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Major accident injuries reported

by Kathy Williams

All of the victims of an early morning car crash on Sunday have been released from the hospital, according to Rockwall Police Lt. Edward Fowler. The cause of the two-car accident is still under investigation by the Rockwall Police Department Traffic Unit.

According to Lt. Fowler, a Honda Accord carrying five people and a Chevrolet Tahoe with seven occupants crashed at the intersection of North Goliad and Milton Road, near FM 552, at 2 a.m. Sunday, Oct. 31.

Several of the injured were transported to Baylor University Medical Center in Dallas with serious, but not life-threatening, injuries. It was earlier reported that a 6-year-old female had been transported to Baylor by CareFlite in very critical condition, but Lt. Fowler said all victims have been released from the hospital.

Several other victims were taken to Lake Pointe Hospital in Rowlett with injuries that were not considered life-threatening. Fire equipment from Stations One and Three also responded to the scene. Officers requested the CareFlite helicopter, a supervisor with a camera and two flatbed wreckers. Rockwall County Sheriff's Deputies assisted with re-routing traffic around the scene.

Traffic at the location was shut down for about an hour while the investigation

continued.

Names of the victims have not been released but Lt. Fowler provided a list of the ages of the vehicles' occupants, including in the Honda Accord: female, 18; male 21; female 17; and male 21. In the Chevrolet Tahoe were: male 43; female 42; female 16; female 14; female 14; and female 16. Lt. Fowler said there was also a juvenile male in the Tahoe who was not injured.

McLendon-Chisholm Council frustrated with Hiram Waste business practices

At their Oct. 26 meeting McLendon-Chisholm City Council members took time out to express frustration with Hiram Waste, a commercial and residential trash collection service that has continued to operate within the city despite a lack of franchise agreement and the levying of several fines.

According to city manager Dave Butler, the city has a cause against the company in county court and council members are feeling impatient waiting for justice.

"The question is, how long an individual or business can openly defy the city without facing any consequences," Butler said.

Aside from pursuing the matter in the criminal courts, the city could seek civil action but council members feel the expense too great.

According to Butler, Hiram drivers have been seen displaying obscene gestures when passing city hall and were seen engaging in business, passing city all during the council meeting.

The council has discussed sending letters to or fining customers of Hiram Waste who are also in defiance of the city's franchise agreement with IESI for waste management and recycling, but the council consensus is against fining their residents and neighbors.

A person claiming to be the granddaughter of Hiram proprietor Michael French returned a call Tuesday made by Rockwall County News staff, but refused to provide her name.

Throughout the call, another female voice could be heard yelling in the background.

The Hiram representative complained that the council failed to inform proprietors about the discussion and said attempts made to garner permits were resisted by the city manager. She also complained that city staff members hang up on their phone calls.

Butler confirmed that Hiram had applied for a permit, but had not shown proof of adequate insurance. Butler also confirmed that city staff members do terminate calls when they are subjected to yelling by the caller.

The company's Better Business Bureau rating is an "F," and a Google search for "Hiram Waste" reveals several pages of customer complaints and offers to join in lawsuits against the company with complaints of lack of service and inappropriate billing.

The company has addresses in both Heath and Terrell.

The city has also set in motion a process to increase its sales tax rate from 7.75 to match the 8.25 in most neighboring cities.

With the expected opening of a convenience store, the city expects to gain revenue from pass-through traffic and does not expect a new sales tax rate to greatly affect residents.

Council members also set the date for the city Christmas tree lighting, which will be take place at 6 p.m. Dec. 8 and plans to cancel second-Tuesday meeting in November and December.

The only pressing business council members expect on their agendas may be continued talks with United Engineering Group over development of the Koch property.

'Home for the Holidays' set today, Saturday at Harbor

Home for the Holidays, a community-wide fundraiser benefiting Rockwall Helping Hands, will begin at 9 a.m. today at the Hilton Bella Harbor and continue through Saturday.

The event will include the Festival of Trees, an assortment of Christmas trees decorated by local groups and organizations. Trees, as well as wreaths and door hangers, will be bid on during silent and live auctions.

Also included will be the Victorian Village of Vendors, which will allow area residents to get started on their holiday shopping while dropping by to visit Santa and the elves and have photos taken.

Home for the Holidays also marks the kickoff of the annual Helping Hands Toy Drive. New, unwrapped toys will be accepted for later distribution to less fortunate children in Rockwall County.

A few tickets remain to the Home for the Holidays Gala dinner/dance set for Saturday night at the Hilton. Music will be provided by Random Axis.

For more details or to purchase Gala tickets, visit rockwallhomefortheholidays.com. For information on Helping Hands, visit rockwallhelpinghands.com or call 972-771-HELP.



Joshua Hunter, Anna Hunter, Jordan Hunter and Julia Hunter, members of ROCK (Reaching Out Connecting Kids), an after-school program of the Rockwall ISD, help deliver soup to the Food Pantry of Helping Hands. The group collected 1,474 cans of soup, which were delivered on Oct. 21, the National Day of Recognition for After-School Programs. Schools participating were Cullins Lake-Pointe, Parks, Shannon, Hays, Hartman and Pullen.

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Royse City once again sponsored its annual Trick or Treat on Main Street Wednesday afternoon and what better way to be welcomed to the event than by Housewarmers super-employee Mary Johnson wearing the ultimate trick or treat costume. Joining Johnson as she visited with friends at the Royse City Pumpkin Patch was Royse City Mayor Jerrell Baley, in dog costume. Visitors to the Trick or Treat on Main Street event received treats in a safe environment from local businesses and churches, and the Royse City Police and Fire Departments, and enjoyed bounce houses, a haunted house and pictures at the Royse City Pumpkin Patch.

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The Rev. Frank Rahm of FaithBridge Church, a United Methodist community, delivers more than 800 pounds of sweet potatoes to the Food Pantry of Helping Hands. The crop, from a farm in Emory was gathered as part of the Texas Gleaning Network Project that helps feed the hungry. *Courtesy photo/Rockwall County News*



Rockwall High School Marching Band drum majors Jessica Hoffman, Tracey Taylor, Olivia Corneau and color guard captain Paige Davis are pictured with the trophy the band earned recently at the DeSoto Marching Classic Competition. *Courtesy photo/Rockwall County News*

Orange Wave rolls through busy October

by Brettney Birdwell

This fall blew in with a whirlwind of activity for members of the Rockwall High School Marching Band. The Orange Wave, with five Friday night football games in October alone, including Homecoming, a cross town rivalry game against Heath and senior band night.

Along with these regular game performances, the RHS Band participated in the DeSoto marching competition, hosted area middle school students at eighth grade band night, performed at the Rockwall Band Fest and competed in University Interscholastic League competition.

On Oct. 9, the RHS Band kicked off its first competition of the year by attending the DeSoto Marching Classic Competition. The Classic is an invitational contest rich in tradition where bands compete with other band programs from across the DFW area and beyond. This is the eleventh year the RHS Band has been invited to compete.

The event was conducted on the date of the RHS Homecoming dance. Many band members sacrificed part of their dance time, and some cases all of it, to perform at the competition. The Orange Wave advanced to the finals, and after performing again in the evening came home with a 10th place finish.

Eighth grade band night, a RHS band tradition, occurred during the Oct. 15 RHS vs. Rockwall-Heath High football game, making it an even greater opportunity for eighth grade students from Williams and Utley middle schools to experience the excitement of playing with the marching band.

"Participating in band night when I was in eighth grade was a great experience that led me to be a member of The Orange Wave Marching Band for the past four years," said senior and trumpet section leader Kevin Bray.

Oct. 16 was a musical day at Wilkerson-Sanders Stadium as the Rockwall Band Fest was conducted for the first time. This event featured all three RISD middle school bands and both high school bands.

"The band fest was a good way to get another contest type atmosphere under our belts before UIL," Thomas Burkhardt, senior and Baritone section leader, said. "It was also another way to show off The Orange Wave to the rest of Rockwall."

The three middle school bands -- Williams, Cain and Utley -- sat on the grandstands and played two selections each. The RHS Orange Wave marched its 2010 show, Reflections, and the RHHS Middle School Hawk Band performed its 2010 show as well.

"[Rockwall Band Fest] was a way for the middle school kids to see some high school students in action and have some recruits for next year's freshmen class," Enrico Trevisani, freshman, said.

The Orange Wave went on to receive a I rating superior score, the highest possible, for its UIL performance Oct. 20 at Mesquite Memorial Stadium.

"I am very proud of everything our band has accomplished this season -- our hard work definitely paid off," Anna Wright, senior and Rockwall Band president, said. "This being my last season, everything comes to a close, it's difficult to think I won't be with The Orange Wave next year. Although marching band is coming to a close we still have to focus on making our concert season just as successful as our marching season."

"We had a great marching season with difficult music and a difficult marching drill, but we had a lot of fun working on it and enjoying every minute of it," said band director Mike McGill.

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The varsity RHHS cheerleaders and mascots meet Friday mornings for Game Day God's Way, a program created by Ken and Cheryl Moore, parents of one of the first freshmen to cheer at the school, Kendal Moore. The motivation for the meetings is to create an environment outside of the school for varsity cheerleaders to begin their game days with prayer, devotion and breakfast. Pictured above at a recent Game Day God's Way gathering are, at front, Morgan Iles, Lauren Statham, Kayla Hall, Brittany Buchanan, Meagan Naegele, Cayley Lott, Tara Messner, Chasity Rooney, Rebecca Eddy and Lauren Hartnett, and, at back, Jordyn Leeuw, Allie Lincoln, Kaylea Wisner, coach Dabney and mascot Andee Aulbaugh.
 Courtesy photo/Rockwall County News



Lebbie Williams Elementary teachers and staff members have not been shy about their support of the Texas Rangers in the World Series. Pictured on the front row, from the left, are Jan Shewmaker, Kelly Haack, Christy Walker, Glenda Boyett, Johnna Stephenson, Elisha Shaw and Kristi Arenas; and, at back, Kay Orr, Tonni Kimbrell, Jennifer Henry, Jessica Jones, Stacy Harrison, Kay Russo, Kayse Katzmann, Shannon Boulware, Melanie Pyland, Kristi Routen, Teresa Fore, Karen Aikman, Stephen Davis and John Thomas.
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Summer Ridge Assisted Living resident Chris Coker is pictured distributing candy to some early trick-or-treaters from the Primrose School.
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Birth

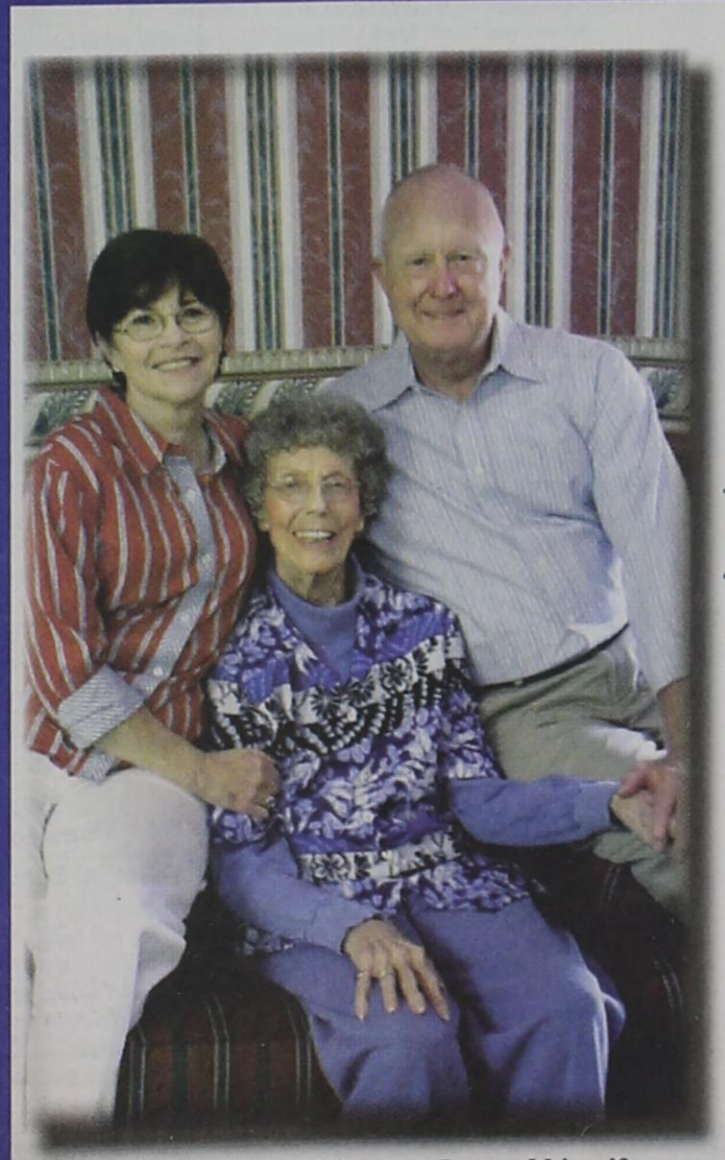


Karmon Turner
 Courtney Furr and Dennelle Turner of Garland have announced the birth of their daughter, Karmonnelle Turner, at 5:01 p.m. Oct. 20, 2010, at Lake Pointe in Rowlett. The infant weighed 7.6 pounds and was 20 inches long at birth. Grandparents are Pam Lincycomb Abilene and Billy Turner. Sylvia Moore of Irving is the baby's great-grandmother.

