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Rockwall ISD expected to add 2,000 students in coming years

Templeton Demographics study based on planned development projects

The student population of the Rockwall Independent School District is expected to grow by more than 2,000 new students in the next five years, according to a report provided by the school district, explaining its reason for organizing a 60-member Bond Planning Committee.

Templeton Demographics, retained to analyze population growth of the district, presented the Rockwall ISD School Board with the findings during the scheduled Mon., Oct. 5, Board of Trustees work session. Bob Templeton provided the presentation.

Templeton Demographics is a consulting firm that provides enrollment projections, attendance zone planning and GIS mapping, for school districts, for the past 16 years.

"Our district is blessed with the best students, parents and teachers, and we are enjoying great success both in our classrooms and in UIL competitions," said Jeff Bailey, Rockwall ISD superintendent. "Parents looking for the best education possible for their children have taken notice of our schools, and the fast growth of our destination district reflects that."

According to the study, a total of five elementary schools in Rockwall ISD may exceed stated capacity by 2019, according to the release. Other notable findings include:

- Rockwall High School is expected to exceed capacity in 2018, with Rockwall-Heath High School reaching that mark in 2021.
- Rockwall ISD had 184 2Q15 home closings, the highest quarter closings since 2006
- Rockwall ISD can expect an increase of approximately 2,066 students during the next five years with a total enrollment of more than 17,500 students by 2020.
- The total enrollment in 10 years is expected to be just fewer than 20,000 students.

The Bond Committee was made up of people representing school administrators, teachers, city government elected officials, Rockwall County District Court, Rockwall County District Attorney's office, Rockwall Economic Development Corporation, and Rockwall Area Chamber of Commerce.

Local residents, Lesli Johnson and Travis King organized a Political Action Committee through the organization "Better Schools, Brighter Future."

With the consulting and marketing services of Mayes Media Group (Sunnyvale), the PAC effectively promoted the Bond Issue by providing signs and shirts with the words "I love Rockwall ISD" that replaces the word "love" with the nicely designed heart symbol, along with other marketing strategies.

According to the campaign finance report, the PAC received a total of \$29,071.20 in donations. The required report discloses donations from the following people and corporations: Chris and Jill Blase (\$100); Peter and Marcy Brand (\$100); Dana Macalik (\$100); James McCurry (\$500); Leigh Plagens (\$100); Rockwall Citizens for Good Schools (\$6,420.20); Tenet Health (\$500); Rest Haven Funeral Home, Inc. (\$1000); and Pogue Construction, of McKinney (\$20,000).

According to the Rockwall ISD website, "In February 1998, a committee called Rockwall Citizens For Good Schools successfully promoted passage of a \$48.67 million bond package to build Dorothy Smith Pullen Elementary School and Maurin Cain Middle School, expand Rockwall High School, and fund other capital improvement projects in five older schools."

The above campaign finance report did not include the name of an individual representing the committee Rockwall Citizens For Good Schools.

MetroTex Association of REALTORS recently joined the Rockwall Area Chamber of Commerce in support for the Bond Issue.

Based on the information from the ISD's press release, the demographic report data, and the PAC campaign finance report, the anticipation of pre-planned residential/commercial development, resulting in the potential of fast population growth in Rockwall ISD, was a key deciding factor as a 60-member volunteer citizens committee developed the November bond referendum during five months of research, review and analysis earlier this year.

With passage of the Bond, developers and realtors will be "Our facilities planning committee wisely considered the fast growth of our student population as they developed the November bond referendum," Bailey said. "Their long-term plan for the district was designed to manage this growth with new and renovated schools, basic maintenance and capital upgrades, technology and security updates, new buses and sports fields, and a College and Career Academy."

The College & Career Academy will be a part of the STEM program for Science, Technology, Engineering and Math. The College & Career Academy will maintain between 800 to 1,000 students throughout the day providing both high schools with space for additional enrollment capacity on their existing campuses.

"We urge residents who have any questions about our growth or about the bond referendum to please contact the school district," Bailey said in the news release. "Our goal is to provide the factual information needed so that the voters of our community can make an informed vote on Nov. 3."

According to the bond notice, voters will have an opportunity to decide whether to authorize the district to issue bonds of the District in the principal amount of \$256,820,000 for the construction, renovation, demolition, acquisition and equipment of school buildings in the District, the purchase of "necessary" sites for school buildings and the purchase of new school buses.

Editor's note: The complete Notice of Bond Election was published in the Thursday, October 15, 2015 edition of the Rockwall County News.

Rockwall County News Briefs

Local Dems to host Fall Fundraiser

The Rockwall Democrats will host a Fall Fundraiser on the patio of Arboledas Mexican Grill in Heath from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 29. For more information or for tickets, visit rockwalldems.com and look under Events or email rockwalldemocrats@gmail.com.

Magician to entertain Newcomers & Friends

The Rockwall County Newcomers & Friends will welcome Magic Mike from the McKinney Magic Shop at the organization's Nov. 12 meeting. Magic Mike will perform slight-of-hand tricks at the meeting, which will begin at 10 a.m. at Occasions at Stone River in Royse City. RSVP by Nov. 2 by calling Barbara at 972-771-1057 or Cathy at 942-400-9934 or visit newcomersrock.com.

Rockwall church plans Nov. 7 bazaar

The First Methodist Church of Rockwall will host its 'Tis the Season Bazaar from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 7, at 1200 E. Yellow Jacket Lane. Admission will cost \$1 or one canned-food item. For more details contact Pat Adcock at 214-244-2867. Revenues will benefit local charities and missions.

Year-end Hope Mobile spay/neuter dates set

The Spay Neuter Network's Hope Mobile, a 45-foot hospital bus parked in the I-30 Wal-Mart parking lot, is set for Nov. 13 and Dec. 11. Surgeries are performed on-site. Services available throughout the Metroplex (clinic in Crandall, Hope Mobile and transport, depending on location; free spay/neuter offered in selected ZIP codes). Call 972-472-3500 or 817-423-5500 for appointments; limited space is available. Be sure dog collars cannot be slipped; cats must be in secure carriers.

