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## Girls on the move again, proclamation presented by Magness

Jo Waller Leonard

2004, Rockwall County Commissioner David Magness presented a proclamation during the Fate City Council meeting. This proclamation was from the "Rockwall County Council and on behalf of the grateful citizens of Rockwall County."

The original eight Fate Girls with their endeavors to preserve the City of Fate by collecting memorabilia and pictures that were in a future museum so the generations to come will know where they lived, struggled and prospered.

The proclamation also recognized the original eight Fate Girls who lived in the 1930s, when the girls lived through the depression, frequent fires and a devastating tornado. The declining membership of the Baptist, Methodist, and Presbyterian churches led members to worship in their homes. Thus the citizens of Fate have an extraordinarily close-knit community.

When the girls left school, they parted ways of life while the world was at war.

Some of the girls were in the world. As retirement approached, they began to meet for lunch and traveling. Their traveling kept them miles of the county, but during times to learn about other towns.

The proclamation also states, "Fate was instrumental in bringing a school to the area and were instrumental in the founding of that school as the Missions Elementary School." The school was the only school in Fate up until it was closed in 1949 because of a lack of students.

Girls, now between ages 86-90. Jo Waller Leonard, Ruth Leonard, Billie Garrett Stevenson, Katherine Crawford Stevener, Dorothy Crawford Harris and Doris Crawford Cullins. Not pictured are the late Runelle Wright and Fayrene Payne, both of whom were members of the group.

something to preserve the history of Fate, so they met with the Fate City Council and were given permission many years ago to use the walls and facility of the Fate City Hall to display pictures and memorabilia. When the word got out about what they were doing, pictures poured in from people wanting to contribute. The collections were displayed on the walls and in a hutch in Fate City Hall with the words Remember Fate written across the top.

Leonard and the other five Fate Girls are working on a new project. They have been offered a 100-year-old house, absolutely free, to use as a museum for Fate. Stephanie Browning Fouquette has offered the house

to the citizens of Fate to be moved and turned into a museum. She bought the house about three years ago from Wanda Sue Payne Denton. Denton's grandfather, George Thomas Hogg, built, owned and lived in the house. Wanda and her brother, John, lived there when they were growing up, along with their parents, J.V. and Ethel Payne.

The City of Fate is a fast-growing, prosperous town with a rich history.

The girls don't mind a challenge, but with this one they need a little help. The house needs to be moved from the land where it presently sits. They need someone to donate the money to have the house moved to a permanent place. But before that can be done, they need someone to either donate a piece of land to where the house may be moved or in some way to get a grant or other donations to cover the expenses.

Fouquette said that if land isn't found soon and the house moved, she will have to sell it, which will be a blow for the Fate Girls and other citizens working diligently to find funds for land and the move. Time is running out.

The Fate Historical Society, led by the president Jim Thornhill and its members, are working with the girls to help get the dream going. The Foundation board members include Jo Leonard, Steve Skipworthy, Christy Schell, Emily Grubbs, Wanda Deaton and Tommy Smith.

Membership dues to join the Fate Historical Foundation are \$25 per family per year.

The girls say they would like the museum to become a place to teach pupils from the three Fate schools and anyone else who visits the museum to learn about life in the early years of Fate. The biggest part of the early history included the coming of the MK&T (Missouri, Kansas and Texas) Railroad. The main cash crops of that time were cotton and grain, which played a big part in the farming industry and growth of the town.

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There are not many people in the Rockwall County area who have not heard of the Fate Girls. Originally there were eight special friends who ate, laughed and cried together and also traveled together. Now there are only six, ranging in age from 86-90. Jo Waller Leonard lays claim to being the oldest living "born in Fate" resident, now 86. Pictured from the left are Leonard, Ruth Leonard Holt, Billie Garrett Stevenson, Katherine Crawford Stevener, Dorothy Crawford Harris and Doris Crawford Cullins. Not pictured are the late Runelle Wright and Fayrene Payne, both of whom were members of the group.

Photo by Millie Jean Coppedge/Rockwall County News

## Youth return from Belize mission trip, to give presentations

A mission team of the First Christian Church Rockwall returned from working in San Lazaro, Belize, and on Aug. 17 gave presentations about their trip.

The group replaced the roof of a church in the community and participated in a food ministry by purchasing staples in bulk and repackaging the food - rice, flour, beans, masa, soap, smaller, family-appropriate bags and delivering the packages to families; and led a vacation Bible school for 120 students. The community prepared all meals for the group in an open area with a wood fire.

Presentations about the trip will be presented at 8:45 a.m. and 11 a.m. at the First Christian Church Rockwall. Youth participants will share their experiences and their spiritual journey through a slide show. At the 11 a.m. service, the youth plan to serve a Belizean meal. Those interested in the mission program is invited to attend. The church is located at 3375 Ridge Rd., 1.4 mile south of I-30. For more details, call the church at 972-771-5526.

## Commissioners meet for workshop on I-551 construction project

Rockwall County Commissioner's Court met Saturday Aug. 9 at the old historic courthouse for a workshop related to the construction of I-551.

The workshop began at 2:00 p.m. and continued for approximately two hours. The project will have reduced both frontage roads into a one-way, two-lane road, making traffic levels increase. The Texas Department of Transportation's six-phase project started June 18 and is projected to be completed until November 2015 to complete.

The estimated cost of this construction will be \$30.8 million. County Commissioner David Magness questioned TxDOT about the important issues the community would be dealing with during the construction project. The main concerns Magness raised were how the project would affect the fluidity of the traffic amongst the residents, students and emergency vehicles.

Project Manager Kerry Lively said, "The construction will be completed by 3 p.m. every day school is in session." He also clarified that times of westbound construction will run from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. and eastbound construction from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

The emergency vehicles will be a main concern when construction is underway. The emergency ramps for these vehicles have been made too narrow. Emergency response vehicles will have to find alternate ways to reach their site of emergency, according to reports.

