a game — while giving up 47.8 — the Lions top rusher, Anthony Fletes averages, just over 20 yards a game. And they have only two runners who have gained over 100 yards total all year: Fletes with 188 and Matthew Bernal with 101. When the Lions go to the air, quarterback Pedro Galvan has completed just 41 percent of his passes with 20 interceptions and only eight touchdowns. One bright spot offensively for Turner is their two-receiver set of Christian Hernandez and Tre Jackson. Hernandez has caught 29 balls for 483 yards and four scores while Jackson has 30 receptions for 392 yards and a pair of touchdowns. The Bulldogs, meanwhile, average nearly twice as many points as the Lions (18.4-10.2) while giving up a few less (47.8-43). And their offensive leaders are significantly better than their Lion counterparts. The Bulldogs leading rusher, senior Ryan Fedric averages almost two and a half times as many yards on the ground per game (46.3-20.9) than the Lions' best runner. Running back Lewis Mapps and quarterback Taylor Corbin, with 313 and 204 yards, respectively, also have better rushing totals. Corbin has also completed a better percentage of his passes (58-41) as well as thrown for more yards (1,819-1,624) and more TDs (10-8) but with fewer picks (20-16). RC's top receiver, Kristopher Smith, has the same number of touchdowns (6) and roughly as much yardage himself (760) as the Lions' top two receivers (875) have combined. Against their most recent common opponent, RC lost to defending district champion Rockwall-Heath 31-24 while Turner got crushed 51-6 by the Hawks. So, on paper at least, this is a game that the Bulldogs should win, perhaps even handily. **Who:** RC @ RL Turner **When:** Nov. 7, 3 p.m. **Where:** Standridge Stadium **Records:** RC (0-9, 0-6) lost to Newman Smith 55-17. Turner (0-9, 0-6) lost to Heath 51-6. **Recent history:** RC won 48-0 in 2008. **When RC has the ball:** QB Taylor Corbin is 157-of-276 for 1,819 yards with 10 TDs and 16 picks. RB/WR Ryan Fedric has run for 491 yards and caught 33 passes for 330 yards with a total of 10 TDs. WR Kristopher Smith has 49 receptions for 760 yards and 6 TDs. **When Turner has the ball:** QB Pedro Galvan is 125-for-302 for 1,624 yards with 8 TDs and 20 interceptions. RB Anthony Fletes has rushed for 188 yards. WR Christian Hernandez has 29 catches for 483 yards and four scores. **Injuries:** None reported.

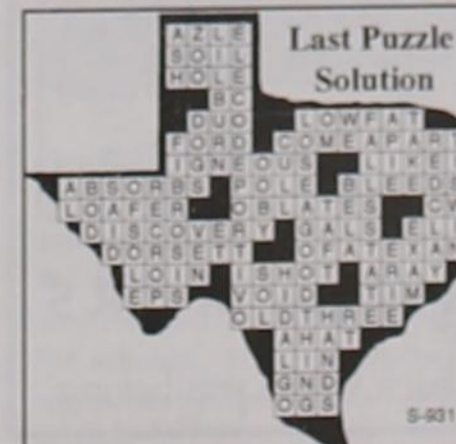
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Matt Rogers, a senior member of the Rockwall-Heath High School golf team, sank his first hole-in-one on Tuesday, Oct. 24, during the Big T's Invitational Tournament at Wild Horse Golf Club at Robson Ranch in Denton. He was playing for the RHHS Hawks Varsity black team coached by Zack Chary. Matt was very surprised to find the ball in the cup, losing sight of it after it bounced and rolled a search of the fringes of the green. Matt has began playing golf since he was nine years old and grew up in New York. He started his high school golf career in eighth grade. He played four years on the varsity golf team at Sachem East High School on Long Island before moving to Heath in July and joining the Hawks for his senior year. Using an 8-Iron, he scored his hole-in-one on Hole #5 on the back nine of the Wild Horse course at Robson Ranch. Matt, 17, is a scholar athlete and plans on pursuing engineering and architecture in college. Photo Courtesy of Tammi Rogers/Rockwall County News

Rockwall JV tennis second at Duncanville tournament

Juli Hughes and Chance Norris finished second in mixed doubles, leading the Rockwall junior varsity 1 Orange tennis team to second place at the Duncanville Tournament. The Yellowjackets pair went through the season undefeated until losing in the finals of the nine-team Duncanville event. Other top performances for RHS were by Nolt Lamela, third in boys' singles; Scott Shelley and Kyle Hayes, first in the consolation boys' doubles, and Lauren Taylor and Angela Rasa, second in consolation girls' doubles. "All others played great, and they all played a lot of tennis," Jackets head coach Lana Fulkerson said after the match that lasted from 8 a.m. and 6 p.m. Also playing at Duncanville were Corbin Edwards, Brett Blockhus, Kelly Henderson, Jessica Perkins, Megan Almanzana, Michael Deguenther, Kaitlyn Irby and Hillary Persons.



Lady Jackets 4th among 4A schools at Old Brickyard

Led by Ariel Tidwell's 72, the Rockwall girls' Varsity 1 golf team improved by 32 shots Saturday to post a 321 total, its best this season, in the 36-hole North Texas Interscholastic tournament. Tidwell, a sophomore, improved by 15 shots on the second day. She came within two shots of the lowest score ever recorded by a Lady Jackets golfer. Jordan Rose, now playing at the University of North Texas, twice posted 70s for RHS. Rockwall shot 353 on Friday before rallying on the second day at the Old Brickyard Golf Club in Ferris. The Lady Jackets finished 12th overall in a 17-team field that included three 2008-09 state-champion squads. Among 4A schools, Rockwall trailed only defending state champ Montgomery's Purple and Gold squads and Highland Park, which qualified for last season's state tournament. RHS finished with 674, which was just four strokes behind 11th-place (Continued on Page 12)

Adamson to sign with Missouri-Kansas City

Peyton Adamson's prayers have been answered. Wednesday, when the week-long early signing period begins, the Rockwall High School senior will sign a national letter of intent to play women's basketball for Division I Missouri-Kansas City. "I'm praying a lot," she had said before this season's practice began of the decision facing her about where to play college basketball. It was a question of where, not if. The 5'7" Adamson, the lone remaining player from the Lady Jackets' 2006-07 state 5A champions, has led the team in scoring each of the past two seasons. As a sophomore, she was

second among the nation's high school girls in 3-point field goals. She will be one of three Rockwall girls whose signings will take place Wednesday at 9:15 a.m. in the RHS gym. Volleyball captain Maggie Brindock will sign to be the setter for Notre Dame. Softball center fielder Amanda Harmon also will be signing. Her college choice wasn't available at press time. She will be one of three Rockwall girls whose signings will take place Wednesday at 9:15 a.m. in the RHS gym. Volleyball captain Maggie Brindock will sign to be the setter for Notre Dame. Softball center fielder Amanda Harmon will be signing to play at Oklahoma Baptist University, an NATA college in Shawnee, Okla. Her siblings, Braxton (Dallas Baptist men's team) and Shelby (Tarleton State women) both are starring at Division II colleges. "I've seen my brother and sister go through the ups and downs. I've thought a lot about it. It's kind of a family decision. We talk about the pros and cons. My brother had a college that said it wanted him, then at the last second pulled back."