'Mappiest Day of the Year' set Nov. 18

The City of Rockwall's Geographic Information Systems (GIS) Department will host its 2nd Annual GIS Day on Wednesday, Nov. 18. GIS Day is an international event that showcases how GIS is used and what technology offers; the observance coincides with National Geography Awareness Week, a geography literacy initiative sponsored by the National Geographic Society. Locally, a map gallery, educational videos, GIS technology and GPS equipment will be displayed. The event, open to the public, will be at Rockwall City Hall, 385 S. Goliad St., from 1 p.m. to 6 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

Food drive to benefit Helping Hands

The Rockwall Police Department dispatchers are organizing a food drive to benefit the Rockwall County Helping Hands. The drive will end Nov. 18, and drop boxes are located in the records lobby and the communications lobby at the police department. For more information, contact Stacie Mosley at 214-298-4122.



cted to be Rockwall High School 2015 Homecoming King and Queen, Fri. Oct. 16, Brandon Thornton (left) and Eric Wimpee (right). Photo by Tim Burnett/Rockwall County News

Rockwall County Commissioners Proposition 7 news conference Quorum may be present ...

Rockwall County Commissioners Court will host a news conference at 2 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 20, to discuss support for Proposition 7, the Transportation Funding Amendment, which will be on the ballot.

The news conference was announced in a news release issued last week. A quorum of commissioners may be present at the conference, according to the news release, as planned by members of the court.

The news conference will be conducted at the Rockwall County Courthouse, 1111 E. Yellow Jacket in Rockwall.

On Oct. 28, the commissioners will unofficially meet in quorum with the county consortium to discuss Rockwall County bond issues and implementation of bond projects; growth issues facing the county. The related notice further noted that "the commissioners court reserves the right to consider and take action on the agenda items in any particular order."

Proposition 7 is an amendment providing for flexibility and temporary provisions in Article 8 Section 7 of the Constitution, as may be later appropriated by the legislature.

The amendment would add Section 7-c (c)(d) and (e) to Section 7 (a) and (b) of the constitution.

(a) states, "Subject to legislative appropriation, allocation and direction, all net revenues after payment of all refunds allowed by law and expenses of collection derived from motor transportation fees, and all taxes, except gross production and ad valorem taxes, on motor fuels used to propel motor vehicles over public roadways, shall be used for the sole purpose of providing rights-of-way, constructing, maintaining, and policing such public roadways, and for the purpose of such laws as may be prescribed by the Legislature pertaining to the supervision of traffic on such roads ..."

Section 7 (a) reads, "... and for the payment of the principal and interest on county and district bonds or warrants voted or issued prior to January 2, 1939, and declared eligible prior to January 1, 1945, for payment out of the County and Road District Highway Fund under existing law; however, that one-fourth (1/4) of such net revenue from the motor fuel tax shall be allocated to the School Fund; and, provided, however, that the net revenue derived by counties from motor transportation fees shall never be less than the maximum amounts allowed to be retained by each county; the percentage allowed to be retained by each county under the laws in effect on January 1, 1945, shall be contained herein shall be construed as authorizing the pledging of the State's credit for such purposes."

Section 7-c (a) reads as follows:

(a) Subject to Subsections (d) and (e) of this section, in each state fiscal year, the comptroller of public accounts shall deposit to the credit of the state highway fund \$2.5 billion of the net revenue derived from the imposition of the state use tax on the sale, storage, use, or other consumption in this state of taxable motor vehicles under Chapter 151, Tax Code, or its successor, that exceeds the first \$28 billion of net revenue coming into the treasury in that state fiscal year.

Subject to Subsections (d) and (e) of this section, in each state fiscal year, the comptroller of public accounts shall deposit to the credit of the state highway fund an amount equal to 35 percent of the net revenue derived from the tax authorized by Section 52, Tax Code, or its successor, and imposed on the sale, use, or rental of a motor vehicle that exceeds the first \$5 billion of that revenue coming into the treasury in that state fiscal year.

Revenue deposited to the credit of the state highway fund under this section shall be appropriated only to:

- purchase, construct, maintain, or acquire rights-of-way for public roadways other than highways;
- purchase, construct, maintain, or acquire rights-of-way for public roadways other than highways; or
- the principal of and interest on general obligation bonds issued as authorized by Section 49-p, Article III, of this constitution.

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Rockwall County Obituaries

Joseph Ronald Bell

Graveside services for Joseph Ronald Bell, 77, of Roysse City were conducted at 11 a.m. Monday, Oct. 19, 2015, in the Old South Church Cemetery in Nevada, Texas, with Brother Benny Chaffin officiating. The Rest Haven Funeral Home-Rockwall Chapel was in charge of arrangements.

He died Thursday, Oct. 15. Born June 25, 1938, in New London, Texas, to Thomas Jefferson Brooklyn Bell and Oattie Lee (Cook) Bell, he served in the U.S. Air Force and returned to Roysse City where he farmed his own land. He was a loving husband, father and grandfather.

Survivors include his wife, Marilyn (Head) Bell of Roysse City; his son, Kevin Bell, and his wife, Sonya, of Gilmer; his siblings, Lilly Joe Hopper and her husband, Norman, of Andrews, Ruth Fountain and her husband, Frank, of Wills Point, Genell Buchanan and her husband, Harold, of Lubbock and John Bell and his wife, Debbie, of Kilgore; his grandchildren, Dustan Bell and his wife, Baylee, of Gilmer and Miranda Bell of Harleton; and his great-grandchildren, Jayden, Whitney and Brantley.

He was preceded in death by his parents and siblings: Junior Bell, Oneda Bell, Forest Brooks Bell, James Clifford Bell, Lera Mae Curlee, Barron Byrd Bell and Cloma Nellie Sharp.



Gwendolyn J. Carpenter

Services for Gwendolyn J. Carpenter of Dallas, formerly of Greenville, were conducted at 10:30 a.m. Friday, Oct. 16, 2015, in the Rest Haven Funeral Home-Rockwall Chapel with Jesse Crouch of the First Baptist Church officiating. Burial followed in the Rest Haven Memorial Park.