At the end of August things to look out for would be the main lane on I-551, which changes the frontage road to a one-way, two-lane road. The speed limit also will be changed to 10 mph under the red limit.

The plan is to begin removing portions of the FM 551 Bridge by the end of August. All FM 551 traffic shut down for 60 days. The meeting was held at the meeting were Commissioners Cliff Sevier Pct. 1, Lori Pct. 2, Dennis Bailey Pct. 3, David Magness Pct. 4, Constitutional Court Judge Jerry Hogan and County Treasurer David Sweet.



The youth mission team from First Christian Church Rockwall recently conducted a vacation Bible school in San Lazaro, Belize. Pictured above are some of the children who attended the Bible school classes and enjoyed a crafts project.

Courtesy photo/Rockwall County News

## Rockwall County News Briefs

### Boys, Girls Club sign-ups underway

Sign-ups for the 2014-2015 year of the Boys & Girls Club of Rockwall County are underway. Transportation from Heath now is available. For more details, email clubblue@bgcrockwall.com, visit the club's website at bgcrockwall.com or call 972-722-2462.

### Fans, funds collected for MOW seniors

Meals on Wheels Senior Services of Rockwall County is collecting new box fans or funds to purchase fans. Purchase a new electric fan at a cost of between \$20 and \$30 and drop it off or mail a check in any amount payable to Beat the Heat, c/o Meals on Wheels Senior Services of Rockwall County, 950 Williams St., Building C, Suite 200, Rockwall, TX 75087. Donations also may be made online at rockwallmealsonwheels.org/donate.

### School supply lists available online

School supply lists for several local schools now are posted on teacherlists.com. Lists can be printed out or accessed on smartphones. Local schools participating include Amanda Rochell Elementary, Amy Parks-Heath Elementary, Celia Hays Elementary, Cullins-Lake Pointe Elementary, Dorothy Smith Pullen, Dorris A. Jones Elementary, Grace Hartman Elementary, Howard Dobbs Elementary, Nebbie Williams Elementary, Ouida Spring Elementary, Sharon Shannon Elementary and Virginia Reinhardt Elementary, according to the teacherlists.com news release.

### Farmers Market open each Saturday

A Farmers Market hosted by the Friends of Downtown Rockwall is operating from 8 a.m. to noon every Saturday through Sept. 27 on the north side of the courthouse square on Kaufman Street. A wide



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## RISD earns high marks in STAAR ratings

The Rockwall Independent School District and its campuses earned the highest possible ratings in the 2014 STAAR Accountability system, according to a district news release. Students also continued to score well above the state average in all content areas.

Additionally, the district received a "superior" rating, the highest rating possible, on the Financial Integrity Rating System of Texas (FIRST). This marks the 13th straight year the district has received the "superior" rating, according to the news release.

The RISD's Community and Student Engagement rating was "exemplary" for the district and all campuses. This new self-assessment is a part of the requirements known as House Bill 5, which was passed by the 2013 Texas Legislature.

"Rockwall ISD is one of the best school districts in Texas, and these results further confirm the excellence of our students and teachers," Jeff Bailey, RISD superintendent, said.

The district also has seen improvement in closing the gap between traditionally lower-performing student groups and the general student population, according to the release.

"We are seeing strong gains in groups such as economically disadvantaged students and English-language learners," said Debbie Koehn, chief academic officer.

The school district also received 22 distinctions for the 2013-2014 school year. The Texas Education Agency awards specific distinctions for schools that rank highly in comparison to similar schools. Awards went to:

- Dobbs Elementary – Reading and Closing the Gap
- Hays Elementary – Closing the Gap
- Jones Elementary – Science and Student Progress
- Reinhardt Elementary – Reading and Closing the Gap
- Stevenson Elementary – Closing the Gap

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Alison Fox, left, Rockwall Women's League 2014 Ball chairperson, and Cathy Bedsole, right, RWL president 2013-2014, are shown presenting a Community Grant check for \$1,000 to Rockwall PAWS president Sandra Solomon. The presentation was made during the annual grant reception at the home of Lisa Reid in Heath. Courtesy photo/Rockwall County News

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### Rogers tapped SOSU Honor

Gentry James Rogers, Rockwall was named President's Honor Roll student for the 2014 summer semester at Southwestern Oklahoma State University at Weatherford, according to a university release.

An undergraduate student earns all A's in six or more courses during the summer semester to qualify for the President's Honor Roll. A total of 217 students were recognized.

### Fate Girls recognized

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The Fate Girls have a remarkable collection of many pieces of furniture, clothing of various periods of more than 100 years. The museum would be unique to family life of the turn of the century.

Anyone interested in the Fate Girls make their collection a reality and want financial support information regarding obtaining a grant, contact the Fate Historical Foundation or simply for more information contact Jim Thornhill at 409-964-1064 or email him at [jthornhill@cnxplus.com](mailto:jthornhill@cnxplus.com).

### Rockwall County Entertainment

RSM set for 'Anything Goes' Aug. 14-17

Rockwall Summer Musical will present its second show of the 2014 season, Cole Porter's "Anything Goes," Aug. 14-17 on the Rockwall High School Performing Arts Center. Performances will begin Thursday, Friday and Saturday, 7 p.m., with the final show Sunday, 2 p.m. Sunday. Ticket prices range from \$13 for students to \$19 for adults; tickets for adults ages 65 and older are \$16. Tickets may be purchased at [rockwallsummermusical.com](http://rockwallsummermusical.com) or [showclix.com/events/9114](http://showclix.com/events/9114) by calling 1-888-71-TICKETS.



Joyce Jackson and her Son Charlie Roach

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## Rockwall County Obituaries

### Louise (Harper) Boren

Louise (Harper) Boren, 92, will be conducted on Aug. 15, 2014, in the First Baptist Church, 813 W. Holiday St., with Pastor Ray Bailey officiating. Burial will follow in the Rest Haven Funeral Home Chapel.