She had definite goals in mind. "I'll go where there's a team I would fit in with, a college where I can grow spiritually. I want good ministries on campus and to get plenty of good Christian friends with good girls." She has planned to be an education major. "Schools for teachers are hard to find," Adamson said. She knows there will be challenges ahead, and she'll need to improve her game to play at the highest college level. "I'll definitely be competing against some of the people I go against. I know I'm athletic enough to do it and get stronger and work on defense."

RHS Lady Jacket golfers

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Flower Mound Marcus and 23 behind District 10-4A rival High First-place Allen totaled 570. Tidwell's 87-72-159 tied for 36th place among individuals. Richter, tied for 39th, was teammate Hayley Bingham at 83-78-161. She also played well both days of the tournament," said Rockwall head coach Matt Claborn. A&M Consolidated's Casey Grice had the lowest individual score of 68-134. Also scoring for the Lady Jackets were Brittany Stansbury 61st at 90-84-174; Dana Cappello, 73rd with 93-88-181, a Southerland with 100-87-187. On Monday, Rockwall's Varsity 2 and junior varsity teams placed ninth in the 14-team Rowlett Eagles Invitational at the Eagle Golf Club. Sara Clark's 95 led the varsity 2 with 96 (tied for 16th), and Ind had the low score for the junior Lady Jackets at 103. Other scorers for the varsity 2 were Southerland with 103, Dan 111 and Cindy Cho 117 for a 427 total. For the JV team, which included Aly Heuer, Elsie Bentley and Mary-Leigh Winkler all shot 119. So the event at 370. The best individual score was a five-over-par 75 Lynch's Amy Ruengmateekhum. The varsity 1 team will compete Friday and Saturday in the Invitational at Indian Creek Golf Club. The varsity 2 and JV return to action in Tuesday's Rowlett tournament at Waterview G

RHS cross country teams keep fall alive

The boys' and girls' cross country teams will try stretch the fall sports season for Rockwall High School. Those teams or some individuals could advance to the state meet with strong showings in Saturday's Region II meet at Vandergriff Park in Arlington. The girls' 4A race is scheduled for 9:35 a.m. and the boys' race for 10 a.m. Both of the Yellowjackets' cross country teams finished second to Highland Park in last Saturday's District 10-4A meet. Meanwhile, there's new hope around the corner as the Yellowjackets' winter/spring teams begin their season. The Lady Jackets' basketball team will be the first of those teams to compete. The varsity schedule opens at 7:30 p.m. Monday at Parish Episcopal. On Thursday, the boys' gymnastics team will compete in the LC Invitational at Brandenburg Middle School in Mesquite, and the varsity and junior varsity wrestling teams will have a scrimmage at Plano East. Rockwall's football season ends Friday night at Greenville. The volleyball team reached the Bi-District playoffs before losing Tuesday to District 9-4A champion Frisco Centennial. The tennis team has one match remaining, and the boys' and girls' golf teams still have some tournaments to play.

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- 1 in Tarrant Co. on state hwy. 199
- 5 TX _____ and Water Conservation Board
- 6 TX George Strait's "Ace in the _____"
- 7 this Broderick was the bad guy in film "Lone Star" (init.)
- 8 music pair
- 9 TX grass-fed beef is this (2 wds.)
- 15 maker of F150 truck
- 16 TXism: "_____ at the seams" (lose control)
- 19 TX has _____ rocks (from lava)
- 21 TX T. Boone Pickens blog "Calling It _____ See It"
- 22 soaks up
- 27 TXism: "_____ cat" (skunk)
- 28 some TV news: "If it _____, it leads"
- 29 TXism: "porch preacher"
- 30 "Missionary _____ of Mary Immaculate" has a theology school in San Antonio
- 32 infamous '66 UT sniper Whitman (init.)
- 33 Spindletop was first big TX oil
- 36 TXism for young women
- 37 UT grad and actor Wallach
- 38 Cowboy Hall of Fame RB Tony

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- 1 late TX cosmetics mogul Mary Kay
- 2 Dallas & Fort Worth claim to have the oldest _____ in TX
- 3 Colleyville named after this Dr. Colley
- 4 TX hispanic sports publication (3 wds.)
- 39 "You can't take Texas out _____"
- 41 with "tender" or "sir," a cut of beef
- 42 TXism: "strike while the iron _____"
- 45 "_____ of sunshine"
- 46 graphics file format
- 47 TX "Secession Ordinance" was declared "null and _____" in 1866
- 48 Spurs star Duncan
- 49 Austin's 1820s _____
- 50 _____ Hundred Colony" Stetson (2 wds.)
- 53 this TV co. owns NBC affiliates in Austin & Llano
- 54 Gussie who created "Rangerettes" (init.)
- 55 this Owen won pole vault gold in '48 with a bamboo pole (init.)
- 8 TXism: "cling like a tick to a _____ ear"
- 9 TX Freddie Fender '76 hit: "You'll _____"
- 10 Gov. _____ Roberts (1879-1883)
- 11 TX Clint Black's "_____ Tell Ourselves"
- 12 Austin's "McKinney _____ Park"
- 13 Groves "Texas Pecan Festival" has _____-eating contest
- 14 TXism: "_____ the bull by the horns"
- 15 Gov. Connally died of pulmonary _____
- 16 select certain cows from the herd
- 17 this subsoil is found in west TX (2 wds.)
- 18 Indian alcoholic beverage from corn
- 20 TX Roy Orbison's first hit: "_____ Dooby"
- 22 this Pacino starred with TX Matthew McConaughey in "Two for the Money"
- 23 slang for "body"
- 24 TXism: "Nuff _____"
- 25 "filet _____"
- 26 edit a photo again?
- 28 Houston gymnastics coach Karolyi
- 31 in San Patricio Co. on hwy. 181
- 34 religious title (abbr.)
- 35 actress of TX-based "Giant" (init.)
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Amick, Emily Miller and Nicole Deel had the top three the Luminant Scholars Essay Contest at Amy Parks Elementary School. The topic of their papers was, "How can I help the environment?" Emily Miller's first place essay will be read at Rockwall ISD for the district essay competition. Nicole Deel placed second and Amick placed third.
Courtesy of Mary Thacker/Rockwall County News