She died Oct. 12 at her home in the Highland Springs Senior Community, Dallas.

Born in Dallas on May 31, 1925, to Park E. and Thelma Johnson, she married Pat A. Carpenter Jr. on Feb. 16, 1944. They recently celebrated 71 years of marriage.

She received bachelor's and master's degrees from East Texas State University and became an elementary educator for the Greenville Independent School District.

She and her husband enjoyed traveling with an Airstream RV club with friends from all over the country. She enjoyed spending time with her family.

Survivors include her husband, Pat Carpenter, and children, Mike Carpenter and his wife, Barbara, Ronnie Carpenter and his wife, Elaine, and Janis Carpenter Vaughn and her husband, G.E.; her grandchildren, Kimberly Barnes and her husband, Philip, Stephen Carpenter and his wife, Angelia, Jennifer Villanueva and her husband, Leo, Ryan Vaughn and his wife, Kristena, Andy Carpenter and his wife, Shawn, Christi McClain and her husband, Aaron, and eight great-grandchildren.

Her grandsons and great-grandsons served as pallbearers.



David Michael Grubbs

Memorial services for David Michael Grubbs, 45, of Rockwall were conducted at 2 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 18, 2015, in the First United Methodist Church in Rockwall with Pastor Doug Fox officiating. The Rest Haven Funeral Home-Rockwall Chapel was in charge of arrangements.

He died Sunday, Oct. 11, in Dallas.

Born Sept. 10, 1970, in Dallas to Ben Ronald Grubbs and Shirley (Lastovica) Grubbs, he was a teacher and coach in the Rockwall Independent School District at both Williams and Utley schools from 2009 to 2015. He was a teacher and coach at Garland High School from 1993-2009.

Survivors include his wife of 17 years, Britany (Hitt) Grubbs, Austin and Dalton Grubbs, and his parents, Ron and Heather, of Garland; his niece, Morgan Grubbs of Garland; his parents-in-law, Darell and Jan Hitt of Garland; a brother, Josh Hitt, and his wife, Leslie, of Bartlett, Tennessee; a nephew, Hitt; a niece, Victoria Hitt; and a grandmother-in-law, Patricia Brownsboro.

Frank Lynn Holder

Services for Frank Lynn Holder, 61, of Rockwall, formerly of Rowlett, were conducted at 1 p.m. Monday, Oct. 19, 2015, in the Lake Pointe Church auditorium in Rockwall with DRFFA Chaplain Denny Burris officiating. The Rest Haven Funeral Home-Rockwall Chapel was in charge of arrangements.

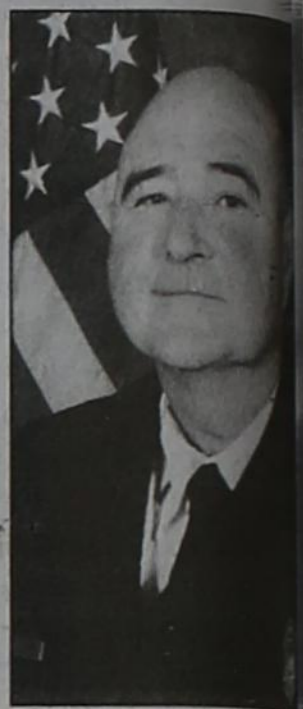
He died Wednesday, Oct. 14, in Dallas.

Born Jan. 14, 1954, in Greenville, Texas, to Clyde "Cecil" Holder and Doris "Marchetta" (Cook) Holder, he worked as a firefighter with the Dallas Fire Department for more than 37 years before retiring.

He had lived in Rowlett for 36 years and was a loving husband and grandfather. He was a member of the Lake Pointe Church.

Survivors include his wife of 41 years, Janice (Young) Holder, Rockwall; his children, Jacob Holder and his wife, Megan, and Blake Holder of Rockwall; his grandchildren, Hannah and Amanda, of Rockwall and their children, Braleigh and MacKenzie; his mother, Doris Holder of Arlington; his brothers, Mike and his wife, Connie, of Coppell and Jon Holder and his wife, Rhonda, Shelly Holder, Shelby Frasier and her husband, Mike Pegg and her husband, Pete, Amanda Holder and Meredith, and many other family members.

He was preceded in death by his father and a brother, David.



Rain may force change in Extravaganza plans

Forecasts show a high chance of rain for Saturday's scheduled event, the Halloween Extravaganza, at The Harbor, and so as a precaution city officials have announced a possible reschedule date.

The rescheduled Halloween Extravaganza, if the event needs to be postponed, would be Friday, Oct. 30, at the same time and place, according to a City of Rockwall news release issued Tuesday.

The original schedule has the event running from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 24, at The Harbor, 2047 Summer Lee.

City officials will make the decision about potentially rescheduling the event by 5 p.m. today, Oct. 22.

For the most updated information, visit the city's Facebook page at facebook.com/rockwallparksandrecreation.

Rockwall County Academic Honors

Hiles included on Dean's List

Jacob Hiles of Rockwall made the academic Dean's List at Azusa Pacific University, according to a recent university news release.

Hiles was recognized for the spring semester for earning an academic standing of 3.5 or better grade-point average.

Study looks at future SH 205 route in Rockwall

Area residents may have noticed survey flags and markings along SH 205/Goliad Street north of the downtown square that are part of a Texas Department of Transportation study of alternatives for the future SH 205 route through Rockwall.

According to a City of Rockwall news release, city officials have expressed a desire for the route to be relocated to John King Boulevard. The City Council has communicated its concerns to TxDOT and State Sen. Bob Hall, who also has expressed his support for the John King Boulevard option in a letter to state highway department officials.

The TxDOT planning team continues to assure city officials that they are aware of the preferred route, which is one of several being considered, according to the news release.