She will receive friends at her home from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. on Aug. 14 in Plano. She was born Jan. 2, 1922, in Blackland, Texas, to Annie Pearl (Richey) Boren and retired. She was a member of the First Baptist Church of Fate. She is survived by her son, Terry Boren, and his wife, Mary, of Garland; her daughter-in-law, Gayle Boren; her daughter, Karen Szilagy, and her husband, Bryan, of Scottsdale, Ariz.; his son, Stephen Panos and his wife, Susan, of Royse City; seven grandchildren; his sister, Georgia Garrett; and numerous nieces, nephews and other relatives.

### Mary 'Georgie' Granger

Funeral service for Mary 'Georgie' Granger, 86, of Rockwall, will be held at 11 a.m. Aug. 13, at Our Lady of the Lake Catholic Church in Rockwall.



She was born George Monaghan in Rockwall. She was a member of the Rest Haven Funeral Home Chapel. She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, C.D. Boren; her son, Gerry Boren; and a sister, Eva Nixon.

### Fleming G. 'F.G.' Panos Jr.

A celebration of life event for Fleming G. "F.G." Panos Jr., 78, of Rockwall was conducted at 3 p.m. Aug. 9, 2014, in the Rest Haven Funeral Home-Rockwall Chapel with Pastor Rick Donaho officiating.



He died Aug. 5 in Rowlett. He was born Aug. 9, 1935, in Texarkana, Texas, to Fleming George Panos Sr. and Clara (Butcher) Panos. He was the owner/operator of Panos Insurance Agency. Survivors include his wife of more than 56 years, Helen (Henderson) Panos of Rockwall; his son, Chris Panos of Rockwall; his daughter, Karen Szilagy, and her husband, Bryan, of Scottsdale, Ariz.; his son, Stephen Panos and his wife, Susan, of Royse City; seven grandchildren; his sister, Georgia Garrett; and numerous nieces, nephews and other relatives.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a sister, Joan Lyden.

The family has suggested memorial contributions may be made to the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society, 8111 LBJ Frwy. #425, Dallas, TX 75251 or leukemia-lymphoma.org.

## TxDOT plans two upgrades

The Texas Department of Transportation recently approved a contract award for construction to widen FM 3097, Horizon Road, in Rockwall, according to a City of Rockwall news release.

The \$9.3 million contract was awarded to Ed Bell Construction Co. The project will include the widening of the current road from two to four lanes between FM 740, Ridge Road, and Tubbs Street.

"Like all of Texas, the urban areas of our state will continue to see the rapid population growth," said Victor Vandergriff, commissioner, in the news release. "Relieving congestion on our roadways not only improves our quality of life, but also enhances economic opportunities. We are pleased to partner with state and local entities who share our vision of keeping Texas moving."

Additionally, a \$1.7 million project to rehabilitate existing pavement on SH 205 from south of West Heath Street to John King Boulevard was awarded to APAC-Texas Inc., according to the release.

Construction start dates will be established in upcoming meetings between TxDOT and the contractors, according to the news release.

For more information, contact TxDOT public information officer Michelle Releford at michelle.releford@txdot.gov or 214-320-4485.

## Rockwall ISD STAAR ratings ...

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- Cain Middle School – Math, Science, Social Studies, Student Progress and Post-Secondary Readiness
- Utey Middle School – Math
- Williams Middle School – Science
- Rockwall High School – Social Studies
- Rockwall-Heath High School – Math, Science, Social Studies and Closing the Gap

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variety of foods will be offered, including fruits, vegetables, honey, seafood and grass-fed beef.

### Local Democrats to meet Aug. 16

The Rockwall Democrats will meet at 9 a.m. Aug. 16 at the Harry Myers Community Center, 815 E. Washington, Rockwall. Battleground Texas-Team Rockwall will report on ongoing phone banks and block walks. There will be a discussion on the proposed Blackland Corridor Toll Road through Rockwall, as well as other civic matters.

### Women of Influence Tea set Aug. 16

The Rockwall County Republican Women will host their annual Women of Influence Tea Aug. 16 at Occasions in Royse City. State Rep. Cindy Burkett will be guest speaker. A special tribute to Congressman Ralph Hall is planned. Doors will open at 10 a.m.; seating will be limited. Tickets cost \$30 and may be purchased by contacting Jerry Fisher at jlf\_fisher@hotmail.com or Pam Benedetto at pamelabenedetto2@gmail.com.

### Spay/Neuter Network bus in R'wall Aug. 20

Thanks to a strong response, the Spay/Neuter Network 45-foot mobile hospital bus will be in Rockwall Aug. 20. The bus will replace the monthly SNN shuttle (KCAAP) that transported pets to Crandall for surgery. Once a month the Hope Mobile will be in the I-30 Walmart parking lot where surgeries will be performed. Low-cost surgery packages are available. Call 972-472-3500 for appointments; space is limited. Walk-up vaccinations are offered from 10 a.m. to noon at a reduced cost. September and October dates are pending. This service is sponsored by Rockwall PAWS, a local nonprofit that offers spay/neuter assistance and treats heartworm-positive shelter dogs.

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## 2014 Property Tax Rates in Rockwall County

This notice concerns 2014 property tax rates for Rockwall County. It presents information about three tax rates. Last year's tax rate is the actual rate the taxing unit used to determine property taxes last year. This year's effective tax rate would impose the same total taxes as last year if you compare properties taxed in both years. This year's rollback tax rate is the highest tax rate the taxing unit can set before taxpayers can start tax rollback procedures. In each case these rates are found by dividing the total amount of taxes by the tax base (the total value of taxable property) with adjustments as required by state law. The rates are given per \$100 of property value.