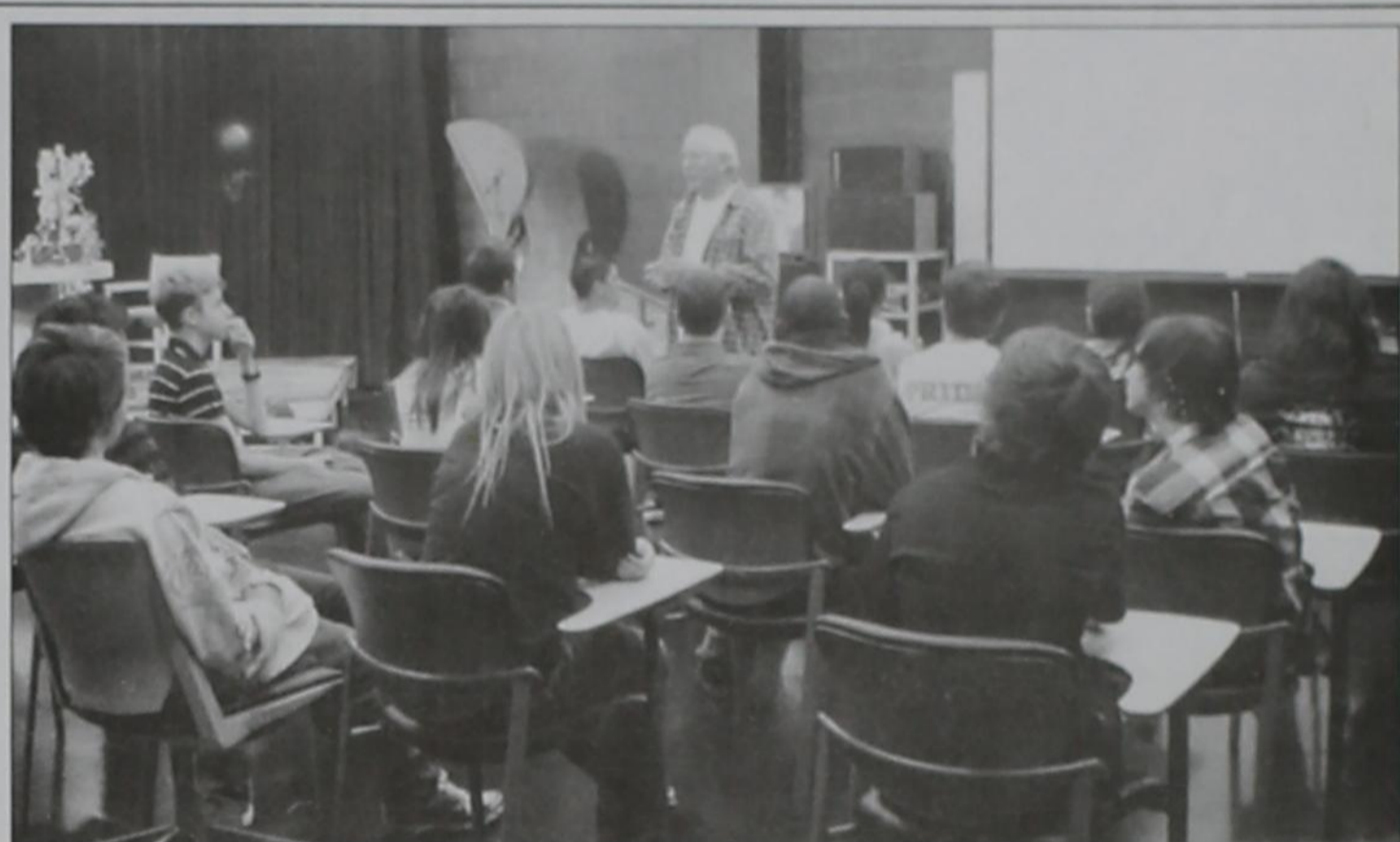
Dobbs Elementary is proud to announce its 2009-2010 Peer Mediators: Kids helping kids through conflict resolution. The students are (back row from left) Delaney Bird, Ethan Lynskey, Zully Zavala, Parker Straight, Shannon Frost, (front row from left) Kailee Duzan, Ava Garner, Nathan Benke, Taylor Nichols and Kayla Butterfield.
Photo Courtesy of Lisa Costello, Instructional Technology Specialist/Rockwall County News



Shannon Elementary kindergartners recently learned about fire safety from the Rockwall Fire Department. A course was set up to teach the children how to exit a room or house safely in the event of a fire. Shannon students and teachers would like to thank the Rockwall Fire Department for taking the time to teach us how to stay Safe. Practicing their safety drills were students Ricardo Villareal, (inside) Chance Singeltary and Aubrey Sullins and (behind) Emily Short.
Photo Courtesy of Ann Knostman/Rockwall County News



Students from Heritage Christian Academy visited an apple and peach orchard on Tuesday. The farm also grows vegetables, has a honeybee exhibit, speaks to boys and girls about apples, and the use of cotton, which is also grown there. For lunch the group went to the Rainforest Cafe. The students learned about endangered animals. Students on the trip were Paitlyn Anderton, Reagan Bailey, Madison Belcher, David Calmes, Sierra Cleveland, Tatum Graham, Haley Gribbin, Jacob Hastings, Nathan Jones, Madeleine Judd, Elise Luke Ragsdill, Amy Rester, David Rester, Emily Schumaker, Mikayla Smith, Jessica Wallis and Williamson.
Courtesy of Kendra Talley/Rockwall County News



Andy Chiles, video professor at North Lake Community College, is shown talking to a group of Rockwall High media students during their Tuesday tour of the college's state-of-the-art digital studio. Students toured the studio, control room, video editing areas and animation area. Students enrolled in Media Tech classes at RHS can get tech prep credit from North Lake, and students who attend the college can, after two years, transfer all of their credit hours to the University of Texas at Arlington where they can declare broadcasting or film majors.