While the survey work may cause concern among property owners along the roadway, area residents and property owners are urged to remember that the city "is in regular contact with TxDOT and will continue to do what we can to protect private property along the existing route," the release states. "The city's goal is to work with TxDOT as they perform their due diligence and remain a partner to find the best route through Rockwall with the least amount of impact to the quality of life of its citizens."

Just Say You Saw It In "The County News"

ACROSS

1 TXism: "running" (spouse)

5 TXism: "dog don't get no biscuits"

6 infrequent

7 "Texas, born & raised"

8 TX actor Tommy Jones

9 residue of beeswax rendering

16 Waller of 1953 film "El Paso Stampede"

18 Stanton: "Home of 3,000 Friendly People And A Few Old Friends"

21 an agent with a license to kill

22 1968 song: "Raisin' the Roof"

23 TX Jenkins, writer of "Semi-Tough"

24 TX Cindy Garner book: "How to Cook Like Noodles?"

30 this is performed at military and police funerals (2 wds.)

34 Boerne landmark: "Kendall Inn"

35 seat of Webb Co.

36 "rail" south of the border

37 Houston restaurant: "The Texas" of Texas

39 short-lived school in Callahan Co. "Belle"

43 this Solomon was former U.S. Rep. for TX 27th dist.

44 "entry" south of the border

45 Highway 57 is contained within TX

46 TXism: "cut me slack"

47 Lantry Lead Cave is the _____ known cave in TX

49 TXism: "leave unturned" (search)

52 this TX Dobie sang "The In Crowd" (init.)

53 "dah" (fanfare)

54 TXism: "he shoots dice over the _____ (risk taker)"

55 in Howard Co. on I-20

58 Gulf seaweeds

59 TXism: "two-bit _____ (bad horse)"

60 flightless bird

61 TXism: "is the pope Catholic?"

DOWN

1 Falls, TX

2 TXism: "mad _____ eyed cow"

3 trio

4 TXism: "bright _____ and bushy tailed"

9 Elvis Andrus' position with the TX Rangers (abbr.)

10 TX-born Gonzalez Gonzalez was in "Support Your _____ fighter" (1971)

11 Russian mountains

12 cafe options list

13 TX Mac Davis wrote song "In The _____"

14 this co. makes ear monitors for stage performers (abbr.)

15 TXism: "_____ as a wet hen"

17 TXism: "you're loading _____ bullet" (last chance)

19 TX Kenny Rogers hit: "_____ Friends"

20 nose/mouth expulsion

24 Astros leag.

25 definitely not country music

26 hon. Ranger: _____ Stanley Gardner

27 TX Janis sang "_____ Bobby McGee"

28 corrected

29 civilian undergrad at TX A&M

31 zero

32 TXism: "take a look _____ (investigate)"

33 TXism: "plain as the _____ mule"

38 Lime _____ County

40 Astro headwear

41 lyric poem

42 gullet

48 Dallas arts org.

50 Mule _____ TX

51 first Cowboy coach, Landry

56 in Young Co. on 79

57 TXism: "boring as a fishing trip with _____ warden"

TEXAS CROSSWORD

by Charley & Guy Orbison

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There is no fear in love.
But perfect love casts out fear.
1John 4:18

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FILED WITH THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF TEXAS

Oncor Electric Delivery Company LLC ("Oncor"), a regulated electric transmission and distribution company and an indirect subsidiary of Energy Future Holdings Corp. ("EFH"), wishes to inform you that on September 29, 2015, Oncor, Ovation Acquisition I, L.L.C., Ovation Acquisition II, L.L.C., and Shary Holdings, L.L.C. filed an Application for Sale, Transfer or Merger with the Public Utility Commission of Texas, copies of which are kept at Oncor's office at 1616 Woodall Rodgers Freeway, Suite 6000, Dallas, TX 75202. The Application reflects that EFH has entered into a merger agreement with Ovation and that pursuant to that merger agreement, there will be an indirect change in ownership and control of Oncor, and that Oncor will be restructured. This restructuring will include division of Oncor into two separate companies: Oncor AssetCo and Oncor Electric Delivery Company ("OEDC"). Oncor AssetCo will own the majority of Oncor's transmission and distribution assets. These assets will be leased to and operated by OEDC. OV1, as the indirect owner of Oncor AssetCo, intends to qualify as a Real Estate Investment Trust ("REIT"). No modification to Oncor's rates or services is being sought as a result of the proposed transaction.

Any persons wishing to intervene in this proceeding must file a written request with the Public Utility Commission of Texas, 1701 North Congress Avenue, P.O. Box 13326, Austin, Texas 78711-3326, no later than October 30, 2015. This case has been assigned as PUCT Docket No. 45188.

Oncor Electric Delivery Company LLC

Kathy Melston (left) and Jane Buie (right) stand with guest speaker, Jon Bailey.

Courtesy photo/Rockwall County News

Bailey speaks at Friday Study Club

The Friday Study Club held its October 16 meeting in the home of Margie Noel.

Jane Buie served as Leader. Jean Dunn and Mary Hunt served as Co-Hostesses.

Buie introduced the guest speaker, Mr. Jon Bailey, President and CEO of Rockwall County Helping Hands.

Bailey grew up in the Rockwall-Heath area, and graduated from Rockwall High School. He earned his BBA in Marketing at Texas A&M Commerce.

Bailey and his wife, Lori, have two children, Sophia and Steven. Having served at the helm of Helping Hands for nine years, Bailey expressed enthusiasm about expansion plans to "better serve the needs of the 17%" below poverty level population in Rockwall County.

He explained that Helping Hands is dependent on donations of food items, clothing, and household items, along with miscellaneous items. They are able to use or sell almost everything donated, whatever the condition.

The Boutique and Thrift Shop sales provide around 43% of Helping Hands' revenues.

The Health Center is able to provide minor medical services such as flu shots. The Christmas Tree auction at the Hilton Hotel in December, is a major fund raiser for Helping Hands.

Dunn and Hunt served delicious refreshments.

Kathy Melston conducted the regular business meeting.

Betty Moon reminded members to bring their donated items to the November meeting, for Terrell State Hospital that is one of the ongoing projects.