	M&O & I&S
<b>Last year's tax rate:</b>	
Last year's operating taxes	\$21,549,662
Last year's debt taxes	\$6,709,733
Last year's total taxes	\$28,259,395
Last year's tax base	\$6,454,287,939
Last year's total tax rate	0.395900/\$100
<b>This year's effective tax rate:</b>	
Last year's adjusted taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property)	\$26,238,931
+ This year's adjusted tax base (after subtracting value of new property)	\$6,740,722,921
= This year's effective tax rate for each fund	0.389200/\$100
Total effective tax rate	0.389200/\$100

<b>This year's rollback tax rate:</b>	
Last year's adjusted operating taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property and adjusting for any transferred function, tax increment financing, state criminal justice mandate and/or enhanced indigent health care expenditures)	\$20,012,635
+ This year's adjusted tax base	\$6,740,722,921
= This year's effective operating rate	0.296800/\$100
× 1.08 = this year's maximum operating rate	0.320500/\$100
+ This year's debt rate	0.106300/\$100
= This year's rollback rate for each fund	0.426800/\$100
This year's total rollback rate	0.426800/\$100

**Statement of Increase/Decrease**  
If Rockwall County adopts a 2014 tax rate equal to the effective tax rate of 0.389200 per \$100 of value, taxes would increase compared to 2013 taxes by \$964,196.

**Schedule A: Unencumbered Fund Balances: M&O & I&S**  
The following estimated balances will be left in the unit's property tax accounts at the end of the fiscal year. These balances are not encumbered by a corresponding debt obligation.

Type of Property Tax Fund	Balance
I&S	1,100,000,000

**Schedule B: 2014 Debt Service: M&O & I&S**  
The unit plans to pay the following amounts for long-term debts that are secured by property taxes. These amounts will be paid from property tax revenues (or additional sales tax revenues, if applicable).

Description of Debt	Principal or Contract Payment to be Paid from Property Taxes	Interest to be Paid from Property Taxes	Other Amounts to be Paid	Total Payment
CO funded by taxes in FY2015	3,305,000	4,049,880	9,000	7,363,880
Total required for 2014 debt service				\$7,363,880
- Amount (if any) paid from funds listed in Schedule A				\$0
- Amount (if any) paid from other resources				\$0
- Excess collections last year				\$0
= Total to be paid from taxes in 2014				\$7,363,880
+ Amount added in anticipation that the unit will collect only 98.000000% of its taxes in 2014				\$150,283
= Total Debt Levy				\$7,514,163

This notice contains a summary of actual effective and rollback tax rates' calculations. You can inspect a copy of the full calculations at 841 Justin Road, Rockwall, TX 75087. Name of person preparing this notice: Patricia Davis Title: Chief Appraiser Date prepared: August 1, 2014

## Rogers tap SOSU Hon

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## Fate recognized

(Continued from Page 1) The Fate Girls have a collection of mementos, furniture, clothing and pictures, household items more. The museum is unique to family history of the turn of the century. Anyone interested in the Fate Girls may become a reality and financial support regarding obtaining the Fate Historical Society or simply for more information contact Jim Thornhill at 1064 or email him at cnextplus.com. Time is of the essence an honor it would be to have six of the Fate Girls museum dedicated to the public.

## Rockwall County Entertainment

Pastor Steve Stroope, Lake Pointe Church  
Pastor Dr. Jeffress, First Baptist Dallas  
RSM set for 'Anything Goes' Aug. 14  
Rockwall Summer will present its second season, 'Anything Goes' on the Rockwall Performing Arts Center Thursday, Friday and Saturday performances will be at 7 p.m., with the final performance on Sunday, Aug. 24, at 2 p.m. Sunday performances range from \$13 for adults; tickets for children ages 65 and under are \$16. Tickets may be purchased at rockwallsummershow.com or by calling 1-888-711-1111.

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**STAR performances of 'Charlie Brown' planned**  
Rockwall Community Playhouse will host its annual STAR Theatre at Rockwall) performances of "You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown" at 7 p.m. Aug. 16 and 2 p.m. Aug. 17. Tickets may be purchased at rockwallcommunityplayhouse.org or by calling 927-9999. Seating is limited and tickets should be purchased 30 minutes prior to show time at the box office.

**Family Fun Friday to feature 'The Sandlot'**  
Rockwall's Parks & Rec Department will host its Aug. 22 Friday at the Leon Tuttle Athletic Complex, 1550 Airport Blvd. Activities and games will begin at 6 p.m., with the feature film, "The Sandlot," to begin at dusk. Candy, popcorn, snowcones and glow sticks will be available for purchase.

**Cards 4 Kids fundraiser slated**  
The Cards 4 Kids, will take place at Allure Chandler's Landing Aug. 22. A pre-tournament buffet will be served from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m.; the tournament will run from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. The entry fee will be \$150, which must be pre-paid with RSVP; (Continued on Page 5)

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# Fate's financial department feted for national honors

**Millie Jean Coppedge**  
 Fate's financial director, and her team were honored during the Aug. 4 Fate City Council meeting. Ken Megyesi accepted the award presented by Ken Heerman, assistant city manager and finance director for the City of Fate. Heerman is a Government Finance Officers Association representative for Region 13 of Texas. The Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) established the Distinguished Budget Presentation Awards in 1944 to encourage and assist state and local governments to produce documents of the very highest quality that reflect both the budgeting and the GFOA's best practice on budgeting and to recognize individual governments that succeed in achieving that goal.

executive summary, the proposed annual operating and capital budget for the 2014-2015 fiscal year, a clearly laid-out packet for the upcoming year's expectations. The most anticipated proposed item was the 2014-2015 operating budget of \$3,064,925, which carries an increase of 12.04 percent over last year. Also this budget will include a proposed increase of the cost for employee's health insurance by 3 percent, a continuation of funding for the employees for a 3 percent merit pool, an update of the City's Comprehensive Plan, which has not been updated in 12 years and the addition of three full-time employees for the Department of Public Safety. Kovacs pointed out that one of the major challenges will be the city's increased debt, which was created to build a new city hall, "and will have a direct effect on the debt service tax rate." The rate will be increased from \$0.04510 to \$0.07670, a 70 percent increase. The public hearings for adopting the ordinances for annexation of