Annah Moon is Homecoming Queen

Annah Moon, a senior graphic design major from Rockwall, was named Chi Delta Women's Social Club as a 2010 homecoming queen nominee at Ouachita Baptist University in Arkadelphia, Ark. Moore, who serves as president of Chi Delta and is involved in College Republicans, was escorted by her father, Tom Moon. The queen, Allison Cornell of Glen, was crowned during pre-game ceremonies Oct. 23.

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Rockwall County Obituaries

Mary Alice Cajanek

Graveside services for Mary Alice Cajanek, 96, of Rockwall were conducted at 2 p.m. Monday, Nov. 1, 2010, in the Pyron Cemetery in Pyron with the Rev. Ward Hayes of Trinity Baptist Church officiating. The Rest Haven Funeral Home-Rockwall Chapel was in charge of arrangements.

She died Oct. 29.
Born May 5, 1914, in Fisher County to David Casper and Saphronia (Nichols) Henkell, she was a former resident of Sweetwater where she was a member of the Trinity Baptist Church and enjoyed meeting with her friends from Sunday school. She also was a member of the Eastern Star at Hermligh. She had a green thumb and helped with farm work at Hermligh prior to moving to Sweetwater.

Survivors include her daughter, Linda Pollard, and her husband, Jerry, of Rockwall; her grandchildren, W.D. Kimzey of Weatherford, Bud Kimzey of Del Rio, Helen Kimzey of Lubbock, Tracy Morris of Rockwall, Jerry Pollard Jr. of Arlington, Joe Pollard of North Carolina and Kitty Cevallos and John Pollard of Houston; her great-grandchildren, Dalton Hoover, Mary Elizabeth and Michael McKinney, Asher Morris and an additional seven great-grandchildren and four great-great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, August Cajanek; her son, Henry Lee Cajanek; a daughter, Julie Reese; four brothers; and three sisters.

Venita Marie Clamon

Services for Venita Marie Clamon, 76, of Lavon were conducted at 10 a.m. Tuesday, Nov. 2, 2010, in the Rest Haven Funeral Home-Rockwall Chapel. Burial was at 1 p.m. in the King Cemetery in Kemp.

She died Oct. 30.
Born March 1, 1934, in Caddo Mills to Harold Edgar and Ola Mae (Norris) Rogers, she enjoyed cooking, gardening and all sports. She worked as an office manager for Lakeside Auto Auction and was a Baptist.

Survivors include her husband, Ernest Kimmons of Lavon; her daughter, Nancy Gray, and her husband, Scotty, of Orange County, Calif.; her granddaughters, Marie Adamson and her husband, Brian, of Fate, Sarah Houston of Mesquite, Jennifer Clamon of Wills Point and Venita Clamon of Dallas; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, John Clamon; her sons, Richard and Thomas Clamon; and her brother, Gerald Ray Rogers.

The family has suggested memorials may be made to the COPD Foundation, 2937 SW 27th Ave., Suite 302, Miami, FL 33133 or at copdfoundation.org.

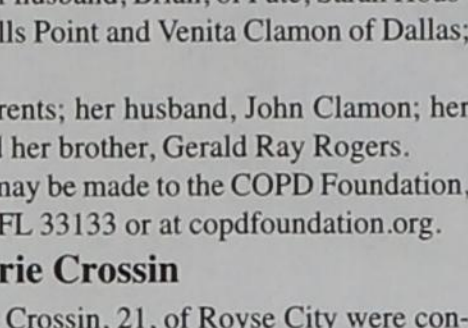
Corinne Marie Crossin

Memorial services for Corinne Marie Crossin, 21, of Roysie City were conducted at 11 a.m. Oct. 16, 2010, in the Rest Haven Funeral Home-Rockwall Chapel.

She died Sept. 24.
She was born Oct. 8, 1988, in Charlotte, N.C.

Survivors include her mother, Laura Peltier of Roysie City; her son, Gavyn James Carpenter of Roysie City; her father, Kelly Crossin of Arlington; her stepbrother, Craig Crossin of Arlington; her grandmothers; six aunts; five uncles; and 18 cousins.

Her grandfathers, two aunts and an uncle preceded her in death.
The family has suggested memorial contributions may be made to the scholarship fund of Gavyn James Carpenter, c/o Citibank, Rockwall.



Kara Grace Eustice

The family of Kara Grace Eustice received friends from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Oct. 29, 2010, at the Rest Haven Funeral Home-Rockwall Chapel, Rockwall.

She died Oct. 26.
She was born Oct. 26 to Cody and Ashleigh J. (Priest) Eustice of Rockwall.

In addition to her parents, survivors include a brother, Jonathan Eustice; a sister, Aubrey Eustice; her grandparents, Al and Debbie Munoz of Mesquite and Robert and Karen Eustice of Rockwall; her aunts and uncles, Victoria, Diana, Brent and Kevin; and her great-grandparents,

Ambrosio and Margaret Munoz, Richard Wagner and Bill and Marita. She was preceded in death by three great-grandparents.

Sybil G. Foster

Services for Sybil G. Foster, 96, of Mesquite were conducted at Monday, Nov. 1, 2010, in the Rest Haven Funeral Home-Rockwall with Dr. Aubrey Patterson officiating. Burial followed in the Rest Haven Memorial Park.

She died Oct. 29.
Born Jan. 16, 1914, in Hunt County to Jim and Estella (Whitworth) she was a homemaker and a Methodist.

Survivors include her sons, James Foster and his wife, Kay, of Sac Harbor Foster of Mesquite and Ernie Foster and his wife, Lila, of Sallisville, Okla.; her brother, Harlan Howell of Dallas; a sister, Jimmie Howell of Terrell; six grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Ernest Foster, Ronald Foster; and one granddaughter, LeAnn Foster.

John D. Rice

The family of John D. Rice received friends from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. Oct. 30, 2010, at the Rest Haven Funeral Home, Rockwall.

He died Oct. 28.

Born June 27, 1927, in Gorin, Mo., to Glen and Leta Rice, he served in World War II and was selected for the U.S. Navy's V12 program, enlisting on his 17th birthday. While in the Navy, he attended Louisiana Tech and graduated from Rice University. He received a master's degree in mathematics from Rice as well.

He was employed at Sun Oil Co., retiring after 31 years of service. He was flying throughout his life, having taken his first solo flight on his 16th birthday. He also enjoyed sailing and camping, playing the trumpet and playing billiards.

Survivors include his wife, Sandy; his children and grandchildren, Rice Jr., his wife, Victoria, and their daughter, Sonya, William H. Rice, wife, Elizabeth, and their sons, Will and Drew, Roy Daniel Rice, his wife, Stacy, and their sons, Rick and Tom, James H. Rice, his wife, Stacy, and their children, Rachelle, Anneli, Justin, Charlotte and Indie, and Renee Calhoun and her husband, Owen, and their children, Shane, Sarah and Casey; sister-in-law, Rose Rice; and his niece, Rose Marie Dishman, and her husband, David.

He was preceded in death by a daughter, Peggy Ann Goodman, his wife, Glen Rice, and a nephew, Larry Rice.

In lieu of flowers, the family has suggested memorial contributions be made to the American Lung Association, [texaslung.org](http://www.texaslung.org).

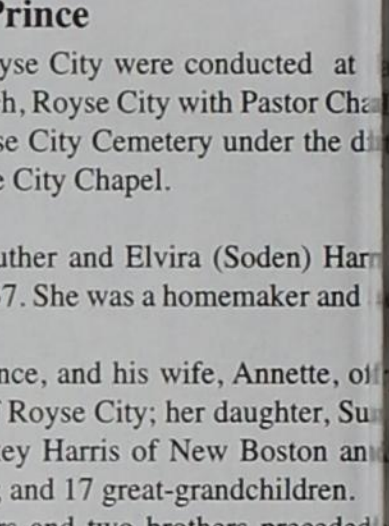
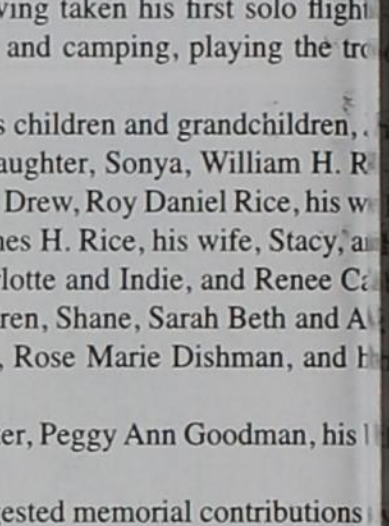
Daisy Prince

Services for Daisy Prince, 93, of Roysie City were conducted at Oct. 30, 2010, in the First Baptist Church, Roysie City with Pastor Charles officiating. Burial followed in the Roysie City Cemetery under the direction of the Rest Haven Funeral Home-Roysie City Chapel.

She died Wednesday, Oct. 27.
Born April 23, 1917, in Dump to Luther and Elvira (Soden) Harris married Norman Prince on Nov. 20, 1937. She was a homemaker and member of the First Baptist Church.

Survivors include her sons, John Prince, and his wife, Annette, and Joe Prince and his wife, Dianne, of Roysie City; her daughter, Susanterby of Rowlett; her brothers, Mickey Harris of New Boston and Harris of Garland; seven grandchildren; and 17 great-grandchildren.

Her parents, her husband, four sisters and two brothers preceded her in death.



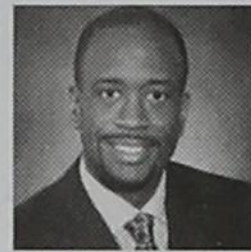
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On God's Word

by Timothy W. Burnett

Revelations 7...Israel and the great multitude of saints

Book of Revelations reveals some important information that Christians learn from. Chapter seven brings out amazing truths about Israel's multitude of God's saints who will exist during that time period. As through chapter seven please keep in mind that just as Jesus became fruit from the dead after his resurrection, there must be a future resurrection for the rest of man-kind.

The Old Testament is packed with references to a future resurrection. Jesus did not mention this: for the hour is coming, in the which all that are in the graves shall hear His voice, and shall come forth. They that have done good to the resurrection of life; and they that have done evil unto the resurrection of damnation" (John 5:28-29).

The context of Jesus' words is understood better in light of Matthew 15:24, answered and said, "I am not sent but unto the lost sheep of the house of Israel." Jesus did not mention the "great multitude" of people in Revelation referred to as "arrayed in white robes" and "washed in the blood of the Lamb." It's significant to note the distinction between the numbered of the unnumbered great multitude of saints.

Revelations 7:1-17 sits between the completion of the sixth seal and introduction of the seventh seal of chapter eight. The language strongly suggests this chronologically after the sixth seal as seen in verse one, "And after these things..."

Revelation seven introduces two categories of God's people during the Revelation period: the 144,000 of Israel and a great multitude of people arrayed in white robes.

Revelation eight tells the other angels to not hurt the earth, sea and foliage until they have sealed the servants of God in their foreheads (verses 2-3). It then says, "And I heard the number of them which were sealed, and they were sealed an hundred and forty and four thousand of all the tribes of the children of Israel." It goes on to list every tribe of Israel numbered with their number (verses 4-8).

Revelation nine word perfectly shows that the 144,000 will be made up of people from the Old Testament period Israel. And it precisely names each tribe. Jesus' answer to the malefactor who asked Jesus to remember him when he comes into the Kingdom. Jesus said, "Verily I say unto you today, all shall be with me in paradise." The malefactor will no doubt be a part of the 144,000 of Israel referred to in Revelations.