Festival of Trees plans underway

The 6th Annual Helping Hands Festival of Trees will be held on Nov. 14 at the Hilton Dallas/Rockwall Lakefront.

Dozens of decorated trees and wreaths donated by local businesses, organizations and individuals will be featured. Awards are given for best-decorated items.

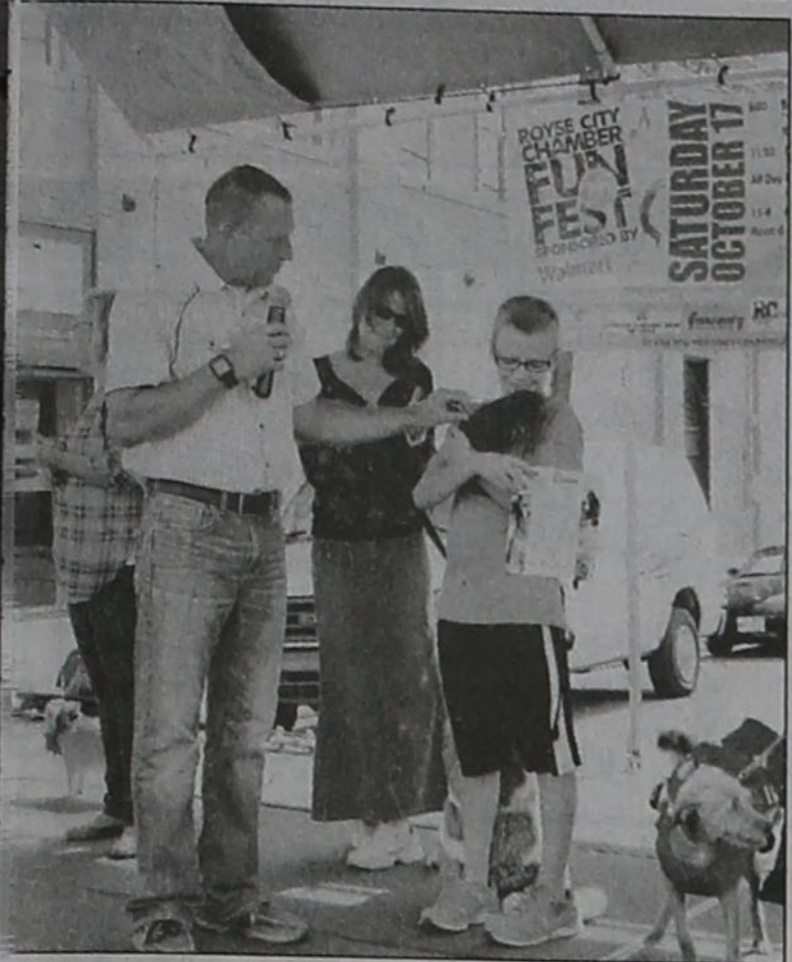
The Gala is set for Nov. 14 and will feature an auction and a raffle.

Helping Hands will collect toys and gift cards to be distributed to Rockwall County children during the holidays.

Proceeds from the event will benefit Helping Hands of Rockwall County.

To purchase tickets, email events@rockwallhelpinghands.com

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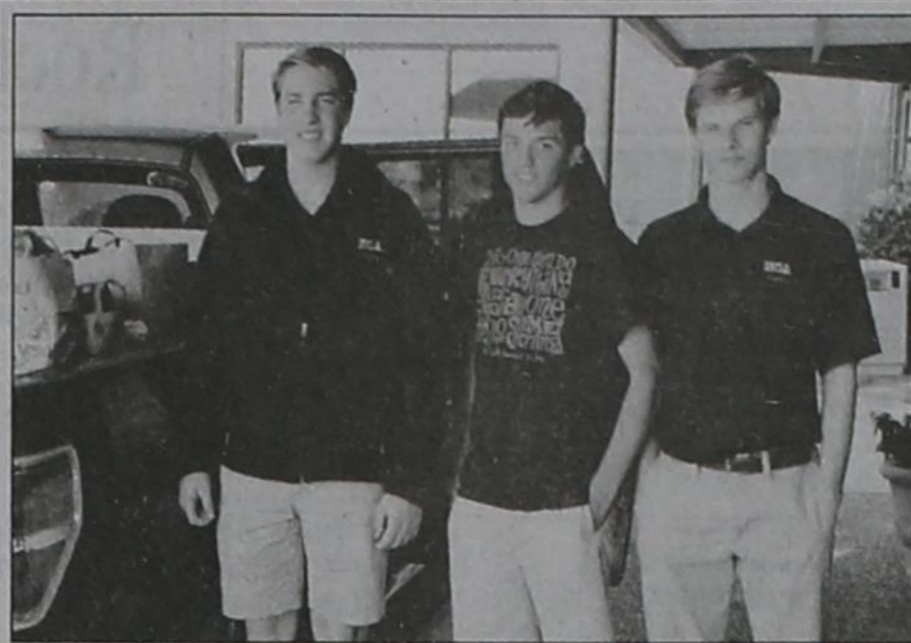
Overall award for the Best Dog in the doggie contest at Royse City FunFest on Saturday, Oct. 17, went to the six-month-old 'chiwenni' named Argo. A 'chiwenni' is a mix of a Chihuahua and dachshund. Nine-year-old Nicholas is Argo's owner. The program emcee was Jay Hitt. The lady in the middle is unidentified. The 26th Royse City Chamber of Commerce FunFest featured an array of contests and games, including a truck-pull, a children's pageant, the doggie contest and old-fashioned gunfight performances. The Kid's Zone offered inflatables and children's crafts. A RunFest 5K race at City Lake Park before the downtown events. One of the big draws this year was the food vendors offering everything from Belgian waffles to fried alligator. An estimated 7,000 people attended this year's event.

Photo by Millie Jean Coppedge/
Rockwall County News



Becky Burkett (right) was recognized by the City of Heath for 10 years of service on the Park Board – as both a member and vice chairman – during the council's Oct. 13 meeting. Heath Mayor Lorne Liechty presented the recognition. "Becky's generous contribution of time, talent and energy have been evident in the many good works accomplished by the Park Board," the mayor said in a news release about the recognition.