29 more properties into the Fate city limits will be on Aug. 25-26. A projected date of Sept. 15 is being considered for the final adoption of the ordinances. There have been 56 property annexations in the last 12 months, not including the upcoming 29. On Sept. 2, the council will meet to adopt the 2015 fiscal budget and tax increase. In the closing reports, Bobby Clay, Fate's director of public works, reminded everyone of the upcoming Celebrate Fate event. The celebration will run from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the Smith Family Park on C.D. Boren Parkway near May Vernon Elementary. Clay said there would be a water slide, bounce house, food vendors, a dunk booth, live music and fireworks. The next Fate City Council meeting will be at 6 p.m. Monday, Aug. 25, at the Fate Community Center, 104 South W.E. Crawford. On the agenda will be the first of three meetings for the ordinance for the annexation of 29 more properties to be annexed into the Fate city limits. The mayor, all members of the city council except for Cameron Cowan, the city secretary and city manager were present at this week's meeting.

city manager Michael Kovacs presented the council with an



Fate's finance director, Marty Coursey (far right), and her employees were presented the Distinguished Budget Presentation Award by Ken Heerman of Highland Village during the Aug. 4 Fate City Council meeting. Shown from the left are Teri Conoly, Vickie Raduchel, Ken Heerman, Mayor Loren Megyesi (holding the award), Miranda Duffey, Ryleigh Valladarez, Claudia Lalalde and Marty Coursey.



The home of Jim and JoNell Melody, 1300 Maverick Lane in Royse City, was selected as the Royse City Chamber's Yard of the Month winner for the month of August. The purpose of the program, according to the chamber's news release, is to "recognize Royse City's citizens who demonstrate above-average efforts in maintaining their property, thereby contributing to the overall appearance of the community at large." The selection was made by the community's Order of the Eastern Star organization. Courtesy photo/Rockwall County News

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**Open house set to honor Margo Nielsen**

Open house honoring Margo Nielsen's 25 years of service to Rockwall County Helping Hands will run from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Aug. 16 at the Helping Hands facilities. Attendees are welcome to bring items to the agency's food pantry, drop off a donation and/or bring a congratulatory note for Nielsen, who is executive director of Helping Hands. The event will include facility tours and answer questions. The event is free to attend.

**Raft Up event slated Aug. 29**

Landing Yacht Club will host another Raft Up beginning at 8 a.m. Aug. 29, weather permitting. All boaters are welcome, and want-to-be boaters are invited to contact Dave Mallard through the CLYC Facebook page to get a ride. Boat owners should check the Facebook and radio channel 71 for more details about the anchoring site (based on wind direction for safety reasons). Everyone is reminded that lake levels are low; boat responsibly and at your own risk.

**Compos to address Rockwall FOL meeting**

WFAA-TV news anchor and reporter Gloria Campos, who will be the featured speaker at the 11 a.m. Sept. 15 meeting of the Friends of the Rockwall County Library. The meeting will take place in the library's Community Room. Reservations for this meeting are required and may be made by contacting Gloria Bishop at 972-475-7738 or calling 972-475-7738. Cost of the luncheon, which will be catered by Zach's Catering, is \$20, which will be payable at the door on the day to make or change reservations is Sept. 2.

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# Arizona man draws 99-year sentence for child sexual abuse

A 67-year-old Arizona man was found guilty of the first-degree felony offense of continuous sexual abuse of a victim under 14 years of age in Rockwall County. On Aug. 8, the Rockwall County jury convicted David Fronek and sentenced him to 99 years in the Texas Department of Criminal Justice.

The criminal complaint was filed on February 12, 2014 in the 382nd District Court, Judge Brett Hall presiding. Bond was set at \$250,000.

According to the district attorney's office, it took less than 10 minutes of deliberation for the jury to return a verdict of guilty against the Mohave County, Ariz., resident.

Jurors heard testimony that Fronek sexually abused the 6-year-old victim in this case over the course of approximately two years, according to the news release. The abuse came to light following a telephone call from a family member voicing concerns about Fronek. The victim was interviewed by the Collin County Child Advocacy Center, and after a thorough investigation by Rockwall Police Department detectives the case was submitted to the Rockwall County Criminal District Attorney's Office for prosecution.

Prosecutors presented witnesses from several local agencies including the Rockwall Police Department and Child Advocacy Centers from both

Collin and Dallas counties. Testimony lasted four days, after jury returned their verdict of guilty.

"The victim, victim's parents and another family member who were victimized all bravely testified in open court," said Lt. lead prosecutor.

According to the judicial records, Fronek was defended by Tom Nowak. The D.A. did not mention whether Fronek filed an appeal.

The District Attorney's office did not describe how many years since the alleged abuse occurred, and what conduct constituted the case.

## Accidental death case closed, Heath denies Public Information Act request

The City of Heath Department of Public Safety announced on Wednesday July 23, 2014 that the investigation of the death of 12-year-old Ethan Moran on April 22, 2014, has been closed.

In response to a Public Information Act request by the Rockwall County News (RCN) for all documents and records into the investigation, the Assistant City Attorney Jennifer DeCurtis wrote that "The City desires to withhold records and information and has requested an open records decision from the Attorney General regarding whether the information is within an exception to public disclosure."

Both the Friday Aug. 8 letter from the City Attorney's office, and the request to the AG were provided under the letterhead of Messer, Rockefeller, Fort -- The Municipal Law Firm.

The city's letter to the AG claimed the privilege to not only hide documents that reveal basic information about the incident, but also to conceal the procedures followed during the investigation.

RCN Publisher Timothy W. Burnett was not surprised with the city's handling of the PIA request. "It is not unusual for law enforcement and other government officials to err on the side of privacy, and protecting the investigating department from public scrutiny. We respect the city's decision, and wait patiently for the AG's final opinion," said Burnett.

According to the official press release, the Heath resident was found in the woods near his home deceased due to a fatal gunshot wound after he was reported missing on the evening of April 22.

Throughout the investigation, Heath investigators worked closely with the Dallas Medical Examiner's Office in an effort to determine what

circumstances led to the child receiving a fatal gunshot wound to the head.