Revelation ten listing the 12 tribes of Israel, verse nine introduces the unnumbered multitude. "After this I beheld, and lo a great multitude, which no man could number, of all nations, and kindreds, and people, and tongues, stood before the throne, and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, and palms in their hands."

Revelation 14 provides more information, "And he said to me, 'These are they that came out of great tribulation, and have washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.' A great number of people from all nations and languages will suffer and endure the great tribulation period. Being washed in the blood of the Lamb and arrayed in white robes basically means they will be filled with holy spirit because of believing from the heart that Jesus died for them (see also Romans 10:9-10).

Revelation 19:7-8 shines more light on the 144,000 of Israel and the unnumbered multitude, "...for the marriage of the Lamb is come, and his wife has made herself ready." And to her was granted that she should be arrayed in fine linen, clean and white: for the fine linen is the righteousness of saints."

The wife is the 144,000 of Israel and the great multitude of saints is the clean and white fine linen of Israel. They will all be together when that great union occurs.

Rockwall County Letters to the Editor

We encourage the submission of Letters to the Editor. The publishing of letters is at the sole discretion of the editor and may be edited for brevity, grammar and accuracy. Letters which are considered libelous or an attack of an individual's character will be rejected, as well as those promoting political candidates. Letters must be signed and include telephone number or address for verification.

Be careful about mammogram billing practices

I had a mammogram at a hospital in the area in May 2009. While the staff that did my mammogram was nothing but nice, the bill I received was alarming. Because we have low-cost health insurance that does not pay for a mammogram I was billed \$367. I found out after the fact that if I had told them I did not have insurance and been a self-pay they would have charged me \$106 and some change.

While I highly recommend getting a mammogram, I highly recommend you understand the facility's billing practices. My experience was that the billing department was not courteous and unwilling to re-bill me as a self-pay (crazy that there are two prices -- one for self pay and one for insurance).

So, after the doctor bill my mammogram ended up costing me over \$422 (with our high deductible, none of it was covered).

You could try Rockwall Presbyterian Hospital and take advantage of their \$75 mammogram in November. I just had mine done this year and their staff is awesome.

Where ever you go ask a lot of questions regarding billing before you go -- a mistake I will not make again.

Julie Stutts, Fate

Congressman Hall comments on Tuesday's election results

"I am honored and humbled that citizens of the Fourth Congressional District have entrusted me to once again represent their views in Washington, D.C., as their Congressman.

"Folks in the Fourth District and across the country believe that America has been heading in the wrong direction, and they are demanding that we return fiscal responsibility and accountability to government.

"Republicans have been given the opportunity to get our nation back on course towards economic prosperity and job creation, and I look forward to working to curb spending, reduce the deficit, balance the budget, keep taxes low, and repeal the Obama health care reform bill. These and other conservative thrusts are critical to economic growth and job creation.

"These are serious times for our nation, and we have much work to do. I will do my best to help restore common-sense, conservative values, and I will continue to represent my district to the best of my ability."

Rockwall City Council approves programs, holiday event, sign placement

Patricia Nolan Butts

Rockwall residents and visitors will have some help finding government agencies as well as historic downtown shopping and dining when the city votes the process to place way-finding signs at strategic I-30 and downtown locations.

Monday's City Council meeting members Glen Farris, David Sweet, Matt Nielsen, Cliff Sevier and Matt Scott approved all motions, including a move forward with an in-house solution for about eight signs at \$525 compared to outsourcing the project at \$3500 each.

The council also approved \$21,500 in budgeted funds for 2010-2011 support of Rockwall County Committee on Aging. Members heard a report from a Glover of that agency summarizing services to the elderly in the previous year.

The council also approved that during 2009-2010, a total of 20,470 meals were served to Meals on Wheels clients, 66 percent of whom live in the city of Rockwall. This is a 9 percent increase in clients over the previous year, he said.

The council also approved the distribution of 455 emergency alert kits to the elderly. Other agency programs include educational seminars about retirement and estate planning, as well as scams that target the elderly. The agency also coordinates distribution of emergency food boxes and Vial of Life packets. The packets contain important identification and medical history and are taken to doctor visits or placed on the front of the refrigerator in case of in-home emergency treatment.

In the year to come, the Rockwall County Committee on Aging plans to provide elderly clients the services of a trained benefits counselor.

Animal Adoption Center director Jeffrey Widmer introduced the Rockwall Kennel Club (RKC), a new program with its own Facebook page, created to develop a community of proud pet adoptive families. Each adopted animal from the center will now receive a certificate from the RKC, with the option to communicate with other members and post photos of their RKC animal on the social networking page.

To kick off the program, the first RKC pet, bearing Certificate Number 0001, was to be announced at the Helping Hands Home for the Holidays Gala Saturday.

Nielsen, who works closely with Helping Hands of Rockwall, said, "It's great to be in partnership with the city pet adoption center on this. Since Helping Hands has a long tradition of dealing in used (that is, 'experienced,' goods), this fits right in with our mission."

Another holiday event was approved. The Old Town Christmas Market, featuring warm beverages, arts, crafts and market items will be conducted on the square before and after the 41st annual Kiwanis Christmas parade Dec. 4.

The council declined to act on a variance to Unified Development Code standards requiring a masonry screening wall at the Sonoma Court/Canyon Ranch multi-family residential development.

RISD approves land buy to accommodate district growth

At its October board meeting, Rockwall Independent School District trustees voted to purchase a 10-acre land tract.

The tract is located south of the Grand Farms subdivision and has been designated to be used for future growth in the school district.

While there are not current planned uses for the land, expected uses include an academy, a middle school, athletic facilities and a support service facility, according to Greg Carver, the district's executive director facilities and construction.

The cost of the purchase is about \$5.2 million provided by bond authorizations passed in 2006 and 2007.

"Growth in Rockwall has and will continue to happen," Carver said. "The district needs land for future schools as at build-out RISD will reach approximately 44,000 students."

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Heath City Council gets good financial news

The primary topic was good financial news at the Oct. 19 meeting of Heath City Council.

The council approved a planned bond-reissue, described by the city's bond adviser as "refinancing a mortgage at a lower interest rate," successfully with the issue selling in the trading day with better than expected rates to benefit the city.

The major aspect working in favor of the city is its AA credit rating with investors looking favorably on the city's asset structure relying on quality assets with high and stable property values and less variable income such as tax revenue.

Overall, the city's debt-restructuring is expected to save about \$900,000 and allow the city to continue to focus on capital improvements, Mayor John Cliffe said.

Other primarily financial efforts, the council authorized the mayor to enter into a lease agreement for fire-protection apparatus (fire truck/pump truck).

The city also made some accounting adjustments for the 2010 fiscal year, not affecting the budget bottom line and by transferring entries to clarify expenses by departments.

The council also made adjustment to its contractor and inspection fees to provide more consistency. Specifically, contractors will now pay a \$50 fee instead of a \$100 fee to match fees for other contracting permits, which are \$50.

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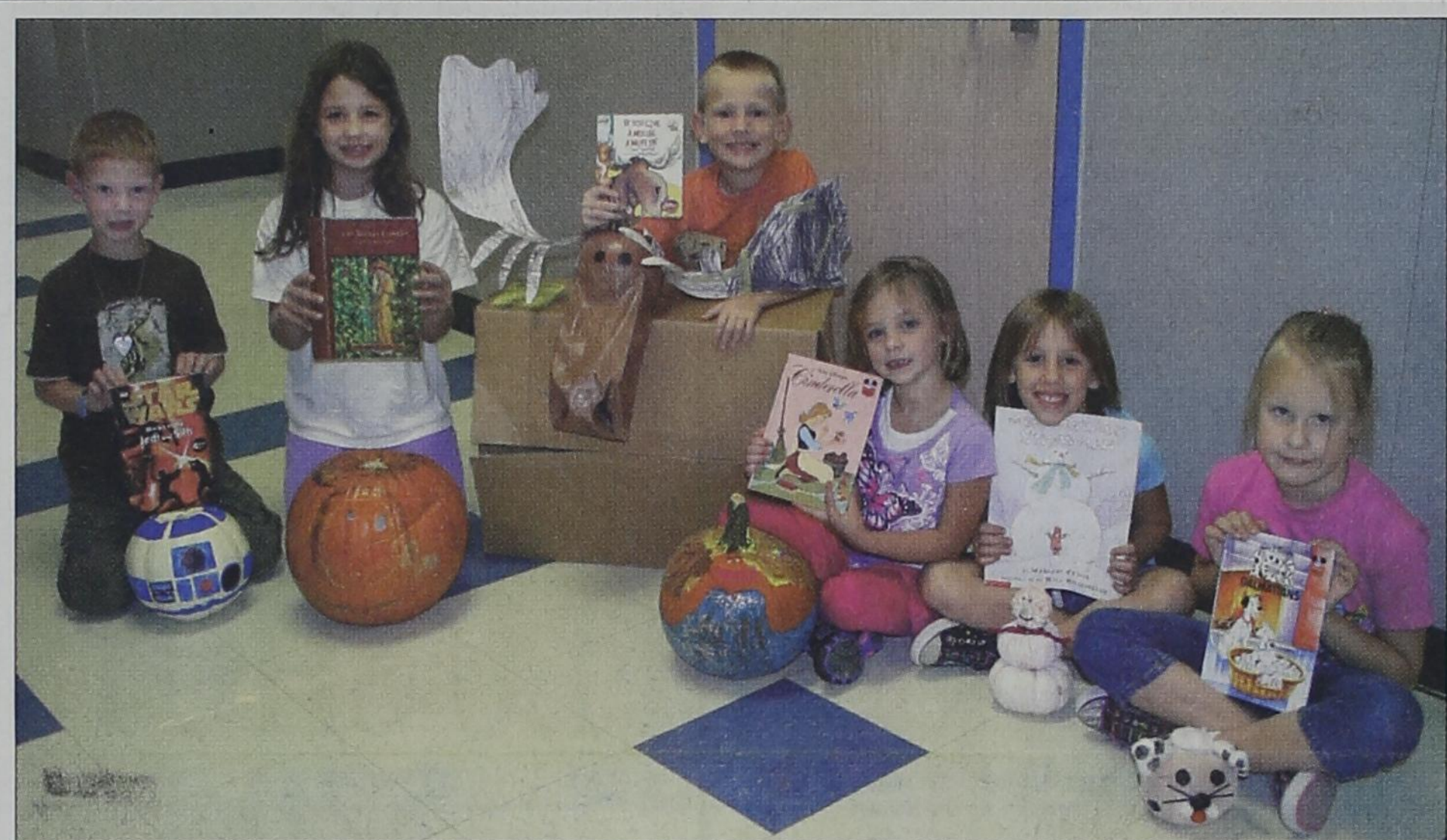
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Williams Middle School staff and faculty members are excited about the Texas Rangers being in the World Series. Pictured are, at front, Kim Knisley, Terri Bates, Kelli Crossland, Janice Walker, Jaimie Perkins, Crystal Liechty and Gwen Howell; second row, Robyn Best, Colleen Bybee, Jana Helmer, Tresa Thornton, Jeanne Hayes and Chris McDonald; third row, Ryan Kennedy, Ursela Rakow, Nancy Farrell, Janis Summers, Loreta Latus, Arthur Latus, Marilu Gonzalez and Erin Adams; third, at back, Luke Ivey, Loren McCrillis, Gail Hoover, Marvalee Barrett, Tyler Parr, Don Arnold, Debbie Witherspoon and Becky Thompson.

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Grace Hartman Elementary first grade students have been studying story elements with a focus on characters. They participated in a project, "Characters for Character," decorating their pumpkins as their favorite storybook characters. Hartman students brought change from home to use to vote for their favorite pumpkins, and all money collected will be donated to Helping Hands. Pictured from the left are Luke Kernan, Kheley Anderson, Morgan Southall, Tenley Laun, Addison Springer and Jessica Miller.

Photo courtesy of Christy Wendt/Rockwall County News

Health, wellness education focus of volunteer program

The Master Wellness Volunteer Initiative is an AgriLife Extension program that provides volunteers with 40 hours of health and nutrition education. In return, volunteers agree to give back 40 hours of volunteer service.

Volunteer opportunities are diverse – giving presentations to local community groups; assisting with various cooking schools; distributing information at health fairs; and many others.

No previous health or wellness training is required.

Volunteer training in the program consists of five days. Training sessions are set for Feb. 3, 10, 17, 25 and March 3 and will focus on physical activity, nutrition, food safety, food demonstrations, child health, various AgriLife Extension health programs and other topics.