The Rockwall Children's Chorus, pictured above, performed Saturday on the final day of this year's Pumpkin Patch. The group sang "I've Been Working on the Railroad," "This Land is Your Land," "Battle Hymn of the Republic," "Deep in the Heart of Texas" and "The Star-Spangled Banner" under the direction of Alan Clark. It was the group's first performance of the season. The chorus will next perform at Douglas Castle in December. For more information about the group, visit rockwallchildrenschorus.com.



The Rockwall-Heath High School Peer Assisted Leadership Class (PAL) performed a Safety Kids show for the third grade classes at Jones Elementary School during Red Ribbon Week. The show offered during the show were about keeping their minds and bodies healthy and free from the use of drugs and alcohol.
Misty Conger, Counselor, Dorris Jones Elementary/Rockwall County News



The Jones Elementary Jaguars take their Box Top collecting very seriously. During the month of October, participated in a contest to bring in as many Box Tops as they could, with the prize being getting to duct tape the principal and vice principal to the wall for everyone to see during dismissal. The October top collectors were Bree Jordan, Megan Watson, Ethan Tell and Chance and Haley Ream. Shown here fulfilling his part of the Box Top bargain is Assistant Principal Brian Neely. Principal Angela Marcellus was also duct taped to a nearby wall by the students. The Box Top program is a nation-wide fundraiser for schools. Many products in the grocery store, including cake mixes, cereals, boxed snack foods and more, have a special box top that is removed and taken to the school to be redeemed for the support of the school.
Photo Courtesy of Sherry Mask, Jones Elementary PTA Publicity Chair/Rockwall County News



The Rockwall-Heath High School Spanish National Honor Society spent a recent afternoon preparing envelopes to send to American troops. This student-run project has been going on since the end of last year. Featured here are SNHS President Agar Woda (left) and Vice-President Vicky Nguyen (right).
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The 2009-2010 Rockwall High School Homecoming Beaus and Sweethearts are introduced during the annual Homecoming festivities.



The Jackets take the field for the 2009 Homecoming matchup with Highland Park last Friday at Wilkerson-Sanders Stadium.



The 2009-2010 RHS Homecoming Queen and King, Paris Sibley (left) and Will Beasley (right) crowned by last year's Royalty, Bethany Lang (second from left) and Kyle Sandlin (second from right).



The Rockwall High School Stingerettes Drill Team showed their spirit during last week's RHS Homecoming Parade.



"There's No Place Like Home" sets the theme for the RHS Softball team's float in this year's Homecoming Parade.



Rockwall High School Junior Varsity cheerleaders (left to right) Ellie Moses, Kristen Stone, Kathryn Canavan and Lindsey Loy wait for the kickoff at last Friday's Homecoming game.

Rockwall County News Photos by Roy Heath, Tim Burnett and Kathy Williams



The RHS boys' varsity basketball team took second place in the Best Float Contest at last week's Homecoming Parade. First place went to the Tennis team while third place was awarded to the soccer team.

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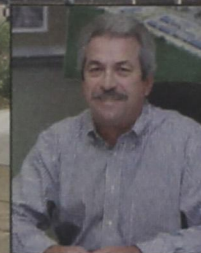
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Message from the President

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We started with two operating rooms and we are getting ready to open our sixth and seventh ORs. We have already delivered over 1,100 babies, which includes 3 sets of twin girls all in the same day. Several new service lines have opened including outpatient therapy, Your Surgical Weight Loss Solution, which is our bariatric program, and our beautiful Women's Imaging Center, are all located in the medical office building next door to the hospital.

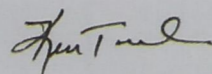
Needless to say, the last two years have been quite eventful for us. So much growth and change and yet one thing has remained the same—our desire to provide compassionate healthcare to meet the needs of this great community. We don't just provide a service at Presbyterian Hospital of Rockwall; we provide the highest level of personal service possible in each and every encounter.

I can't put into words the feeling I get when I am out in the community and hear from our neighbors how they brought their son to have tubes put in his ears and they were amazed with the level of service they received. Or the daughter who brought in her elderly mother and loved the food so much, she would sneak bites off her mother's tray.

Then there is the family who brought in their two month old son who had a head injury from a fall. All the parents could say was how unbelievably great the emergency and radiology employees took care of their baby and comforted the entire family in the scariest time of their life. I was touched by the family in ICU who talked about the support and comfort they received as their husband and father was in critical condition and they did not know if he was going to make it.

I also could not forget the young lady on the second floor who told me the staff took such good care of her she didn't want to leave. This doesn't even include the countless letters, emails, and phone calls I have received. There is not a day that goes by that I don't get to hear something wonderful about our hospital and the exceptional care and service we provide to our community.

This hospital is a dream come true for me, but one thing I never knew was how magnificent reality would be. And for that, I would like to publicly thank our employees, physicians, volunteers and most of all the unwavering support from this incredible community. We couldn't do it without you!

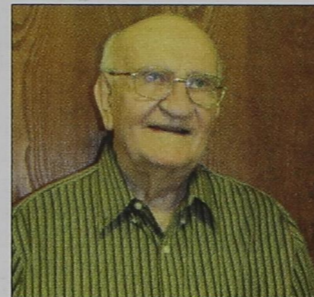


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Weldon Collier

Weldon Collier feels right at home at Summer Ridge Assisted Living. "I have been living at Summer Ridge for seven years, and I'm staying," Weldon says. "Everything that I need is right here."

Summer Ridge seems to be a perfect fit for this McClendon native, who has served on the facility's Greeting Committee and is an avid participant in the men's dining out event, which is conducted each month.



"I always enjoyed making the new men residents feel welcome," Weldon says. "I really like the men's monthly lunch out. We go to places like Red Lobster, Cotton Patch and Saltgrass. It's usually a different restaurant every time."

In addition to overseeing the recreational needs of its residents, Summer Ridge also goes out

of its way to ensure their physical health as well. A year ago, when Weldon experienced chest pain, Summer Ridge staffers rushed him to Presbyterian Hospital of Rockwall.

"They went all out and did what they had to do to assure my well-being," he says.

Weldon was kept overnight for observation. His attending physician, Dr. Scott K. Stephenson, determined the Summer Ridge resident was having muscle spasms.

Following the experience, Weldon gave his caretakers and the hospital high marks.