Courtesy photo/Rockwall County News



Students at the Heritage Christian Academy collecting food donations Oct. 5-12 to help the Rockwall Helping Hands food bank are (left to right) Brock McCarty, Jake Anderson and Daniel Rochester. Delores Prater was event organizer and HCA school nurse; Ron Taylor is the HCA headmaster, student volunteers. For more information on donating food, contact Helping Hands at 972-771-4357 or visit the food pantry at 950 Williams St. Rockwall.

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"That if you will confess with your mouth, 'Jesus is Lord', and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved."

Romans 10: 9-10

"Have I not commanded you; be strong and of a good courage. Be not afraid, neither be dismayed; for the Lord thy God is with thee wherever you go." Joshua 1:9

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

Proverbs 18:7

"Trust in the Lord with all thine heart, and lean not unto thine own understanding;"

Proverbs 3:5

"In all thy ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct thy path,"

Proverbs 3:6

"Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known ..."

Proverbs 3:6

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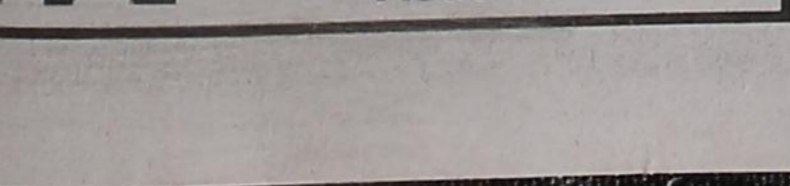
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(d) The legislature by adoption of a resolution approved by a record vote of two-thirds of the members of each house of the legislature may direct the comptroller of public accounts to reduce the amount of money deposited to the credit of the state highway fund under Subsection (a) or (b) of this section. The comptroller may be directed to make that reduction only:

- (1) in the state fiscal year in which the resolution is adopted, or in either of the following two state fiscal years; and
- (2) by an amount or percentage that does not result in a reduction of more than 50 percent of the amount that would otherwise be deposited to the fund in the affected state fiscal year under the applicable subsection of this section.

(e) Subject to Subsection (f) of this section, the duty of the comptroller of public accounts to make a deposit under this section expires:

- (1) August 31, 2032, for a deposit required by Subsection (a) of this section; and
- (2) August 31, 2029, for a deposit required by Subsection (b) of this section.

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(f) The legislature by adoption of a resolution approved by a record vote of a majority of the members of each house of the legislature may extend, in 10-year increments, the duty of the comptroller of public accounts to make a deposit under Subsection (a) or (b) of this section beyond the applicable date prescribed by Subsection (e) of this section."

In contrast, the amended Section 7 includes a "Section 2 - Temporary Provision" that reads as follows, "This temporary provision applies to the constitutional amendment proposed by the 84th Legislature, Regular Session, 2015, dedicating a portion of the revenue derived from the state sales and use tax and the tax imposed on the sale, use, or rental of a motor vehicle to the state highway fund.

- (b) Section 7-c (a), Article VIII, of this constitution takes effect September 1, 2017.
- (c) Section 7-c (b), Article VIII, of this constitution takes effect September 1, 2019.
- (d) Beginning on the dates prescribed by Subsections (b) and (c) of this section, the legislature may not appropriate any revenue to which Section 7-c(a) or (b), Article VIII, of this constitution applies that is deposited to the credit of the state highway fund for any purpose other than a purpose described by Section 7-c (c), Article VIII, of this constitution.
- (e) This temporary provision expires September 1, 2020."

It is unknown whether the amendment will:

- allow for the state to use the respective tax revenues for county obligations will be diverted away from the counties during the period of time stipulated in the Temporary Provisions clause; and
- allow for the state to use the respective tax revenues for paying on possible bond obligations related to unanticipated low use of certain toll roads.



The Rockwall Area Retired Teachers Association met Oct. 12 and Doreen Miller, children's librarian at the Rockwall County Library, presented a program on Myths, Fables and Fractured Tales. Her presentation included a puppet show on her book "Three Billy Goats Not So Gruff." Hostesses for the meeting were Gloria Daniels, Nancy Barnett, Joan Wells and Linda Harris.
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Rockwall County Entertainment

Halloween Extravaganza set at The Harbor

The City of Rockwall's Parks & Recreation Department will host its Halloween Extravaganza at Harbor from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 25. The event will include carnival games, music, entertainment, bounce houses and a costume contest. The costume contest will begin at about 7 p.m.

San Jacinto Plaza Music Series extended

The popular outdoor San Jacinto Plaza Music Series will continue on Friday and Saturday evenings through Oct. 30. The plaza is located in downtown Rockwall in the 100 block of South San Jacinto between Rusk and Washington streets. Limited seating will be available, so those attending should bring lawn chairs; food and beverages also are welcome. Music will begin at 6:30 p.m. and end until approximately 9 p.m. The music schedule is available for viewing at rockwall.com/mainstreet or facebook.com/downtownrockwall.

Tri County Choir sets patriotic show

Military veterans will be honored by the Tri County Choir, Tue. Nov. 10, starting 7:00 p.m. at Royse City High School Auditorium. The show will feature the RCHS Choirs. Free for all veterans. Adults - \$10. Students - \$5. Age 5 and under - Free.

'What I Like About Texas' to benefit library

Dave Tanner, a popular entertainer and a fifth-generation Texan, will perform "What I Like About Texas," a production full of humorous tales and songs, on Thursday, Nov. 12, as a fundraiser for Friends of the Rockwall County Library. Doors will open at 6:30 p.m. in the library's Community Room for pre-show desserts and beverages. Reserved tickets may be purchased for \$20 by calling 214-3937 or 972-771-3105. Funds raised by the nonprofit FOL will be used to supplement special programs, books and equipment not covered by the library's annual operating budget.