Texas AgriLife Extension Service has provided Texans with guidance in various health-related areas since 1906.

Anyone interested in participating should contact the AgriLife Extension office in Rockwall County at 972-204-7660 or e-mail amcgrane@ag.tamu.edu.

The Fulton School seeks volunteers for cleanup

The 5th Annual Fulton Community Clean-Up will take place Nov. 10, and volunteers are needed to assist with the effort.

Last week students sought donations for each bag of litter collected during the cleanup, which is designed to teach students about the environment and the importance of recycling.

"In the classrooms, teachers are discussing ecology, earth science, and the valuable resources of our world. Our Community Clean-Up is a hands-on experience in learning the importance of taking care of our environment," said The Fulton School's Mary Crutchfield in a news release issued earlier this week. "The students learn how littering destroys the beauty of our surroundings and they learn through experience about recycling and reusing our resources. Another valuable lesson involves community service and the importance of helping our neighbors."

Last year students collected more than 130 bags of garbage, raising more than \$1,000 for the school.

Volunteers are needed to drive and supervise students during the cleanup. Students will be in small, supervised groups that will collect litter in parks, along streams and in "greenbelt areas – not close to busy highways or streets," the news release states. All participants will be required to wear long-sleeved shirts, long pants, closed-toe and heeled shoes or boots, gloves and orange vests.

Adult supervisors and students also will be instructed as to what items are safe to collect and what items could prove to be hazardous or dangerous.

Individuals interested in assisting should contact Crutchfield at mc-crutchfield@sbcglobal.net or Megan Gray at megan.gray@thefulton-school.org.

Work continues on Habitat homestead

Work will continue Saturday on the Rockwall Area Habitat for Humanity house located at 803 Peter's Colony.

The windows are in place and most of the roof has been shingled, according to the organization's weekly e-newsletter. The a/c decking in the attic has been installed.

In addition to finishing up roof work, organizers hope to finish attic decking work, hang doors, set electrical boxes and do soffit/fascia/brick work.

Work will begin at 8:30 a.m.

For updated information, particularly in times of inclement weather, visit the organization's blog at rockwallhabitat.blogspot.com.

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RHS students plan Honor Flight benefit

The Rockwall High School Social Studies Department will host a benefit dinner and silent auction at 6 p.m. Nov. 13 to raise funds for Honor Flight, a nonprofit organization whose sole purpose is to honor veterans for sacrifices by transporting them to Washington, D.C., to visit and reflect on their memorials.

This year's event will include a dinner prepared by the award-winning RHS Culinary Arts program and musical selections by the RHS Choir. Tickets cost \$25 and may be purchased at the high school or at the Rockwall YMCA on Goliad Street. Ticket sales will be limited to 150 guests and must be purchased prior to Monday.

For more details contact Linda Smith at lindasmith@rockwallisd.org or Brandy Myers at bmyers@rockwallisd.org.

Heath City seeks community input through survey

The Heath City Council is seeking citizen input on a broad range of topics through a survey included with October utility bills, according to a news release issued this week.

The city hopes to generate feedback on priorities for certain road and trail projects, the preferred types of retail development and the sale of land and wine.

"We encourage citizens to attend city council meetings, but realize it is not always possible with the busy work and family schedules people have these days. So we are conducting a very comprehensive survey to offer an easy way for residents to share their opinions with the council," mayor said.

Citizens also may go online at heathtx.com to complete the survey line.

Survey responses are due by Nov. 12.

For more information about the purpose of the survey, visit the city website and review the mayor's message.

Heath City Council meetings are conducted at 7:30 p.m. on the first third Tuesdays of each month at the Heath City Hall, 200 Laurence Drive. Agendas are posted at heathtx.com.



Olivia Britton, a Rockwall High School junior and daughter of Miss Teen United America 2010 on page C24 in a national competition in Austin. The United States pageant system offers young women the opportunity to demonstrate their public speaking abilities, beauty and poise while promoting community service and balancing school or career. As Miss Teen United America, Britton will continue to raise awareness and money to support the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation. A member of the team Joshua's Jack she encourages everyone to go online, join a team and "walk for a cure." A member of the National Honor Society, German Club, band and color guard, she is involved with the North Garland Fellowship Program and enjoys reading, writing and theatre. Her goal is to become an orthodontist.

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Happy 8th Birthday Jacie
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Rockwall City Council member David Sweet proclaimed November Pancreatic Cancer Awareness at Monday night's meeting. He was joined by Pancreatic Cancer Action Network advocacy co-ordinator Jeffrey Ross and a volunteer, the Rev. Virginia Holleman, both of whom shared accounts of lives lost to pancreatic cancer. Ross told those on hand for the meeting that pancreatic cancer has the highest mortality rates of any cancer, but receives 2 percent of the National Cancer Institute's funding for research.
Photo courtesy of Patricia Butts/Rockwall County News



This photo of Claudia Holt's rescue dog, Rayna, is one of the entries in the Pet Paparazzi Photo Contest conducted as part of the third annual National Animal Shelter Appreciation Week observance. Photos from the contest, as well as posters from the You and Your Happy Pet contest, are available for online viewing at rockwallpets.com/photos.html. Viewers can vote for their favorites online or at the Rockwall Animal Adoption Center, 1825 Airport Road, Rockwall. A party and open house culminating the weeklong celebration will run from 10 a.m. to noon Saturday at the shelter.

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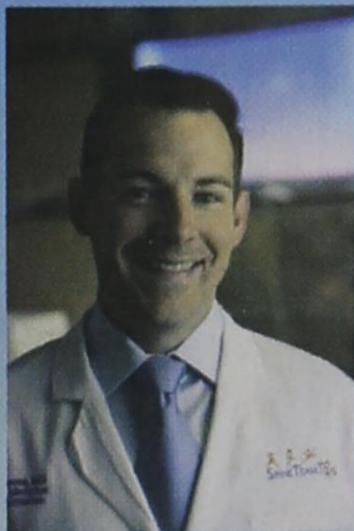


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Royse City News



Handing out treats to little ghouls and goblins at last Wednesday's Trick or Treat on Main Street event in Royse City were firefighters from the Royse City Fire Department. The firefighters opened the doors to their firehouse and visitors were able to climb up into the fire trucks and ambulances for a hands-on look at the life-saving equipment. Greeting the children and passing out treats were Firefighter Dustin Hendon (left) and

Sparky, aka Firefighter Tanner Dietz. Visitors to the Trick or Treat on Main Street event received treats in a safe environment from local businesses and churches, and the Royse City Police and Fire Departments, and enjoyed bounce houses, a haunted house and pictures at the Royse City Pumpkin Patch.
Photo by Kathy Williams/Rockwall County News



Brayden Geistweidt, in disguise as his favorite Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtle, and his sister, Addison, visited the best spot in town for a picture at last Wednesday's Royse City Trick or Treat on Main Street event. The siblings were among many who had their picture taken at the Royse City Pumpkin Patch that night. Their parents, Jeremy and Bonnie Geistweidt, of Royse City accompanied the children at the annual trick or treat event. Visitors to the Trick or Treat on Main Street event received treats in a safe environment from local businesses and churches, and the Royse City Police and Fire Departments, and enjoyed bounce houses, a haunted house and pictures at the Royse City Pumpkin Patch.
Photo by Kathy Williams/Rockwall County News



Spotted at Wednesday's Trick or Treat on Main Street event Royse City were none other than video game superstar Mario and his brother, Luigi, in disguise as Royse City brothers Qu (Mario) and Anthony (Luigi) Onyema. Their mother, Mo Onyema, accompanied the boys at the annual trick or treat event. Visitors to the Trick or Treat on Main Street event received treats in a safe environment from local businesses and churches, the Royse City Police and Fire Departments, and enjoyed bounce houses, a haunted house and pictures at the Royse City Pumpkin Patch.
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Royse City Health & Rehabilitation Center

"It was a miracle"

That's the way Linda Jefferson describes her near-death experience in Galveston with her 81 year old mother. On the weekend trip to Galveston, Linda woke up the day after arriving with severe back pains. "I couldn't move, the pain was excruciating." She was admitted to University of Texas Medical Branch, Galveston Hospital where she was diagnosed with kidney failure. While in ICU, hospital staff informed her mother about the seriousness of Linda's condition, not expecting her to live.

"I remained in a semi-conscious state for several days," Linda explained. "I was still in pain and couldn't walk or do anything for myself." After 10 days she was ready to be released from the hospital, with recommendations to

seek help in a rehabilitation facility to help her regain strength and be able to walk again. "I wanted to be close to home, so I told them to take me to Royse City Health & Rehabilitation Center," Linda said. "I was unable to make the trip back by car, so it was a seven hour ambulance ride to Royse City."

"I was at an all time low," she added, "but in a few days I slowly came out of that state, because the staff was so attentive and caring. They literally saved my life! I couldn't do anything by myself upon arrival, but every day got just a little bit better. They just kept encouraging me."

Linda is at home now, and returns to Royse City Health & Rehabilitation Center once a week as a volunteer. "I made some good friends there," she said, "and I enjoy calling bingo, it's a wonderful outing for me and I get to see my friends again."

"If you need special attention, I can tell you that you'll get the very best personal care at Royse City Health & Rehabilitation Center," Linda concluded.



Linda Jefferson with Cherise Wright, O.T. (left) and Pam Ragsdill, P.T. (right)

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- Saturday, 23 October: Suspicious activity, 800 block Cemetery Road; Alarm, 100 block E. Main Street; Assault, 800 block Orchid Boulevard; Solicitation without a permit/Grand Prairie warrant arrest, 900 block E. I-30 NSR; Theft, 1000 block E. I-30 NSR
- Sunday, 24 October: Domestic disturbance, 700 block Brookhaven Drive; Suspicious activity, 2300 block E. I-30 NSR; Domestic disturbance, 1100 block Live Oak Street; Assault, 700 block Chestnut Court; Noise disturbance/Alcohol by minor (7), 1100 block Caddo Court
- Monday, 25 October: Noise disturbance, 1900 block Glen Meadow Drive; Alarm, 100 block W. I-30
- Tuesday, 26 October: Domestic disturbance, 1500 block Kelly Lane; Assault/Possession of drug paraphernalia/Possession of marijuana arrest, 1100 block Lakes Drive; Possession of drug paraphernalia, 2800 block Spencer Circle
- Wednesday, 27 October: Alarm, 2300 block E. I-30 NSR; Burglary, 200 block Adams Street; Accident, 700 block E. Lamar Street; Disorderly conduct, 1200 block Courtney Drive

Rockwall County Sports



Reed (18) rushes for a first down after the Yellowjackets' offensive line bring down McKinney North defenders during last Friday's action at Rockwall.
Photo by Roy Heath/Rockwall County News



McLoughlin (1) beats Highland Park's Blake Poston (5) to the ball for a pass reception and 53 yard gain. The play set up the Hawks for a touchdown soon after.
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Rockwall-Heath varsity cross country runner Mitchell Howell finishes 17th in the final district-level meet at Wylie High School. Howell qualified with the top 10 district runners to advance to the regional meet. The RHHS varsity boys team finished fifth overall.
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Bulldogs' Cavyn Pense (15) wrestles down a Mt. Pleasant ball carrier during last Friday's game.
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Shinn's field goal lifts RHS over McKinney North

By Lary Bump

Houdini had nothing on the Rockwall football team.

The Yellowjackets escaped with their third consecutive comeback victory Friday night, Oct. 29, edging McKinney North 16-14 at Wilkerson-Sanders Memorial Stadium.

All three wins, by a total of seven points, have come on scores with less than 2 minutes to play. This time, it appeared that North might have turned the tables, rallying from a 13-0 deficit to take a 14-13 lead with a minute and a half remaining.

The victory left RHS in a tie for second place in District 10-4A with a 4-2 record (5-4 overall) with one game to play. However, in a year when nothing has come easy for the Jackets or any other 10-4A team, Rockwall will have to win Friday night at Richardson Pearce to make the playoffs.

However, if RHS wins, it would clinch second place in a district where each of its first six games was decided by seven points or less.

The latest close call came in a game when each team's offense was limited by the other's defense and by self-inflicted penalties. The Bulldogs (5-4, 3-2) also hurt themselves by fumbling the ball away twice.

Still, each offense was good enough to put together what appeared to be a game-winning drive.