"They were very nice," he says, "and the service was outstanding."

At home again at Summer Ridge, Collier stays busy with his many activities, including his music. He began learning to play the organ in 2002 at the age of 77 and today enjoys playing his Lowry for himself and for others at Summer Ridge.

"I have performed three concerts in the living room here at Summer Ridge," Weldon says with a smile. "On occasion I will leave my door open and play for the other residents to enjoy during the day."

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Guy Keeter

A suspicious knot in his leg sent Guy Keeter to the emergency room, where his physician, Dr. Russell Lam verified what was a serious threat: a blood clot.

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To remedy the situation, a vena cava filter was surgically implanted more than a year ago. The filter, shaped like an umbrella, was implanted by going through a vein.

JoAnne Keeter, Guy's wife, explains that the filter is designed to keep the blood clot or pieces of it from traveling through her husband's veins and hitting his heart or lungs, which could result in a medical emergency.

Today, Guy feels as good as ever.

"He's doing well," JoAnne says. "No more pain."

"I feel fine," Guy says. "Dr. Lam is a good doctor."

Even though the filter is in place and doing its job, Guy continues to undergo regular checkups.

"He's still being treated by Dr. Lam, and we think he is an excellent doctor," says JoAnne. "He's very caring and understanding, very interested in the well-being of his patient. He really seems to enjoy his work."

Because of the positive experience they've had with Dr. Lam, JoAnne says she and her husband are quick to recommend the physician to friends.

"We have referred people to him," she says. "We've had friends who have gone to him."



Russell Lam, M.D. Vascular Surgery

Dr. Lam, an expert in the management of the full spectrum of vascular diseases, focuses his practice on carotid artery disease and stroke prevention; thoracic and abdominal aortic aneurysm (AAA); renal, mesenteric, and peripheral arterial occlusive disease (PAD); and varicose veins. He specializes in minimally invasive interventions, including; carotid artery stenting (investigator in the Sapphire World Wide Registry), thoracic stent graft repair, angioplasty, cryotherapy, laser therapy, plaque excision atherectomy, and endovenous laser ablation therapy for varicose veins. Dr. Lam is a frequent speaker at medical society meetings; has written book chapters on innovative vascular techniques; and published in peer review journals on carotid artery stenting, AAA screening and stent graft repair, and percutaneous interventions for PAD.

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The Women's Imaging Center at Hospital of Rockwall There is a difference!

When it comes to breast cancer, early detection is the best protection. Vicki Hoarty takes this advice to heart. She knows first-hand the importance of regular mammography screens, her mother and sister are both breast cancer survivors thanks to early detection. So when it comes to having an annual mammogram Vicki doesn't hesitate and the Women's Imaging Center at Presbyterian Hospital of Rockwall (PHR) is the place she trusts. "Everyone there is helpful, courteous and knows exactly what they are doing," states Ms. Hoarty. "I always feel completely at ease."

The Women's Imaging Center at PHR understands that women have unique health care concerns and those concerns should be addressed with great care and attention. Its experienced physicians, certified and registered technologists, and an understanding support staff provide expert care and a new experience in women's imaging. Far more than just a lovely, private setting for women, the Women's Imaging Center offers state-of-the-art breast health services, with the latest equipment and some of the most advanced technologies designed for comfort and accurate detection.

Breast cancer typically doesn't cause symptoms in early stages; therefore it is important to have screening tests to find the cancer before symptoms appear. The Women's Center offers screening mammograms, which are x-rays of the breast that are used to see lumps and other changes in breast tissue. The mammography unit produces optimal images with faster exposure times using

the least amount of radiation. The result is less discomfort and a lower probability of re-testing due to motion blur. "Soft touch" mammography pads are used which makes the procedure more comfortable for the clients.

The Women's Imaging Center also performs breast ultrasound tests that are ordered when a mammogram image shows a mass or a woman feels a lump. These non-invasive tests determine whether a lump is a solid mass or something else like a fluid-filled cyst. The Center's latest digital ultrasound equipment produces high resolution images making it easier to see tiny details. In most cases, an ultrasound can be performed in the same visit as a diagnostic mammogram.

"We believe women deserve access to a special place designed specifically for them, a place where highly specialized diagnostic services are provided in a compassionate, caring environment," states Barbara Nichols, mammography technician at the Women's Imaging Center.

In addition to mammography and ultrasound, The Center also provides bone density scanning, also called dual-energy x-ray absorptiometry (DEXA), a form of x-ray technology used to measure bone loss. In this safe, painless, 10-minute scan, minimal radiation is used to determine the bone density of the spine, hip or wrist. All of the DEXA diagnostic technologists are highly skilled professionals who are certified in the field of radiology.

The Women's Imaging Center can also provide new mothers with their first face-to-face meeting with their unborn child. Using the latest 4D fetal imaging, The Center allows you to view your baby during a relaxed, personalized and unique ultrasound session. Seeing your unborn child for the first time is sure to touch your heart.

When asked what made her experience at the Women's Imaging Center at PHR different from other hospitals Ms. Hoarty said, "the difference in caring and empathy. At Presbyterian Rockwall they want to know you and I never felt like I was a number." She also offers this advice, "Early detection is essential. Every woman should stay on top of it."

You no longer need to put off taking care of your health care needs thanks to the Women's Imaging Center at Presbyterian Hospital of Rockwall.



Vicki Hoarty and her mother, Shirley Krause

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Marc Tedrowe

When you or a loved one needs help, both time and expertise are of the essence. Presbyterian Hospital of Rockwall (PHR) brings the best of both to the heart of this community.

Marc Tedrowe was getting ready to play a round of golf when he felt chest pain. At first he thought it was bad indigestion. "It's one of those times you think 'I can get rid of this and I'll be fine,'" says Marc. "But it kept staying there and then I finally just had to give up. I was afraid of what was going on." After thinking he would wait it out, Marc called his wife, Sally, who took action. Sally immediately called the clubhouse to get assistance and then called 911.

The paramedics found that Marc was having a heart attack and transported him to the closest hospital. Thankfully, for Marc, PHR is well equipped to handle such emergencies through the Regional Transfer Protocol for Heart Attack.

Since PHR does not have a cardiac catheterization lab, they have developed a partnership with Texas Health Presbyterian Dallas to transfer heart attack patients to their cardiac cath lab as quickly as possible. The protocol works on a 90 minute clock, which means you have one and a half hours from the time the patient first arrives in the emergency room to getting their artery open. The sooner the artery is open, the less heart muscle will be permanently damaged.