Nov. 13 program to focus on Rayburn

Sam Rayburn, one of Texas' best-known statesmen, will be the focus of the Nov. 13 program, part of the Sheri Stodghill Lecture Series, formerly the Brown Bag Lecture Series, from noon to 1 p.m. in the third-floor courtroom at the historical downtown courthouse. Lectures are free and open to the public.

Annual Festival of Trees event set Nov. 13-14

The 2015 annual Helping Hands Festival of Trees will begin at 10 a.m. Nov. 13-14 at the Hilton Dallas Rockwall Lakefront. Dozens of decorated trees and wreaths donated by local businesses and organizations will be featured. Awards are presented for best-decorated items. The Gala is set for Nov. 14 and will feature and auction and a raffle. Helping Hands will collect toys and gift cards to be distributed to Rockwall County children during the holidays. Proceeds from the event will benefit Helping Hands Rockwall County. To purchase tickets, email events@rockwallhelpinghands.com. To learn more, visit rockwallhelpinghands.com or call 972-771-HELP.

Holiday in the Park plans announced

Plans are underway for the 2015 Heath Holiday in the Park event set for 5:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. on Dec. 4, at Towne Center Park - rain or shine. The Amy Parks and Dorothy Pullen Elementary choirs, as well as Cain and Rockwall-Heath High performance groups, will provide entertainment. Food trucks and an outdoor dining area will provide an area for seasonal evening meals. Also planned are a miniature train ride, fun activity booths for kids and a holiday photo booth. Complimentary hot cocoa and Christmas cookies will be served by Mrs. Claus and her elves. Santa also will be on hand, so parents should bring their cameras. For more details visit heathtx.com.

Rock wall to be revisited

The history of the rock wall and recent developments about the unique underground structure will make up the Dec. 11 program that will be part of the Sheri Stodghill Lecture Series, formerly the Brown Bag Lecture Series, from noon to 1 p.m. in the third-floor courtroom at the historical downtown courthouse. Lectures are free and open to the public.

Area News Briefs

VNA to host free workshop

VNA's Healing Through the Holidays Workshop will run from 2:30 p.m. to 4 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 19, at the Floyd Thurman Community Room of the Kaufman County Library, 3790 S. Houston St., Kaufman, Texas. The workshop is designed to give grieving individuals support and practical suggestions for dealing with grief during the holiday season. Free grief resource literature will be available. There is no fee to attend. Reservations are required by Nov. 2. Call Kevin Moore at 972-962-7500 or email moorek@vnatexas.com to RSVP.

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Opinions

Rockwall ISD Bond proposition ... Essential?

By **John White**
Rockwall, Texas

Essential. That is the position of Rockwall ISD Superintendent Jeff Bailey, his progressive cheerleaders, our elected RISD trustees and apparently a 60-member bond committee on every point by the 2015 RISD bond proposition.

In the 2006 school bond election, we voters approved proposition valued at \$62.6 million, but a resounding majority of us voted against propositions valued almost \$18 million.

That 2006 school bond election was the last in which we the voters chose.

One year later, a bond committee lumped everything into a singular proposition that passed. That proposition added over \$198 million in Rockwall ISD taxpayers. Items deemed not essential by voters were deemed "essential" by the district's administration in 2007.

As **John Berra** would say, it's déjà vu all over again in 2015. All of the bond proposition is "essential".

Questions that come to mind are: (1) what is the meaning of essential and (2) for whom is this bond election essential?

One dictionary says the adjective "essential" means "absolutely necessary; indispensable". Is a concrete surface practice field absolutely necessary and indispensable to our Rockwall High School Band? If yes, how has it been all these years that RHS Band has pulled off stunning contest ratings?

I have to be frank with you. Yes, every little detail of this quarter-billion-dollar bond proposition is essential, but neither to the voters and taxpayers of Rockwall ISD nor to the students. Amenities are essential to real estate marketers and some local business owners who stand to profit from population growth. Amenities? Yes, amenities.

Last week, while addressing a packed crowd at the Rockwall County Republican Men's Club, Superintendent Jeff Bailey referred three times to our school system as a "destination" in the sense of the Grand Canyon, Big Bend National Park and Padre Island.

The executive directors of the Rockwall Chamber of Commerce

say they want a school district that will prepare workers for local businesses.

Public education must not be compromised to enrich real estate brokers and investors. Neither must its purpose be to provide workers for local businesses.

The fundamental purpose of free public education from its inception by founding father Dr. Benjamin Rush, the father of public education, was to prepare successive generations of men and women to lead and govern.

I urge voters to vote Against (En Contra) this take-it-or-leave-it bond proposition and to demand the district be accountable to voters by returning next year with multiple propositions.

It is my hope Rockwall ISD trustees will shift from their present role as cheerleaders for district administration to their constitutional role as overseers. Trustees are supposed to represent the voters, not special interest groups.

Rockwall Yellowjackets earn sweet Homecoming win over Sachse, 58-47

The Rockwall High School Yellowjackets (4-3 Overall, 4-0 District) threw some tasty meat on the sizzling grill with a quick touchdown drive against Sachse, after only two plays into the game.

The Oct. 16 game ended with a Jackets' 58-47 win Sachse's last touchdown drive that lasted from about 6 to 10 on the clock.

At the RHS 31 yardline, Tamba Juana carried the ball to the 44 yd. Next, the Jackets struck with a quick Will Reed pass up the middle to Sam Crawford for an exciting race to end zone untouched.

Reed and Sachse pretty much took turns scoring during most of the game, with a few discouraging interceptions on both sides.

Reed logged a total of 222 rushing yards and 212 passing yards.

Leading rushers were Caleb Broach with 24 carries for 75 yards and 1 touchdown, while Will Reed with 10 carries for 65 yards.

Quarterback Will Reed completed 14 of 19 passes for 212 yards and 1 touchdown.

Sam Crawford received 6 passes for 139 yards and 2 TDs, followed Broach with 5 receptions for 48 yards

Leading Yellowjacket defenders were Chib Iheidiwa 8 tackles and 6 assists, 1 tackle for loss and 1 forced fumble.