The Jackets appeared to have North stopped in the fourth quarter after sacking quarterback Brylen Williams for a 12-yard loss to RHS' 39 yard line, giving the Bulldogs fourth down needing 20 yards for a first down.

Not so. Williams, returning to start the game after missing time because of a strained shoulder, launched a long pass. Sam Lucania ran under the ball and caught it for a 38-yard gain to the 1. Williams carried the ball on the next play for a touchdown that tied the score 13-13.

"It was fourth and 20, and they made a heck of a play," said Rockwall head coach Scott Smith.

The Jackets had missed the extra point after their second touchdown. Thus, instead of tying the game, Eric Nickason could put North ahead by a

point with a successful kick. He drilled it.

Rockwall was playing without starting quarterback Alan Reed, who had taken a hit to the head after throwing a 27-yard touchdown pass to Spencer Edwards in the second quarter. Wesley Davis had moved to quarterback but hadn't put the Jackets into the end zone. Their only second-half score had been on the first play, Edwards' 80-yard kickoff return.

With the game on the line, Davis and running back Baylor Black alternated running with the ball and moved it downfield 55 yards in five plays, with the help of a Bulldogs personal foul. The Jackets reached North's 12 yard line when Smith called for Shinn and the field goal team. MNHS head coach Mike Fecci told the McKinney Courier-Gazette he thought the kick was wide right, but the officials signaled that it was good.

Black led the Jackets with nine carries for 69 rushing yards. For North, Devin Smith had 26 carries for 163 yards and a touchdown.

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
McKinney North	0	0	7	7	14
Rockwall	0	7	6	3	16

	North	Rockwall
1st downs	17	10
Rushes-yds.	45-186	24-144
Comp-Att-Int	11-14-0	13-20-0
Passing yds.	117	138
Total yds.	303	282
Punts-avg.	5-44.4	5-48.4
Fumbles-Lost	3-2	1-0
Penalties-yds.	8-65	13-72

Individual statistics

Passing – McKinney North: Brylen Williams 11-14-0-117; RHS: Reed 11-16-0-116, Wesley Davis 2-4-0-50.

Receiving – McKinney North: Sam Lucania 4-53, Tevin Jones 1-9, Evan Jones 2-14, Victor Rivera 1-12, Devin Smith 1-9; RHS: Spencer Edwards 6-69, Blake Turner 2-25, Andrew Hinckley 1-24, Kyle Kyle 2-12, Reed Loftis 2-8.

Rushing – McKinney North: Devin Smith 26-163, Brylen Williams 16-20, DeAnte Moore 3-3; RHS: Baylor Black 9-69, Wesley Davis 4-23, Alan Reed 5-10, Darian Moseley 2-2.

Highland Park pulls away from stubborn RHHS

The overall strength of District 10-4A was on display Friday night, Oct. 29, at Highland Park's Highlander Stadium.

After one quarter, the unbeaten division leaders were tied 7-7 against seventh-place Rockwall-Heath. Until the first half's final minute, the Scots were ahead just 14-7.

Then came a touchdown 22 seconds before halftime, then an interception and another TD for HP (9-0 overall, 6-0 in the district). From that 28-7 halftime lead, the Scots went on to win 49-21.

The Hawks had their highest-ever production this season – 557 yards, with 286 of those coming on Dorian Lawry's 27 carries for 286.

Unfortunately, RHHS' injury-riddled defense allowed Highland Park to gain 635. And Blake Poston's 70-yard interception return to end the first half was indicative of one of the problems that has plagued Rockwall-Heath in 2010. That was one of four turnovers the Hawks (4-5, 1-5) committed.

Scots' wide receiver Dalton Stogner, who scored on a 22-yard pass from Brady Burgin before Poston's interception, caught seven passes for three touchdowns and 196 yards. He has destroyed both RISD teams, with a big night against Rockwall earlier this season as well.

Burgin threw for two of Stogner's TDs, and Jake Howeth for the third. Howeth also led HP with 21 carries for 182 yards and three touchdowns.

Lawry scored on runs of 71 and 10 yards in the second half. RHHS' first touchdown was on a 6-yard run by Hunter Hopkins at quarter and Cody Court shared time at quarterback in the absence of Ross Hudson, whose Hawks career has ended because of a knee injury.

Highland Park has a 62-game home winning streak dating back to 1998, when the Hawks' current seniors were in kindergarten.

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
RHHS	7	0	7	7	21
HP	7	21	14	7	49

RHS boys, girls qualify for cross country regional

By Lary Bump

A strong, balanced effort led Rockwall to second place, just six points behind champion Highland Park in the District 10-4A cross country meet Thursday, Oct. 28, at Wylie High School.

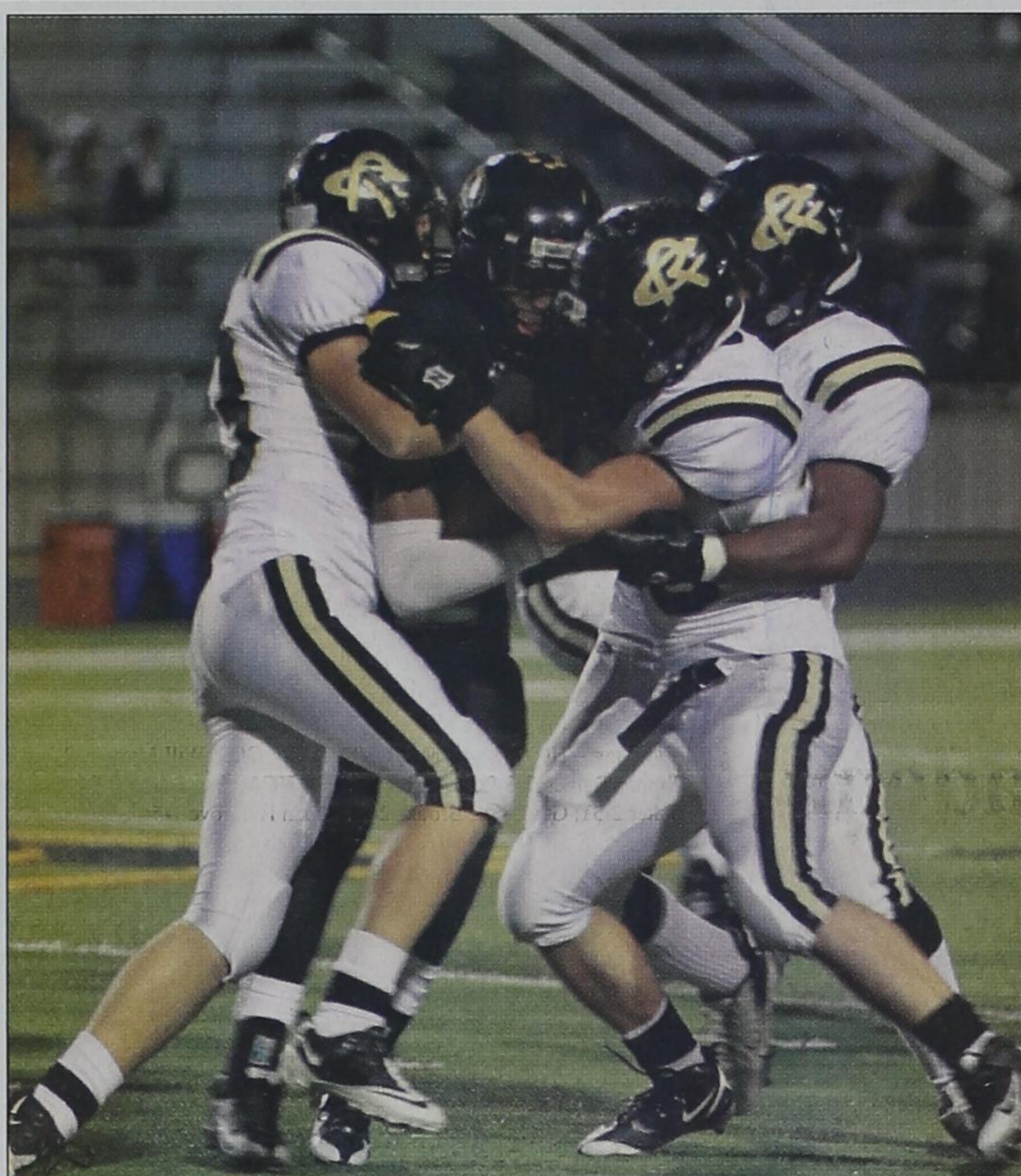
Both the RHS boys and girls finished among the top three, meaning that both teams qualified for Saturday's Region II-4A Championships at Vandergriff Park in Arlington. The girls' race is scheduled for 9:35 a.m. with the boys to follow at 10 a.m.

The Rockwall girls finished with 93 points, barely beating Rockwall-Heath, which had 100, for the district's final regional team berth. The Lady Hawks will be represented by Aly Coughlin, who placed eighth among the individual runners in 12 minutes, 25.2 seconds for 2 miles.

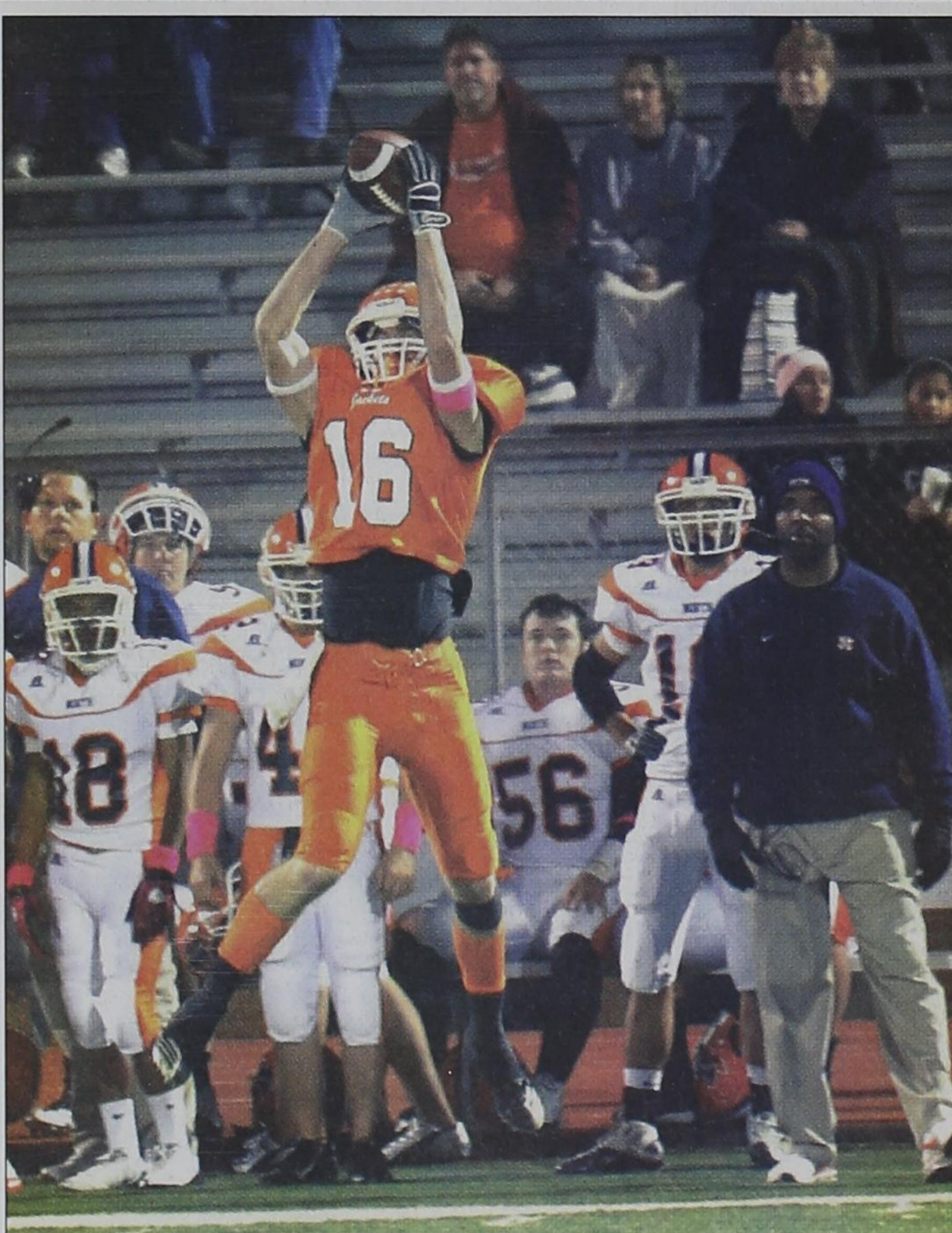
In the boys' race, RHHS was fifth with 145 points. Mitchell Howell was the Hawks' highest finisher, 17th in 16:58.4 for 3 miles.