When Marc arrived at PHR he was immediately seen by the emergency physician, stabilized and transported via helicopter to Texas Health Dallas. Once there, Tony Das, MD, an interventional cardiologist on staff at both hospitals, was able to open Marc's blocked artery and restore blood flow. Marc Tedrowe's time from arriving at Presbyterian Hospital of Rockwall then 22 miles to Dallas, and an open artery, was sixty-five minutes.

"If you are having a problem that you think may be heart related; chest pain, pressure, shortness of breath, go immediately to an ER very close to you," says Dr. Das. "The physicians can actually facilitate a transfer very rapidly and you will get the best care quickly."

Marc is back at work as an architectural engineer and more focused on his health. His response to this situation, "It's great they can get you in and out so fast. That's what I am amazed at."

Who would think you would have it and 65 minutes later you're waking up feeling great." And what does his wife say? "I have a husband that doesn't have heart damage and that makes me very happy."

"The emergency room staff is proud that we have developed a rapid transfer process that benefits the people of our community," says Tami Hawkins, Emergency Room Clinical Director at PHR. "This process allows patients to receive immediate initial treatment at a facility with comprehensive cardiac care."

The 24-hour emergency room at Presbyterian Hospital of Rockwall is staffed by doctors, nurses and paramedics with many years of experience. The combination of their expertise, compassion, the most advanced medical technology and quick access provides this community with the best emergency care possible.



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Dorothy Pryor

For Dorothy Pryor, her time at the Royse City Health & Rehabilitation Center was bittersweet.



Like most who undergo rehabilitation, Dorothy learned firsthand that the process is a lot of hard work. However, weeks later, when it was time for her to be discharged, she was thrilled with her ongoing recovery and the people who helped her achieve it.

"When I started to leave," Dorothy says, "I told the head nurse that I loved everybody there. They were all so good to me."

Dorothy entered the rehab facility following weeks of battling a post-surgical infection. Confined to a bed while recovering from the infection, her body became swollen and atrophied.

"I lost all strength in my legs I was confined to a bed for so long," she says. "After all of that I could hardly raise myself up in bed, much less get up on my feet."

In June, Dorothy was transported to the rehab center for what she was told would be at least eight weeks of rehab work.

"The first day, I think I told them they were crazy," Dorothy admits. "But they kept working with me. The therapist pushed me enough and

made me do things that at the time I didn't want to do, but she motivated me to get up and move and try. They finally got me to the point that I could ride a bicycle-type thing, and they kept working with me until I finally could walk with a walker."

Using a cane, Dorothy left the center in just five weeks -- three weeks earlier than expected. Today she is fully mobile and enjoys a full life.

"I'm fine now," she says. "I can do most things. I can't walk very far, but every day is a little bit better. It's just going to take some time."



Dorothy with members of the rehab department (from left to right) Nikki Grant, Nina Phillips, Dorothy and Pamela Reynolds PT.

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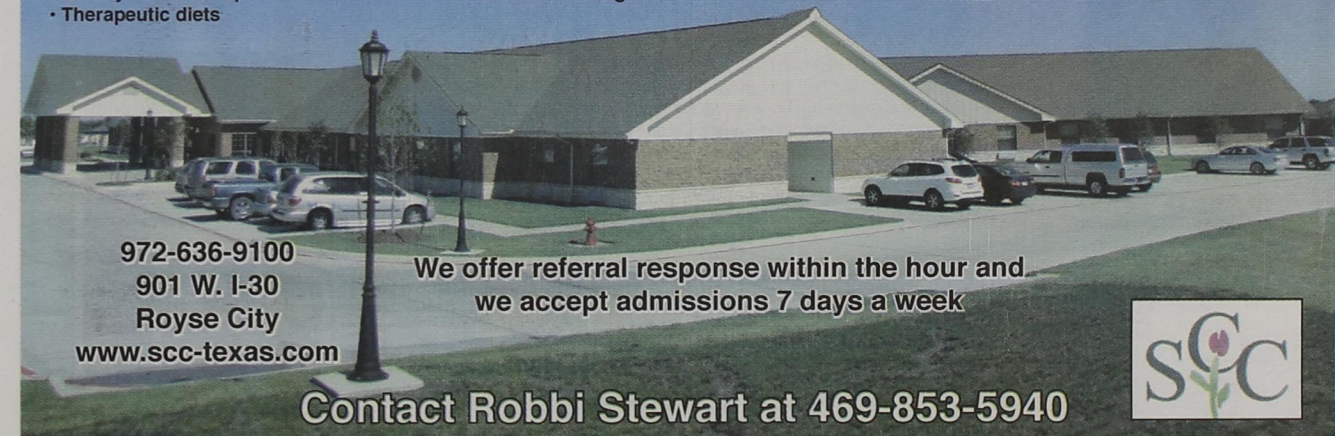
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The Hatfield Family

For the Hatfield family, Pediatric & Adolescent Specialists of Rockwall are the perfect fit.

The Hatfield daughters – Madi, 14, Macy, 12, and the soon-to-be-11-year-old Michaela – have been patients of Dr. Gregory Sonnen for more than 8 years. Madi recently underwent her first well-check for sports with Dr. Rana Pascoe.

“They make it personal. Both of them do,” says the girls’ mother, Maggie Hatfield. “They’ve established a great rapport with the kids.”

An important part of that rapport starts as soon as the patient and his or her caretakers walk into the office. The building that houses

the practice is broken up into a “well waiting room,” a “sick waiting room” and an “adolescent waiting room, Maggie says. Having that special room for adolescents and not requiring them to wait for treatment alongside babies and toddlers illustrates how the doctors are “tuned in to young adults.”

“What I love about Dr. Sonnen is that he’s very professional,” Maggie says, “but very personable with the adults and children. He talks to the kids, but he’s very open, very informative. He listens to the parents and their instincts too.”

When Maggie recently asked her daughters what they liked about Dr. Sonnen, they said, “He gets us. He talks to us.”

Dr. Pascoe, too, makes her patients feel quite comfortable, Maggie says. The doctor quickly put her daughter at ease during the recent well-check.

“She made her relax,” Maggie says. “She wasn’t uncomfortable at all.”

The office also is filled with friendly nurses who are good at what they do, she said.