The autopsy report released July 23 stated that Moran died as a result of his injuries caused by a gunshot wound to the head; the manner of death was officially listed as undetermined.

"The results of the investigation revealed there were no past or present reasons for Ethan to cause his own death," said Lt. Scott Trammell, explaining that interviews were conducted with family, friends, neighbors, coaches and teachers. "Everyone investigators spoke with found Ethan to be a healthy and happy young man who loved all aspects of his life."

Witness interviews along with numerous close examinations of the

scene revealed Moran was handling a pistol he removed from the car. It is unclear if the boy knew whether or not the pistol was loaded when he was doing so, caused it to discharge.

The DPS did not indicate whether witnesses reported seeing a gunshot.

The DPS did not describe the weapon's make and model, and the weapon was found in relation to where Moran was found.

"After reviewing all the facts and evidence, Heath investigators determined Ethan's death was an accident," said Trammell.

### Rockwall County News Briefs

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#### Rockwall ISD pep rally slated Sept. 5

An evening of food, fun and celebration will run from 5:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. Sept. 5 at the Wilkerson-Sanders Memorial Stadium. Food vendors will be on site. Spirit items will be available for purchase, and participants are encouraged to have their photos taken in a photo booth with the Rockwall High yellowjacket mascot or the Rockwall-Heath hawk mascot. The event will celebrate the two schools' participation in the 2014 Dallas Cowboys High School Classic, in which RHS will face L.D. Bell and RHHS will face Eules Trinity on Sept. 6.

#### Area News Briefs

##### Disco Ball to raise funds for Love for Kids

Love for Kids will host its 2014 Disco Ball from 8 p.m. to midnight Aug. 9 at Seven for Parties, 150 Turtle Creek Blvd., Suite 107, Dallas. Music will be provided by disco master Mark Anthony and the Soul Train Review. Disco-era clothing is encouraged; a costume contest featuring prizes will be conducted. Snacks and beverages will be available. Free valet parking will be provided. Cost will be \$55 per person; \$750 for reserved tables. Tickets and more information is available at [loveforkidsinc.org/events/disco-ball](http://loveforkidsinc.org/events/disco-ball).

##### Run For Freedom set at Flower Mound

Runners from throughout North Texas will gather at Flower Mound Sept. 20 to compete in the third annual Run For Freedom, which will benefit the nonprofit YouCanFree.US. The 5k race will be paired this year with a 1k Super Hero Fun Run, inviting participants to race costumed as their favorite super hero. The event will begin at 8:30 a.m. at Flower Mound High School, 3411 Peters Colony Rd. Register online at [youcanfree.us/race.php](http://youcanfree.us/race.php).

#### Rockwall Yellowjacket Varsity Volleyball season schedule

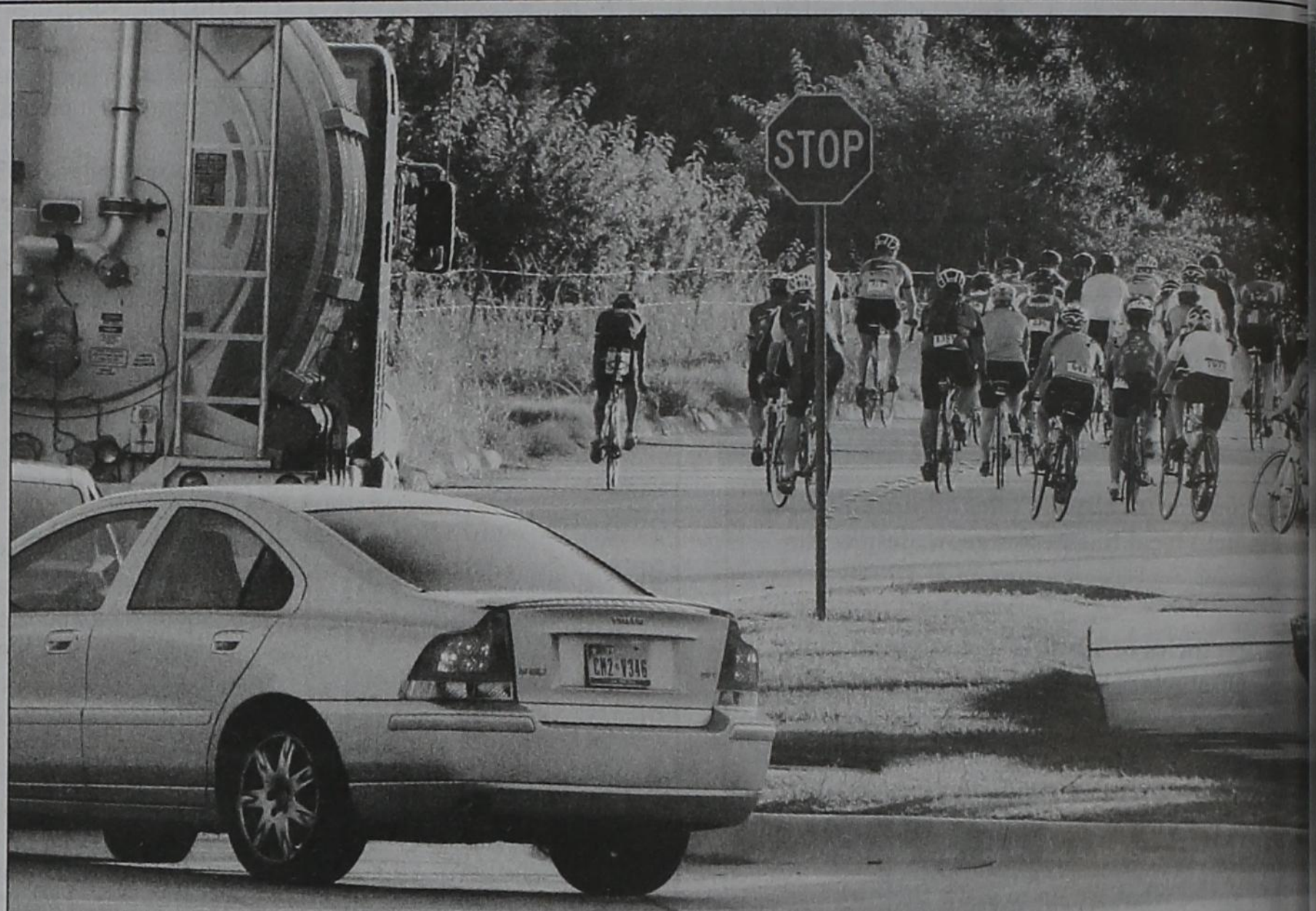
August 8	Wylie East	2:00	— Scrimmage
August 9	@Plano West	TBD	— Scrimmage
August 12	Frisco Liberty	6:30	
August 14-16	Adidas Texas Volleyball Tournament, Pearland		
August 19	@Flower Mound	6:30	
August 22-23	Allen Texas Open Varsity Tournament, Allen		
August 26	Wylie East	6:30	
August 28-30	Rockwall Varsity Tournament, Rockwall HS		
September 2	@Heath	6:30	
September 5	@Southlake	7:00	
September 9	Forney	6:30	
September 12	@Tyler Lee*	5:30	
September 16	@Garland*	5:30	
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September 26	Lakeview*	5:30	
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October 14	N. Garland*	5:30	
October 17	@Sachse*	5:30	
October 21	@Lakeview*	5:30	
October 24	Rowlett*	5:30	
October 28	Naaman Forest *	5:30	— Senior Night