By the time he finished, four of Rockwall's five scorers had finished. Joel Gibbs was fifth in 15:46.7, with Matt Hearn right behind him in sixth place (15:49.5); Thorne Pettigrew

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The Bulldogs' defenders teaming up to tackle a Mt. Pleasant ball carrier during last Friday's game at Mt. Pleasant are (left to right) James Gilbert, Ryan Perry, Damien Foster. Photo by Hannah Palmer/Rockwall County News



Yellowjackets' Blake Turner (16) stretches for a first down catch during last Friday's game against McKinney North at Rockwall. Photo by Roy Heath/Rockwall County News

	RHHS	HP	2-54, Kamron Lipscomb
1st downs	24	23	Jovan Hernandez 1-0; Highland Park: Dalton Stogner 7
Rushes-yds.	52-387	36-272	William Morris 3-87, Colin Stogner 2-38, Ben McElroy 1-22, P. Miller 2-20.
Comp-Att-Int	10-22-2	15-22-1	Rushing – RHHS: Dorian Lawry 27-286, Hunter Hopkins 6-9-0-89, Cody Court 4-11-2-81; Highland Park: Jake Howeth 21-182, P. Miller 11-85, Colin Stogner 2-1, Stogner Mackintosh 1-0.
Passing yds.	170	363	
Total yds.	557	635	
Punts-avg.	3-40.7	2-38.0	
Fumbles-Lost	4-2	3-1	
Penalties-yds.	4-60	7-60	

Individual statistics

Passing – RHHS: Hunter Hopkins 6-9-0-89, Cody Court 4-11-2-81; Highland Park: Brady Burgin 9-0-1-217, Jake Howeth 6-11-0-146.

Receiving – RHHS: Tyler McLoughlin 2-74, Santino Shepard



Ally Coughlin advances to the Regional cross country meet in Arlington. Coughlin was the top qualifier for the Rockwall Highland Park High School varsity team in the District 10-4A cross country meet held at Wylie High School on Thursday.

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2010 Holiday Schedule

- Wednesday, Nov. 24 (Deadline Friday, Nov. 19)
- Thursday, Dec. 23 (Deadline Monday, Dec. 20)
- Thursday, Dec. 30 (Deadline Monday, Dec. 27)

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Bulldogs hold off Wildcats to clinch playoff spot

City remained on a roll despite a determined effort by Mount Pleasant on Friday, Oct. 29. The Bulldogs could clinch a playoff winning. The home team needed a victory just to stay in contention for a playoff spot.

The Bulldogs' third win in four games wasn't decided until the Dawgs recovered a fumble by Tigers quarterback Stephen Julian in Roys City's end of the field. The Bulldogs then ran out the clock to preserve a 24-19 victory.

The Bulldogs (3-6 overall, but 3-2 in District 13-4A) not only are in the playoffs, but they would host a Bi-District game Friday, Nov. 12, if they win at home Friday against Sulphur Springs (7-2, 4-1). That would put the Bulldogs into a tie for second place, and the Dawgs would have a better advantage.

Head coach and athletic director Greg Strahm said that if Roys City finished in 13-4A, it would host Jacksonville at Roys City ISD Stadium on Friday, Nov. 12. A loss would send the Bulldogs on the road for a game at Whitehouse.

Mount Pleasant (1-8, 1-4), Jonathan Burns ran for three first-half touchdowns as RC took an 18-6 lead. He finished with a game-high 124 yards in 12 carries.

Taylor Corbin passed 22 yards to Jake Horbacz for a fourth-quarter touchdown. The Wildcats, who depend more on a running game, pulled within five points at 24-19 on a 70-yard pass play from Julian to Khori Jones.

After the Bulldogs punted, they stopped Mount Pleasant's final possession by recovering Julian's fumble.

Strahm praised RC's defense, saying, "They really stepped up. Against a power team like that, you have to take care of the dives, the option and the pitch. Defensive coordinator Sam Robinson called a real good game to keep them in long-yardage situations.

"They are a very physical team, probably one of the most dominant offensive lines we'll face. They run the split-back Veer and just knock you off the ball. We weren't going to take them lightly."

The Bulldogs clearly didn't take the Wildcats lightly. As a result, they've lived to fight another day.

Strahm said, "It's nice to be able to finish strong. We have an opportunity to take care of Sulphur Springs, and to do it on our own field in what possibly might be our last home game of the season."

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
Roys City	6	12	0	6	24
Mt. Pleasant	0	6	6	7	19

	RC	Mt. Pleasant
1st downs	17	9
Rushes-yds.	27-214	40-138
Comp-Att-Int	13-21-2	5-12-0
Passing yds.	182	107
Total yds.	396	245
Punts-avg.	3-37.7	0-0
Fumbles-Lost	2-1	2-1
Penalties-yds.	4-30	0-0

Individual statistics

Passing - RC: Taylor Corbin 13-21-2-182; Mount Pleasant: Stephen Julian 2-3-0-73, Monty James 3-9-0-34.

Receiving - RC: Taylor Pollock 3-64, Jake Horbacz 5-59, Michael Webb 2-33, Torrell McQueen 3-26; Mount Pleasant: Khori Jones 4-105.

Rushing - RC: Jonathan Burns 12-124, Taylor Corbin 14-92, Jared Ainsworth 1-minus 2; Mount Pleasant: Stephen Julian 72 yards.

RHS Cross Country...

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seventh (15:59.3) and Sam Grinnan 11th in 16:18.0. Derrick Yuen placed 18th in 17:01.6. That gave the team 47 points to 41 for HP.

Yellowjackets head coach Toby Howell pointed out all but one RHS runner had a personal-record time.

He said, "The guys have done a great job. This is one of the best teams we've had, not as far as speed but in being a good team that can run together."

The RHS girls qualified even without one of their top runners, Marissa Valenzuela, who has been ill.

Kelli Hardenbrook, running despite a stitch in her side, was the Lady Jackets' first finisher, 11th in 12:45. Other scorers were Joanna Gibbs, 15th in 13:05.5; Caroline Cotsackis, 17th in 13:08.1; Sheely Taylor, 19th in 13:10.3, and Nicole Salom, 31st in 13:36.2.

Fulton's Leverett, Coach Johnson win top district awards

Fulton School's unprecedented football achievements this season began to bring rewards.

Falcons took two of the six major awards in the TAPPS 6-Man District 2-II all-district team. First-year head coach Josh Johnson is the Coach of the Year, and running back/wide receiver/strong safety Leverett, a senior, is the Newcomer of the Year.

Johnson has followed up an 0-10 season with a 4-5 record with one regular-game remaining. That's already the best won-lost record and most wins in a season for the Falcons, who had won one game in its football history before 2010. They'll host a playoff game for the first time on Friday, Nov. 12.

District coaches, who voted for the awards, recognized the roles Johnson and Leverett played in helping to turn around the success of a team that featured seniors who have stuck with the football program through lean years.

Leverett also was named to the all-district first team as its utility back on offense and a safety on defense. Two other Fulton players are two-way first-team selections: senior Brett Steffen at quarterback and defensive lineman, and junior Milan Rabah at running back and cornerback.

Also on the all-district first team are sophomore offensive lineman/tight end C.J. White and senior punter Kendall Johnson.

The all-district second team included Johnson at both offensive lineman/tight end and defensive lineman, freshman Hayden Leverett at wide receiver and linebacker, senior Tyler Johnson at both center and kicker and White at defensive lineman.

Falcons sophomore Matt Ayala received Honorable Mention on both the offensive and defensive lines.

Heritage Christian Academy enjoys 30-14 win over Greenville Christian

Heritage Christian Academy's players were pleased with themselves but all sorry for Greenville Christian School, which had just lost a 30-14 game at home.

"It's not to say HCA doesn't respect the other Eagles. They're 2-7 over-season, but still are the defending TAPPS 6-Man I state champions. No schools have had a long-running, ongoing rivalry both at the state and in TAPPS 6-Man District 2-I.

"Greenville and Heritage. It's going to be a dogfight every time," said head coach Robert Huckabee. "They come to play, and we do too."

Friday's game was considerably different from other HCA-GCS battles from most of Heritage Christian's games this season.

It wasn't an offense led by the running of Caleb Cathey and Krys Harber made the difference for Rockwall's Eagles this time.

Harber scored the 38-yard, third-quarter touchdown that put HCA overall, 3-1 in the district) ahead to stay, but Cathey left the game in

the first half because of a possible concussion. They combined for 112 rushing yards.

Even that modest amount was just 24 short of Greenville's total yardage for the game.

Huckabee said, "Our defense played well. They've been playing well the last few weeks. They're getting in position and feeling comfortable. That saved us today."

After HCA tied the game 8-8 in the second quarter, the Eagles mounted another drive toward Greenville's end zone. That's when the home team's defense stepped up, with Tanner Barnes intercepting a pass from Austin Pettit and returning the ball 62 yards for a 14-8 Greenville lead at halftime.

Those Eagles wouldn't score again.

Greenville's defense wasn't allowing much either. That's where the HCA defense really helped out.

The score was 22-16 going into the fourth quarter, but HCA's next drive

ended with a fumble. Two plays later, Quincy Terrell recovered his second Greenville fumble of the game, taking the ball 9 yards for the clinching touchdown.

"Quincy had a great game. He plays hard," Huckabee said. Another big defensive contributor was Aaron Mateer, with nine tackles and an interception.

HCA's other two touchdowns came from an unexpected source - at least to Greenville. Pettit threw twice on the same play to Asa Burke, who lumbered untouched for scores of 19 and 68 yards.

Huckabee explained, "We thought he could get clear on the back side, and nobody guarded him a couple of times."

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
HCA	0	8	14	8	30
GCS	8	6	0	0	14

GCS-Jake Brooks 41 pass from Will Martens (Andrew Wombaker kick)
 HCA-Asa Burke 19 pass from Austin Pettit (Aaron Mateer kick)
 GCS-Tanner Barnes 62 interception return (pass failed)
 HCA-Krys Harber 38 run (A. Mateer kick)
 HCA-Burke 68 pass from A. Pettit (kick failed)
 HCA-Quincy Terrell 9 fumble return (A. Mateer kick)

Individual statistics
 Passing - HCA: Austin Pettit 5-11-1-125; GCS: Will Martens 2-7-1-42, Tanner Barnes 2-8-0-24. Receiving - HCA: Asa Burke 3-94, Stephen Salter 2-31; GCS: Jake Brooks 2-61, Justin Hargrove 1-5.
 Rushing - HCA: Krys Harber 16-78, Caleb Cathey 6-38, Evan Pettit 3-7, Travis Arterburn 2-5, Asa Burke 1-3, Austin Pettit 4-minus 17; GCS: Jake Brooks 13-72, Tanner Barnes 21-54, Andrew Wombaker 1-1, Will Martens 3-minus 27.

Big first half carries Canyon Creek over Rockwall Christian Academy

Early in the first half, Richardson Canyon Creek Christian Academy's ground game threatened to run Rockwall Christian out of Kimbrough Stadium in any way.

By the end, the Warriors merely ran out of time.

RCA trailed 34-6 at halftime, and came out in the second half without quarterback Justo Garcia, who had been playing despite a knee injury.

Receiver Aaron Eastin moved to quarterback, scored three of his (and the Warriors) four touchdowns, and had just thrown to Daniel Rorie for a 55-yard touchdown when the game ended.

It was the Cougars, the TAPPS District 2-IV leaders, who were on the field but they held on for a 41-28 victory. The defending state champions are overall but 4-0 in the district. RCA fell to 4-5 and 1-3, and most likely relegated to the district's fourth playoff berth.

Canyon Creek took a 21-0 first-quarter lead, and scored its five rushing touchdowns and most of its 389 rushing yards before halftime. Meanwhile, Rockwall wasn't running anywhere, and neither was the Warriors' offense.

Head coach Caleb Palmer said, "Justo can't run at all. They were dropping back into zones. Usually, Justo could get outside the pocket in those situations. He couldn't do anything because all of his receivers were covered."

In the second half, Aaron was able to get outside the pocket on a run-read.

Eastin had scored the Warriors' only first-half touchdown on a 22-yard pass from Garcia. He helped Rockwall Christian dominate the third quarter, with

a strong south wind at its back. The only score in that period was his 2-yard run, but he also ran for TDs of 6 and 35 yards in the fourth quarter.