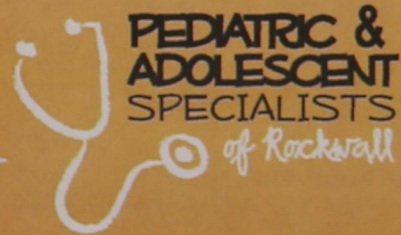
“This (office) is great for this community. I’ve told all my friends,” says Maggie, who already has persuaded one family member and several friends to give the office a try.

“I just can’t say enough great things about them (the doctors),” says Maggie.



Michaela, (11), Madison (14), Macy (12)

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Ethel Ross

From the Eyes of a Patient...

In June of this year, Ethel Ross was taken to Presbyterian Hospital of Rockwall (PHR) with heart problems. She feared that she was having a heart attack and because it had been 20 years since her last hospital admission she might have experienced a lot of anxiety and worry. Instead Ethel felt “grateful and thankful that I was at this hospital.” Any fears she had were lessened immediately upon her arrival from the first contact with the gentleman who treated her “like family” as he took her information. Along the way the confidence and care of the nurses, physicians and staff she encountered throughout her stay was comforting. She was able to remain calm due to her own personal faith and the calm manner of those who were there to help. Ethel says of her experience with PHR that “the people there are wonderful and will do their best to take care of you.”

When the time came for Ethel to be transferred for some additional testing, her situation took a frightening turn as Ethel experienced a sudden loss of breath and intense dizziness. As she attempted to communicate with the physician who was assisting, she lost consciousness. When she awoke in the ICU she told the doctor that he had saved her life. Ethel says, “I felt like they all fought so hard for me.”

Ethel states that what stands out more than anything was how kind everyone was; including the lady that cleaned her room who offered to pray for her, the cafeteria staff and of course, the nurses and doctors! As Ethel clearly sums it up by saying, “They wanted me to get well and I felt that!”

From the Eyes of her Family...

In June, Daylene Ross-Carter had an experience that so many people fear – her mother, Ethel Ross, was admitted to the hospital with heart problems. Having never experienced this before Daylene and her sister say they felt like little children. They were scared.

But of the experience at PHR, Ms. Carter says that they were very pleased by how helpful, professional and knowledgeable everyone was. The nurses took the time to explain everything to them and make sure that they understood not only what was happening but the reasons behind it as well. The physi-

cians were friendly and attentive. In fact, every member of the staff they encountered confirmed the positive experience they were having – from the Financial Counselor who helped them navigate that territory to their relief, to everyone in ICU, Respiratory Care and even the Housekeeping staff. They are truly thankful for Presbyterian Hospital of Rockwall and are glad to know that the hospital is there for them whenever the need arises.

Daylene adds that she took great comfort in seeing that her mom was “being treated with the type of kindness that she had always treated other people”. And the kindness of the nurses spilled over to the extended family that arrived late from traveling long distances to visit Mrs. Ross. What impresses this family is that Presbyterian Hospital of Rockwall appears to be filled with a staff of happy and kindhearted people. Their advice to other patients and families is to be confident in their care, knowing that “they are in the best place they can be in.”



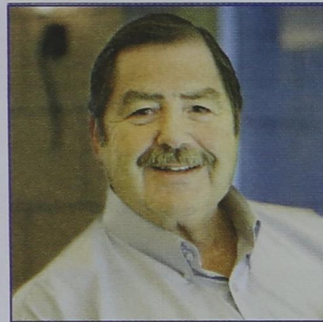
Daylene Ross-Carter (left) and Ethel Ross

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In May, Mr. Freedman had a sleeve gastrectomy performed by Kenneth Bryce, MD, surgical director at Your Solution. Five months later Gary has lost over 180 pounds. He has lost over 18 inches in his waist and, at 60, is the healthiest he has been since the age of 30.

Before the procedure, Gary had tried everything to lose weight without success. He decided to look into weight loss surgery; did his research on this procedure and was convinced it was the right solution for him. As Gary says, this was the "tool he needed to get his life back in order." And his life has changed drastically. After years of suffering with arthritis pain, he now has substantially less pain and as a result is more active than ever. He is also free of all medications. "I used to take 11 pills a day for different things and now I take none!" he said. "I no longer have diabetes, I no longer have sleep apnea and I can even swim a mile a day!"

Gary recently traveled to California. On the flight he didn't have to worry about what seat he might be sitting in; he could concentrate on the time he would spend with his grandchildren. During the trip they walked miles each day touring the area in depth and not once did Gary have to stop or slow down. That was

the first time he had ever been able to do that—and the grandkids were impressed! The most satisfying part was that Gary had the "ability to enjoy my kids and grandkids like never before."

Gary says of Presbyterian Hospital of Rockwall and the team at Your Solution, "there is a tremendous difference in attitude and the level of caring and concern. The hospital staff has a positive attitude and takes the little things very seriously." He was awed that even the admission representative came to visit him after surgery. Further, Gary says that the entire team provides phenomenal support that is exactly what is needed throughout the process.

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Dr. Kenneth Bryce (left) with Gary Freedman

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All of my life I have always been an active person. I especially love to walk and exercise.

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I had heard about Dr. Suzanne Smith from friends, and knew of her reputation as an excellent podiatrist. I made my first appointment immediately.

Over the phone, I could hear the concern in her office staff's voice, and appreciated the timely manner in which I was able to get an appointment to see Dr. Smith. When I came into the office for my first visit, the office Staff was very friendly, courteous, and helpful, and really put me at ease.

After carefully listening to my concerns, Dr. Smith performed a thorough examination. She then discussed with me all of my treatment options, conservative and surgical in a very thorough, caring manner. I chose surgical treatment for my foot condition. Dr. Smith gave me a detailed explanation of what to expect before and after surgery. My recuperation from the surgery went very smoothly, and it wasn't long after surgery that I was able to resume my exercise routine.

I appreciate the care and attention I received from Dr. Smith and her Staff. They made me feel as if I were her only patient. I have to thank Dr. Smith and her Staff for getting my life back to normal.

I would not hesitate to refer my friends and family with foot problems to Dr. Suzanne Smith.

Sincerely, *Paulette Rawls*

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Foot problems commonly develop in people with diabetes and can quickly become serious. Diabetics may not be able to feel their feet properly, because diabetes causes damage to nerves, blood vessels and impairs the immune system. It becomes difficult to heal wounds, because of poor blood flow, and infections are difficult to eliminate.