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#### Heath Hawk Varsity Volleyball season schedule

August 8	@Prestonwood Christian Academy		
August 9	@Lovejoy		
August 12	Sachse/Plano	5:00	Sachse HS Gym
August 14-16	Pearland Varsity Tournament		
August 19	Hebron	6:30	
August 21	Northwest Varsity Tournament		
August 26	Plano West	7:00	
August 29	Plano West Varsity Tournament		
September 2	Rockwall	6:30	
September 5	Highland Park	6:30	
September 9	Rowlett	6:30	
September 12	Royce City*	6:30	
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Bicyclers in the 2014 Hot Rocks Bike Ride get a bound audience of Rockwall travelers as the riders make the first turn of the 59-mile race Saturday Aug. 9 at T.L. Townsend and Justin Road in Rockwall. The final race results were not available as of Tuesday.

Photo by Tim Burnett/Rockwall County News

### Rockwall County Classified Advertising

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### Legal Notices

#### Texas Commission on Environmental Quality



#### NOTICE OF APPLICATON FOR SMALL MUNICIPAL SEPARATE STORM SEWER SYSTEM (MS4) General Permit Authorization No. TX040278

**APPLICATION.** City of Rockwall, 385 South Goliad, Rockwall, Texas 75087, has applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) under the Texas Pollutant Discharge Elimination Act (TPDES) General Permit No. TXR040000 for a renewal of authorization number TXR040278 for discharge from the City of Rockwall municipal separate storm sewer system (MS4). The notice of intent (NOI) and stormwater management program were received by the TCEQ on Jun 5, 2014.

The MS4 is located within the City of Rockwall limits that is located within the Dallas-Fort- Worth-Arlington Urbanized Area in Rockwall County, Texas. The MS4 will discharge to the drainage area of Trinity River Basin.

A copy of the NOI, storm water management program, general permit, and general permit fact sheet is available for viewing and copying at Rockwall City Hall, 385 South Goliad, Rockwall, Texas 75087.

The Executive Director of the TCEQ has made a preliminary decision to approve authorization of this MS4 under TPDES General Permit No. TXR040000.

**PUBLIC COMMENT.** Written public comments may be submitted to the Office of Chief Clerk, at the address provided in the information section below, within 30 days of the date of newspaper publication of this notice. In addition, the public may request a public meeting. If significant interest exists, the Executive Director will direct the applicant to publish a notice of the public meeting and hold the public meeting. The applicant must publish notice of a public meeting at least 30 days prior to the meeting in a newspaper of general circulation in the county where the MS4 is located. If the MS4 is located in more than one county, the applicant must publish notice in a newspaper of general circulation in the county containing the largest residential population. The Executive Director will consider all relevant information pertaining to whether the applicant meets the requirements of the general permit and will issue a written determination as to any final action on the NOI for authorization under the general permit.

**INFORMATION.** Written public comments should be submitted to the Office of the Chief Clerk, MC 105, TCEQ, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087 or electronically at [www.tceq.texas.gov/about/comments.html](http://www.tceq.texas.gov/about/comments.html). For additional information, about the application for authorization under TPDES General Permit No. TXR040000 or the procedure for public participation in the general permit process, individual members of the general public may contact the TCEQ Public Education Program at 1-800-687-4040. Si desea informacion en Espanol, puede llamar al 1-800-687-4040. General information regarding the TCEQ can be found at our web site at [www.tceq.texas.gov](http://www.tceq.texas.gov)

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# High expectations set for Rockwall ISD volleyball

all Yellowjacket and Rockwall-Heath Hawk volleyball lining up for continued success as the 2014 season begins entering new districts, both squads are setting high goals

Jackets are looking forward to an exciting season in 6A with quite a bit of experience returning, including five returning starters and their libero.

excited about competing with all the schools in our new 6A we should capture the district championship," Rockwall head coach Damon Wilson said. "The 6A classification is really in name only."

practices began Monday, August 4, and held their first two all weekend against Wylie East on Friday and Plano on Saturday.

practices began Tuesday, August 12 against Frisco Liberty in Rockwall and the team headed to Pearland August 14-16 for the Texas Volleyball Tournament.

and tournament opening weekend is the largest in the district and could be a great test for the team," Wilson said.

of six starters returning, Rockwall-Heath looks to build on success from last year as they make a bid for their third district Championship title in District 12-5A.

ping for a competitive rivalry in district. We have faced teams in the past and we are ready for the challenge," Younger said. "These girls are more than ready for a challenge they are more than ready to make a statement."

their first two scrimmages last weekend with Prestonwood Academy and Lovejoy, the Hawks began regular season double-header in Sachse against Sachse and Plano High School on Friday.

will join Rockwall at the Pearland Tournament August 15-16.

every team will be fun to play, but the girls are looking forward to playing Plano because that is the team that knocked us out of the playoffs last season," Younger said.