Luke Termin logged 5 tackles, 1 assist, 3 sacks, and 4 TFLs.

The Yellowjackets will meet Rowlett High School, 7:30 p.m., Fri. Oct. 23, at Home B. Johnson Stadium in Garland.

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
RHS	12	16	20	10	58
SHS	14	0	20	13	47

Hawks hold West Mesquite scoreless away game

On Thurs. Oct. 15, the Rockwall-Heath Hawks (4-3 Overall, 2-2 District), drove over West Mesquite, 20-0, at Mesquite Memorial Stadium.

Hawks Quarterback Caanan Smith led with 5 completions out of 7 passes for 125 yards, and carried the ball 15 times for 51 yards and 1 touchdown.

Other scorers were Tyler McCallister, who carried the ball 12 times for 38 yard and 1 TD; and Tanner McCallister with 6 carries for 22 yards and 1 TD.

Grant Buckholt logged 4 receptions for 80 yards.

On defense, Garrett Swiney led with 6 tackles, 3 assists, and 1 TFL. Corey Wilkerson had 5 tackles, 3 assists, and 2 TFLs. Desmon Williams recorded 5 tackles, 3 assists, and 1 TFL.

Rockwall-Heath will return for their Homecoming game against Forney, 7:30 p.m., Fri. Oct. 23 at Wilkerson-Sanders Stadium.

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
RHHS	7	7	0	6	20
WMHS	0	0	0	0	0



Rockwall Yellowjackets' Caleb Broach (27) drives for extra yards after breaking away from Sachse tacklers, during Homecoming game, Fri. Oct. 16, at Wilkerson-Sanders Stadium in Rockwall. Broach rushed for 75 yards and 1 touchdown during the game.

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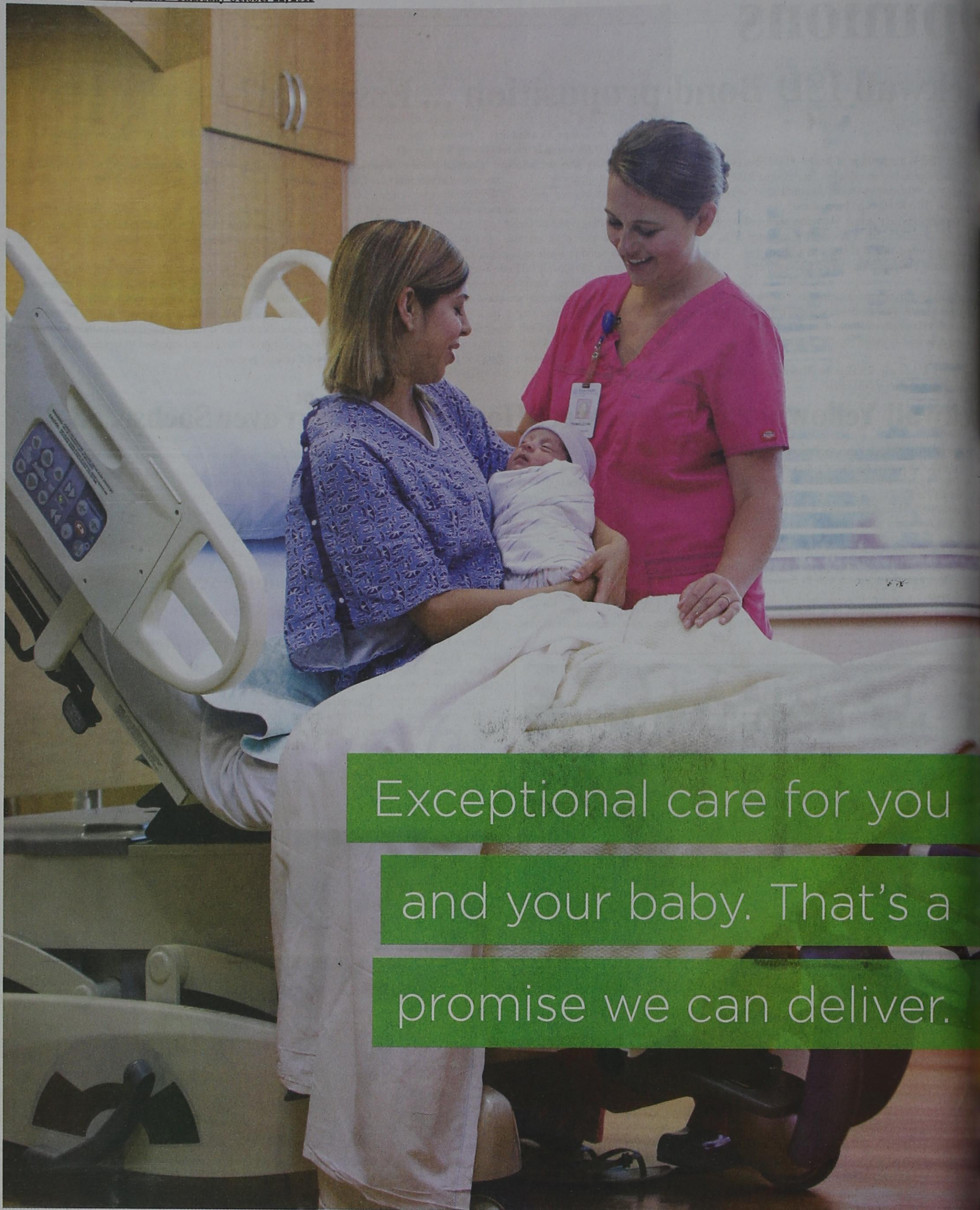
The Yellowjackets varsity cheering squad lead fans in support of their favorite football team last Fri., Oct. 16, during the Homecoming game against Sachse at Wilkerson-Sanders Stadium.

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Last Wednesday's Rockwall High School Homecoming parade included fun opportunities for children to connect in beautiful ways that words cannot describe. The parade started at Dobbs Elementary, followed Clark Street to Boydston, then turned on to T. L. Townsend, ending at Wilkerson-Sander's Stadium.

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