Palmer said, "We played so much harder in the second half. If we had played that hard in the first half, we could have won."

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
RCA	0	6	8	14	28
Canyon Creek	21	13	0	7	41

	RCA	Canyon Creek
1st downs	13	16
Rushes-yds.	23-86	57-389
Comp-Att-Int	14-33-1	1-6-0
Passing yds.	279	6
Total yds.	365	395
Punts-avg.	3-39.7	5-21.6
Fumbles-Lost	2-1	3-1
Penalties-yds.	5-45	2-20

Individual statistics
 Passing - RCA: Aaron Eastin 6-9-0-157, Justo Garcia 8-24-1-122; Canyon Creek: Cameron Oliver 1-6-0-6.
 Receiving - RCA: Aaron Eastin 5-94, Raymon Stewart 6-74, Daniel Rorie 1-55, Colton Jones 1-47, Shelby Sharpless 1-9; Canyon Creek: Grant Marcinko 1-6.
 Rushing - RCA: Aaron Eastin 13-83, Daniel Rorie 8-3, Raymon Stewart 2-0; Canyon Creek: Cameron Oliver 18-158, Nick Kopchenko 22-116, Leland Moorehead 9-76, Philip Villoria 6-32, Lowghan Tufford 2-7.

Lady Hawks go down fighting vs. Centennial

Rockwall-Heath continued to extend its season to record lengths, but ended Tuesday night in a Bi-District playoff match against Frisco Centennial at Plano Senior High School.

The Lady Hawks (28-12) led during three of the four games, but Centennial (34-8) came back to take a 25-20, 13-25, 25-11, 25-23 victory.

RHS head coach Maggie Younger pointed out, "We took another step forward. We made it to the playoffs last year (for the first time), but we were beaten in three."

The 28 wins established a Rockwall-Heath record, but Younger thought the 2010 team could have, perhaps should have, had a fifth game to decide the match against the Lady Titans.

"We had an opportunity to win it," Younger said of the fourth game, "but we just took away our momentum."

That play came with RHHS leading 18-14. A Centennial player hit the ball toward the top of the net, in front of two Lady Hawks. The ball came into the District 9-4A champions' court. They hit the ball back, and it

went out of bounds after RHHS blocked the shot.

A play similar to the first block attempt had gone against Rockwall-Heath earlier in the match. When the Lady Hawks returned the ball, that was ruled an illegal fourth hit, giving Centennial a point.

When the Lady Titans also received a point at 18-14, the crowd from Heath reacted. Younger explained that the officials told her a Lady Hawk had a net violation. She didn't appear to be convinced.

Two points later, the RHHS coach called a timeout, but Centennial continued scoring for a 19-18 lead. The Lady Hawks rallied to tie the score 19-19, 22-22 and 23-23, but the Frisco team scored the final two points to win the match.

Centennial had used its power to win the first game. In the second, Rockwall-Heath's Regina Tillis turned on her own power with an unofficial eight kills. Then the Lady Titans changed up and won the third game with more of a finesse game.

"I'm extremely proud of this team. They all worked hard and proved they could do it. We played a team that traditionally wins its district, and we played well. The ball just didn't bounce our way."

Justice isn't served in Lady Bulldogs' loss

To explain the end of Roys City's remarkable season, head coach Robyn Hill had only to go back to the beginning.

"We were plagued by missed serves," she said after the Lady Bulldogs lost a Bi-District playoff match to Whitehouse in four games at Van High School. "We missed 16. That was one of the points we made before the match, to be aggressive and effective on our serves."

The match's third and fourth games illustrated her point perfectly. After losing the first two games in the best-of-five match, RC won the third 25-19. In that game, Hill said, her team missed only one serve. Then came the decisive fourth game.

"In the fourth game, we had it won. Then in their last seven points, we missed them four points on missed serves. We didn't even hit it over the net, we hit it into the net," Hill said about the 25-23 loss.

Hill pointed out that her team's aggressive stance on serves showed up in 13 aces. "Just think if those 16 missed serves had gone over the net. We might have had 16 more aces."

Hill was disappointed about the serving and the loss, but not with the team.


"We were nervous. We had the jitters. Whitehouse, I think, went three rounds into the playoffs last year and they had a lot of girls back. We had only one girl with playoff experience."

Nobody from Roys City competed in the playoffs last year, when the Lady Bulldogs were 4-26.

This season, even with a young team, RC finished 26-13 and as the District 13-4A champion.

Against Whitehouse, the Lady Bulldogs were led by Tori Green with 10 kills, four digs and five blocks; Jennifer Null with six kills and six blocks; Erica Poe with nine blocks and four kills, and libero Brenna Cole, with 10 digs and what Hill called "a great serve/receive game."

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Cain Middle School 7th grade volleyball teams wins district title

Cain Middle School's 7th grade A volleyball team completed an unbeaten season by winning the district tournament Saturday at Lovejoy Sloan

It wasn't easy for the Lady Mustangs, who entered the tournament with a record and had to go three games and into overtime to defeat the host in the championship match.

After defeating Wylie Burnett, then Williams in a semifinal match, CMS won its first game before taking a hard-fought victory from Sloan Creek. The final match was 11-25, 25-22, 26-24.

Head coach Belinda Stephens said, "They played amazing and kept their composure throughout the entire match. It was a pleasure to work with such a group of girls that would come together for the betterment of their team all year."

Grace Howell led CMS with 59 kills during the regular season and 34 more in the tournament. Madison Hill made five blocks Saturday, and regular-season leader Megan Lohmiller added four.

Brooke Birlson, Picabo Caldwell, Kacy Holloway, Brooke Parent, Andrea

Parker and Elizabeth Rak were the other players on the Lady Mustangs' roster.

During the regular season, Cain's 7th grade C team also finished undefeated and first in the district. The 7th grade B team was 8-1 in the district.

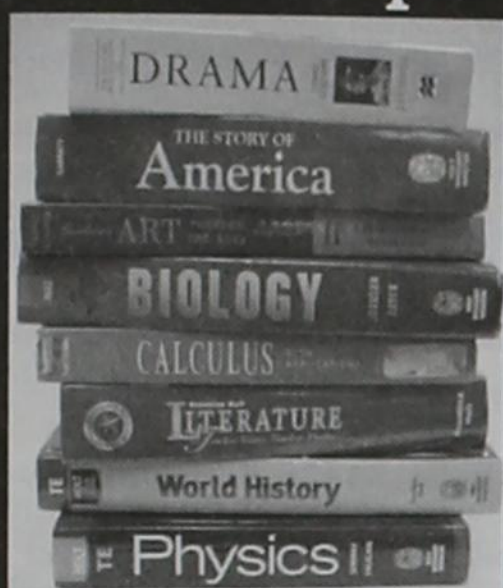
Poetry playing in state volleyball tournament

The Poetry Community Christian School's volleyball team qualified for this weekend's Texas Christian Athletic League state tournament in San Antonio.

The Lady Pioneers, ranked first in the East, were scheduled to begin play in the quarterfinals Thursday against Corpus Christi Annapolis Christian Academy. The winner would advance to a semifinal match Friday at 6 p.m., with the final match at noon Sunday.

All of the matches in the eight-team tournament were scheduled for Cornerstone Christian School in San Antonio.

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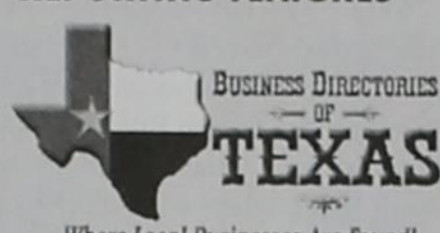
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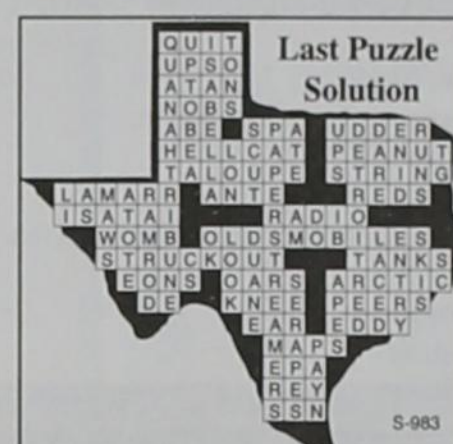
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Opinions

Have Republicans finally seen the light?

by Laurence M. Vance

How many Republicans does it take to screw up a light bulb? If you had ninety-five then you must be familiar with the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007 that mandates the phase-out of incandescent light bulbs.

Although it is true that Republicans never reverse the legislative damage done by Democrats, sometimes they do make a lame, half-hearted attempt to do so. House Republicans have pledged to repeal Obamacare if they are given control of the House in the upcoming mid-term elections. The nature of Republican promises, however, says otherwise. Yet, when it comes to the phase-out of light bulbs, some Republicans are actually trying to do something against their nature: repeal legislation from previous Congresses. Though I applaud their efforts, I must point out some embarrassing problems with this newfound Republican urge to repeal legislation.

On September 16, 2010, Rep. Joe Barton (R-TX) introduced the Better Use of Light Bulbs Act (H.R. 6144). This is designed to repeal the III, subtitle B of the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007 (P.L. 110-335), which became Public Law 110-140 on December 19, 2007. Title III, subtitle B, of the Energy Independence and Security Act is the section of legislation that mandates the phase out of incandescent

light bulbs beginning with the 100-watt bulb in 2012 and ending with the 40-watt bulb in 2014. This is the ultimate in nanny-state legislation.

Says Barton:

"This is indicative of the overreach that the Obama administration, Mrs. Pelosi, and Majority Leader Reid have put on the American people. They're mandating our behavior in healthcare, they're mandating, in this case, in energy, they don't want the American people to have choice, and they don't — they basically don't trust the public. They want to tell the country what's best for them to do and people like myself and Marsha Blackburn, Michael Burgess, the House Republican leadership, we think it's wrong."

Barton is right, of course, but he has the wrong administration. The Energy Independence and Security Act was signed into law by a Republican president and passed with the votes of ninety-five Republicans.

But that's not the only embarrassing thing about this pathetic Republican attempt at repeal. The subtitle that Barton wants to repeal is a very small part (about 9,500 words) of the Energy Independence and Security Act (about 136,000 words). The rest of the Act contains hundreds of nanny-state directives that are equally as bad as subtitle B. When will Republicans introduce legislation to repeal them?

Barton's comments about the government not wanting Americans to

have choice, not trusting the public, and telling the country what's best are more refined Republican rubbish. Do Republicans in Congress want Americans to have choice? Do they trust the public? Do they believe in not telling the country what's best?

Of course they don't.

Do Republicans in Congress want Americans to have choice to smoke or not to smoke marijuana? Of course not; they support more arrests, higher fines, and longer prison terms. Do Republicans in Congress trust the public to save for their own retirement with the help of family, friends, employers, and/or charity? Of course not; they believe in forcing people to pay Social Security taxes. Do Republicans in Congress believe in not telling the country what's best when it comes to guns and ammo? Of course not; they support numerous federal gun and ammo regulations.

Will Republicans ever see the light? I'm not the least bit optimistic. The Republican Party is utterly and hopelessly statist and interventionist — just like the Democratic Party. Republicans are not the party of small government; they are the party of Republican government.

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Will Texas lead the way toward real freedom?

by Wesley W. Burnett

Now that the votes have been cast, and elected officials prepare for January 1, 2011, I wonder if this election will result in Texas leading the way for real freedom.

You know, the kind of freedom our ancestors enjoyed before the socialists and communists sneaked their way into the major political parties during the past 100 years.

I pray Texans will step up and demand repeal of those hundreds or thousands of statutes, ordinances and regulations which has stifled free enterprise and smothered the incentives for creative business ventures. Anyone operating a business today understands precisely what that means.

There's literally not enough space to list all of the tyrannical government agencies which stick their grimy fingers into our daily lives. From city hall, county court house, state and national capitals ... tyranny rules and the rule of law is history.

I propose our state legislators take the first step in our march to freedom by uttering these three words: "just say no" to U.S. government funding. No ... nada ... don't take one thin dime from the U.S. government. I

realize that local and state government agencies are hooked on federal government "hand-outs," but those same government units are also beholden to "Robin Hood" ... "he who pays the fiddler calls the tune."