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"Keep an eye out for our senior outside hitters (Haley Colman and Aniah Philo Hatfield)," Younger added. "Also keep an eye out for our Libero, Megan Lohmiller."

The 2014 season also brings new additions to both coaching staffs. Rockwall has added Brenda Hennessey from Mesquite Horn and Lovejoy to serve as Varsity second assistant. Heath has brought Skyler Camacho to coach the junior varsity and Laine Garrett as the freshman coach.

In 2013, The Lady Hawks ended the season 32-10 in the Regional Quarterfinals and won District 12-5A with a record of 12-0 for the second consecutive year. Rockwall went 22-18 (9-2), took second in District 12-5A behind Rockwall-Heath and advanced to the Area round of the UIL playoffs.

## Volleyball opens RC sports schedule

Royse City High School's athletic season officially opened Tuesday when the volleyball team played matches against North Forney and Longview Pine Tree at North Forney.

The Lady Bulldogs return to action Friday and Saturday at the Princeton tournament, and are scheduled to play their first home match under new coach Amanda Marek Tuesday against Caddo Mills.

RC's football team began preseason practice Monday. Head coach David Petroff's Bulldogs will conclude their second week of practice Friday, Aug. 22, with a scrimmage at Marshall. Their first home game won't be until Sept. 12, when they're scheduled to host Joshua.

The final Royse City fall team in action will be the boys' and girls' cross country teams. Head coach Brooke McMaster would take them Sept. 6 to Myers Park in McKinney for the Prosper Eagle XC Invitational.



Lady Jackets J.V. Sophomore Emily Chapin (14) strikes against Frisco Liberty, Tuesday Aug. 12, in Rockwall. Frisco Liberty won the match 25-18, 22-25, 25-20.

Photo by Tim Burnett/Rockwall County News

## Could be better for HCA football

Robert Huckabee talks about how much more the Heritage Christian Academy football team is going to be this year. We have more kids that we've ever had, more size and much more depth, quickness

is a much more difficult schedule than in the past. The district has moved the Eagles up to TAPPS 6-Man Division I, the private schools' highest

TAPPS 6-Man District 1-1, along with the top two teams in sixmanfootball.com's preseason state

Dallas The Covenant School and second-ranked Abilene Christian Schools were thorns in Heritage's side in TAPPS 6-Man II. Also in the new district is eighth-ranked Midland Trinity Christian, which is a

more travel as well. In District 1-1, 6-6 last season, enter the season No. 9. The district's other two teams are No. 13 Watauga Christian and No. 16 Red Oak Ovilla Christian.

ing the season Aug. 29 at Prairie Lea, a UIL 6-Man II school, HCA doesn't appear to have a tough schedule. Included are Waco Live Oak Classical, top-ranked in TAPPS 6-Man II; Greenville Christian, No. 6 in that division; Lucas Christian, No. 3 in the Texas Christian Athletic Federation, and Savoy Christian, No. 1 team.

Huckabee hopes the tough schedule could help both to qualify the Eagles for the playoffs and to be battle-ready when they get there.

that finish first and second in the district are guaranteed playoff berths. Defeating opponents from the district would bring HCA more points toward qualifying for wild-card spots.

will have a new look -- with red helmets, solid black home uniforms with red numbers and white with black trim. The players haven't yet seen the new uniforms, said Huckabee. He expects the new uniforms will act as a motivating factor.

players are in the program, and are likely to be split about equally between the varsity and junior varsity.

should be a mix of experience with promising young athletes. Senior Matt Westmoreland is the leading returning rusher. Two sophomores who played a lot are quarterback Matt Pettit and defensive back Brendan Schroepfer.

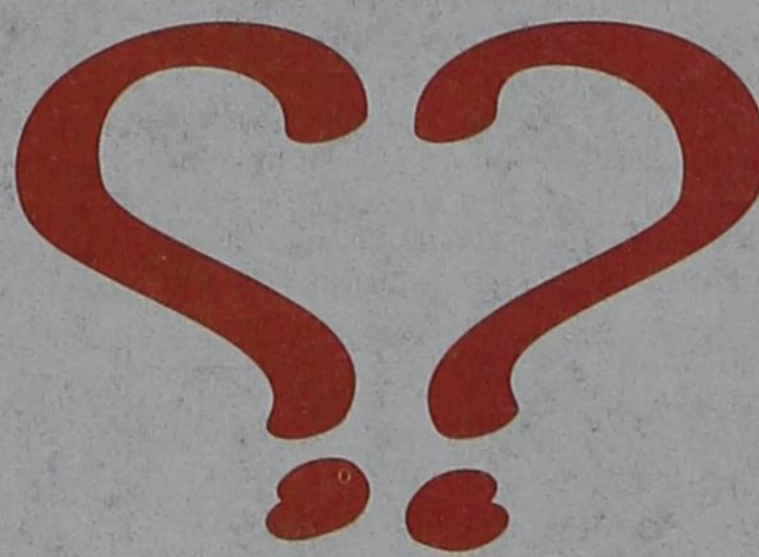
for the Eagles, Pettit at times will move from behind center to run the ball or catch passes. "He's the quarterback," Huckabee says wistfully. Older brothers Austin and Evan Pettit played major roles before at HCA.

s can get their first look at the team Saturday. HCA and Wylie Prep are scheduled for a varsity scrimmage on the outdoor field at Rockwall Indoor Sports Expo beginning at 9 a.m. on Saturday. A Christian school also would host a scrimmage Saturday, Aug. 23.



Head Coach Robert Huckabee (back left) closely observes the Eagles during preseason practice on Friday, Aug. 12 at the RISE field in Rockwall.

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