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Adult foot deformities include Achilles injuries, arthritis, gout, heel pain, osteoporosis and many others. Bony changes can cause disfigurement, and misalignment of your body, and includes pain and difficulty walking. Foot deformities include those most frequently treated; tarsal coalition, cavus foot, accessory navicular, and juvenile bunion.

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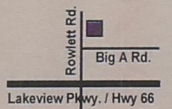
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Laura Maddox

Dealing with back pain was nothing new for Laura Maddox. Laura suffered from lower back pain since giving birth to her only child in 1985, and the pain steadily worsened over the years. Eventually, stretching exercises prescribed by her primary care physician were not enough and Laura decided to see Dr. Craig Lankford at Texas Back Institute.

Dr. Lankford diagnosed Laura with disc degeneration. She then started physical therapy, a course of oral steroids and anti-inflammatory medications, and even a round of epidural steroid injections. After exhausting non-surgical options, Laura knew surgery was her only treatment option that could lessen her pain and she scheduled an appointment with Dr. Rey Bosita Jr.

Laura was concerned she would "still have pain after the surgery" and even worried about not being able to perform her home or work duties. But with a long life ahead of her, Laura was confident Dr. Bosita was her best option to help her get her life back. After her spinal fusion surgery was performed at Presbyterian Hospital of Rockwall, Laura knew something was different almost immediately: her pain was gone! "My surgery was very successful," Laura says. "I didn't have to take any pain meds after I left the hospital." Laura was out of work for a few weeks and was able to return to full duty as an accountant.

Laura will continue exercising to keep her back strong and pain-free. Laura is very grateful and recommends Texas Back Institute because everyone was "so helpful and caring." She suggests, "If your pain is affecting your daily life, it's time to consider Texas Back Institute."

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Holly Oden

As someone who works in the medical field, Holly Oden had no trouble deciding on who would be her doctor when she recently learned she needed surgery.

Dr. Kenneth Bryce of Lakeside Surgical Specialists got the nod.

"He just has a really good reputation," says Holly, who'd heard good things about the doctor from more than one family member. "I knew of his reputation and I'd heard other good things about the practice."

A native of Rowlett and a Kaufman resident, Holly works in Dallas. She admits she easily could have gone elsewhere to have her gall bladder removed; instead, she

chose Dr. Bryce and Presbyterian Hospital of Rockwall. And Holly says she made the right choice.

"I was very satisfied with how things went – very much," she says. "His staff, office manager, nurses – everybody is amazing. I just can't say enough good things about his office. And everybody at Presby Rockwall was very good too."

In addition to the positive experience, Holly says she also is pleased with the scars – or lack thereof – following her laparoscopic procedure.

"I was so worried about scars," she says, "but my scars look really good. I'm happy."

Holly recently returned to Dr. Bryce's practice for a follow-up visit. There she saw another partner in the practice, Dr. Jeff Stephens.

"I knew before my surgery Dr. Bryce was getting ready to travel out of the country, but that didn't matter," she says. "I wanted him to do the surgery, but I had a positive experience with Dr. Stephens during the follow-up."

It's been less than a month since her surgery, but Holly already has referred a friend to Dr. Bryce.

"I would refer anybody close to me – friends or family," she said.



Holly Oden (left) and her mother Dana Herin

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Melanie Kolbye

Melanie Kolbye, a resident of Mineola, could have chosen a hospital in nearby Tyler when she recently needed gallbladder surgery. Instead she opted to make the almost two-hour drive to Rockwall where Dr. Kenneth Bryce of



Lakeside Surgical Specialists did the procedure at Presbyterian Hospital of Rockwall.

"There are closer doctors and hospitals, but I went on past experience," Melanie says. "Dr. Bryce was my first choice."

Almost a decade ago, Melanie met Dr. Bryce when he consulted with her physician on another procedure she was having. Since that time, Dr. Bryce has handled her follow-up care.

Melanie said she feels comfortable when she visits his office.

"Everyone is very nice," she says. "They work with you, and they're very up front. He's very personable, very knowledgeable – exactly what you want in a doctor."

Because her experiences with Dr. Bryce's office have been so positive, Melanie has recommended him to several friends and family members. At least a couple of her family members now call Dr. Bryce their physician as well.

So it was not a difficult choice for Melanie when faced with emergency surgery this summer: She would have her gall bladder surgery done at Presbyterian Hospital by her trusted physician.

"It's terrifying and it's scary," Melanie says of the prospect of having surgery, "but Dr. Bryce's office was reassuring and comforting. I knew I was going to wake up and it was going to be OK. And it was. I had a quick recovery."

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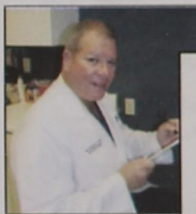
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- * Colon Cancer Screening
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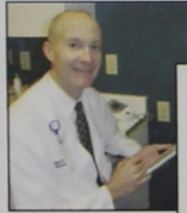
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Local resident Russell Phelps has three words of advice for area residents in search of quality health care: "Shop Rockwall first."



"We have excellent facilities and excellent care right here in Rockwall," says Russell, a longtime resident and former Rockwall City Council member. He and his wife, who has served on the local school board, are loyal to the community, he says, and wouldn't think of going anywhere else to have their medical needs met.

Russell recently underwent a routine colonoscopy screening administered by his physician, Dr. Kenneth Bryce of Lakeside Surgical Specialists, and had nothing but praise for everyone involved.

"I had excellent treatment by my physician as well as the hospital," Russell says. "I believe Presbyterian Hospital is a very good asset to the Rockwall community. Having quality physicians such as Dr. Bryce is a very big asset to our community."

The nursing staff at the hospital is "extra friendly and professional," he says, as are those who man Dr. Bryce's office. Russell has particularly high praise for one nurse in Dr. Bryce's office, Cindy.

"She makes me feel like she's my own private nurse," Russell says. "She always takes extra good care of me."

But perhaps the best aspect of Dr. Bryce's office, he says, is the fact that patients never have to wait an unreasonable amount of time to see the doctor.

"They do not seem like they overbook patients," Russell says. "That office is very, very patient friendly."

A colonoscopy is a screening for colorectal polyps and cancer. A colonoscope is a lighted tube that is inserted into the rectum and the instrument that allows a full view of the colon. If during the colonoscopy polyps are found they can be removed and sent to a lab to be tested. If the polyp cannot be removed due to size or location, it may be necessary to have surgery to remove the polyp. If a cancerous growth is found, it will also need to be removed by a surgical procedure.



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