That's how freedom is lost ... through the evil use of money. "Oh let's take some of that gravy," I remember hearing from adults during my high school days. "Not so fast buddy," one old codger injected, "there'll be strings attached to that money." Sure 'nough, the strings are now a giant web of strangling regulation which has corrupted the entire system, from top to bottom.

Okay ... here's my wish list for the Texas legislature:

Reject all federal funding and restrict all government units in Texas from accepting federal funding of any kind.

Review every stinking statute on the books ... determine what clause in the Texas Constitution authorizes each and every statute. I know from my own casual review that very few of the statutes were created by authority of the constitution. The most tyrannical statutes are mostly created in support of federal programs ... or methods to control individual behavior and provide a benefit to those who actually prepared the statute.

Eliminate all property taxes at all levels of government. Repeal the so-called Texas Franchise Tax ... it is an income tax no matter how the socialists try to paint it differently.

Establish personal liability penalties for all elected and appointed government officials who are found guilty of violating provisions of the Texas and U.S. constitutions, including members of the Texas legislature.

There's more, but these items are a good start toward reclaiming the freedom our ancestors enjoyed when they came to Texas for a new life built on individual responsibility and liberty ... to go and do as they please, as long as their "going and doing" didn't violate the rights of another person or persons. We want the same liberty they had. Leave us alone, as long as we don't violate someone else's rights.

I pray God's blessing for those citizens who stand for what is right and have the courage to face the evil slurs cast upon them. I understand how powerful is prayer, but I also appreciate that God expects his people to do what is right, not just pray about it.

Election Reds and Blues

by Andrew Leonie

I could feel my ten year old daughter intently watching me. I was just sitting watching Fox News but I could sense her question coming. "Daddy, How do you know who to vote for," she asked? We had just seen a series of commercials for both Democrat and Republican candidates. And of course the topic under discussion on TV was politics. But before I could answer, her 13 year old brother commented from the table where he was finishing his homework, "Daddy always votes for the Republican". "Well," I said, "it's not always that simple. I try to know something about the people and what they want to do if elected. Sometimes it helps if I get to hear them and meet them in person, before making a choice."

Here in Rockwall County we have been fortunate to have many opportunities to meet and actually visit with candidates for all levels of public office. Candidates for local city council and school board have always made themselves personally accessible as well as have candidates for county, state and national government offices.

I've always thought that political candidates were of two types. Not Conservative or Liberal. Two other types. First, the kind that has a specific plan, agenda or platform which they promote and promise you in return for your vote. Second, the kind who wants to know what you want in order to also make promises in return for your vote. Sometimes the difference gets a little blurry. That's where many political problems arise. With the first kind there is a high degree of clarity, real leadership and a respectable level of integrity. With the second kind, there is too much of telling you what you want to hear, without necessary conviction, just to get you to like them. In my experience you find these types in both conservative and liberal ranks - both Republicans and Democrats. The conservative or liberal label a person applies to themselves is only a part of the evaluation. "Is that candidate principled or do they just want to be elected?" is an increasingly important public question.

In this years November election, this issue of principles or integrity was a large part of what has fueled the energy of the insurgent Tea Party

around the country. Unprincipled Republicans were often successfully challenged and replaced by principled conservatives - sometimes ultimately prevailing and sometimes not. Where officeholders were seen as flip-flopping or talking out of both sides of their mouths, they were tossed out. Some of the same sentiment also flowed through Democratic ranks. It wasn't just red or blue.

Because of this "purifying" movement, we can expect more "principled" positions to be taken and held by members of both parties in Congress, and yes more intense debate. You can also expect the big media to decry the decline of cooperativeness and moderation. But, in truth, we the public benefit from the clarity and sharper positional distinctions in the public discussion. We owe it to them, ourselves and our kids future to pay closer attention and to hold them to their word.

Andrew Leonie is a lawyer who has lived with his family in Rockwall County for over 20 years. The views expressed are his own.

Rockwall County Sports Schedule

Fulton School Falcons

Friday, Nov. 5 – Football: home vs. Killeen Memorial, Rockwall-Heath High School, 7:30 p.m.

Friday, Nov. 12 – Football: home for Area playoff vs. Wichita Falls Notre Dame Catholic, Rockwall-Heath High School, 7:30 p.m.

Friday, Nov. 5 – Football: at Arlington Fellowship Academy, Kennedale Junior High, middle school 5 p.m. and varsity 7:30 p.m.

Rockwall Christian Academy Warriors

Friday, Nov. 5 – Varsity football: at Texas Texas Stadium, Stars Stadium, 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, Nov. 11 – Junior high basketball: at Dallas The Covenant School, girls 4:30 p.m. and boys 5:30 p.m.

Rockwall High School Yellowjackets

Friday, Nov. 5 – Varsity football: at Richardson Pearce, Mustang-Ram Stadium, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, Nov. 6 – Girls' basketball: scrimmage at Sachse, 9 a.m.

Cross country: at Region II Championships, Vandergriff Park, Arlington, girls 9:35 p.m. and boys 10 a.m.

Boys' basketball scrimmage: home, JV and varsity, 10 a.m.

Swimming: vs. Rockwall-Heath and Frisco, RISD Aquatic Center, 11 a.m.

Monday, Nov. 8 – Boys' varsity golf: at Highland Park Fall Cup Invitational, Lakewood Country Club, 8 a.m.

Girls' JV and freshman golf: at Waxahachie JV Invitational, Waxahachie Country Club, 8 a.m.

Girls' basketball: at Plano West, JV 6 p.m. and varsity 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, Nov. 9 – Varsity 2 boys' golf: at Creekside Invitational, Castle Hills Golf Club, 8 a.m.

Swimming: vs. Rockwall-Heath and Lovejoy, RISD Aquatic Center, 5 p.m.

Girls' Freshman A basketball: at Sachse, 6 a.m.

Thursday, Nov. 11 – Wrestling: scrimmage at Plano East, 5 p.m.

Varsity girls' basketball: at Belton Tournament

JV girls' basketball: at Mabank Tournament

Friday, Nov. 12 – JV wrestling: at The Warrior Invitational, Arlington Martin, 5 p.m.

Varsity girls' basketball: at Belton Tournament

JV girls' basketball: at Mabank Tournament

Saturday, Nov. 13 – Varsity wrestling: at The Warrior Invitational, Arlington Martin, 8 a.m.

Varsity and JV boys' basketball: scrimmage at Royse City, 10 a.m.

Varsity girls' basketball: at Belton Tournament

JV girls' basketball: at Mabank Tournament

Rockwall-Heath High School Hawks

Friday, Nov. 5 – Varsity football: home vs. Wylie East, Wilkerson-Sanders Memorial Stadium, Senior Night, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, Nov. 6 – Girls' cross country: at Region II Championships, Vandergriff Park, Arlington, 9:35 a.m.

Boys' basketball scrimmage: home vs. Ennis, Forney and Greenville, JV and varsity, 3 p.m.

Monday, Nov. 8 – JV White boys' golf: at Garland Tournament, Firewheel Lakes Course, 8 a.m.

Thursday, Nov. 9 – Swimming: vs. Rockwall and Lovejoy, RISD Aquatic Center, 5 p.m.

Girls' basketball: at West Mesquite, JV and Freshman A 5:30 p.m. and varsity 7 p.m.

Thursday, Nov. 11 – Wrestling: scrimmage at Plano East, 4:30 p.m.

JV girls' basketball: at Grapevine Tournament

Friday, Nov. 12 – JV wrestling: at The Warrior Invitational, Arlington

Martin, noon

Boys' basketball: scrimmage at Allen, 4 p.m.

JV girls' basketball: at Grapevine Tournament

Saturday, Nov. 13 – Varsity wrestling: at The Warrior Invitational, Arlington Martin, 7 a.m.

JV girls' basketball: at Grapevine Tournament

Royse City Bulldogs

Friday, Nov. 5 – Varsity football: home vs. Sulphur Springs, 7:30 p.m.

Cain Middle School Mustangs

Tuesday, Nov. 9 – Cross country: at Allen Meet, 7th grade boys 4:15 p.m., 7th grade girls 4:30 p.m., 8th grade boys 4:45 p.m. and 8th grade girls 5:00 p.m.

Utley Middle School Wolves

Tuesday, Nov. 9 – Cross country: at Allen Meet, 7th grade boys 4:15 p.m., 7th grade girls 4:30 p.m., 8th grade boys 4:45 p.m. and 8th grade girls 5:00 p.m.

Williams Middle School Wildcats

Tuesday, Nov. 9 – Cross country: at Allen Meet, 7th grade boys 4:15 p.m., 7th grade girls 4:30 p.m., 8th grade boys 4:45 p.m. and 8th grade girls 5:00 p.m.

Rockwall County News Briefs

Next RPA meeting slated Nov. 5

The November meeting of the Rockwall Preschool Association is set for 9 a.m. Nov. 5 at the Free Methodist Church, 315 Dalton Road, Rockwall. Polly HARRISON will speak on accommodating children's learning styles. RPA membership is open to all Rockwall area mothers with children ages birth through kindergarten. For more details visit rockwallpreschoolassociation.com.

Turkey Day Luncheon planned

A free Thanksgiving luncheon is planned for individuals ages 50 and older Nov. 5 at The Center. Meats will be provided, but each participant is asked to bring a side dish to share. The event will run from noon to 1:30 p.m. For more information contact the Rockwall Parks & Rec Department at 972-771-7740.

'Tis the Season Bazaar set

The 'Tis the Season Art Fair/Bazaar, sponsored by the UMW at the First United Methodist Church in Rockwall, is set for 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Nov. 6 at the church, 1200 E. Yellow Jacket Lane. The event will feature handmade crafts and home décor items, baked goods and baking pecans. Admission will cost \$1; proceeds will benefit the UMW missions. For more details call Kathy Lane, 972-475-5974.

Fulton School plans Fall Preview Day

The Fulton School, a college preparatory school offering education for children ages 3 through 12th grade, will host a Fall Preview Day for prospective students and their parents from 10 a.m. to noon Nov. 6 on the campus, 1623 Laurence Drive, Heath. Interested families are welcome to drop in at any time during the open house for a tour. For more details call 972-772-4445.

Hall to address luncheon

Congressman Ralph M. Hall will be the speaker at the 10 a.m. Nov. 6 National Defense Luncheon, hosted by the Daughters of the American Revolution. Hall's topic will be "A View from the Hill." The event will take place at the Holy Trinity Episcopal Church Parish Hall, 1524 Smirl Drive, in Heath. Guests are welcome. Cost is \$15.

Highstepper events set Nov. 6

The Rockwall-Heath High School Highsteppers will host a spaghetti dinner and silent auction at 6:30 p.m. Nov. 6 in the school cafeteria. Each ticket holder will receive a serving of spaghetti, bread, salad, tea and dessert and a pass to bid on an auction item. Tickets cost \$10 each and may be purchased from any Highstepper or by contacting

Chandra DeAlessandro at 214-276-2696.

Aaron Watson to perform

Aaron Watson will perform at the Southern Junction Nightclub Steakhouse on Nov. 6. Opening the band will be the Marcus Lind Band. Ticket costs range from \$10 to \$25; tickets are available now. For more details call 972-771-2418 or visit southernjunctionlive.com.

Sign Choir concert set Nov. 7

The Coventry Singing Choir will perform during the 11 a.m. Nov. 7 service at First Christian Church, 3375 Ridge Road, Rockwall. Coventry is a day program that offers enrichment opportunities for adults with special needs. The group's one-of-a-kind pottery also will be available for purchase. For more details call the church office at 972-771-5526.

RARTA meeting scheduled

Rockwall Area Retired Teachers will have their next meeting at 1:15 p.m. Nov. 8 at the RISD Administration Complex. "Domingo the Best," the name of Elvis, will present music to members danced to in their youth. The meeting is open to all retired school employees and their friends.

Heath meeting to focus on water storage

The City of Heath will host an informational meeting on the construction of the city's second elevated water storage facility at 6 p.m. Nov. 9 at Heath City Hall, 200 Laurence Drive. The water storage facility will be located on city property adjacent to The Fulton School. The public is invited to attend and learn about preliminary engineering design plans and an estimated project timeline. For details visit heathtx.com or call 972-771-6200.

Ping Pong tournament set Nov. 10

A Ping Pong Tournament for individuals ages 50 and older will begin at 10 a.m. at The Center on Nov. 10. Prizes will be awarded to the top three finishers. Cost will be \$3 for Rockwall residents, \$5 for non-residents. For more information call the Rockwall Parks & Rec Department, 972-771-7740.

V-Day ceremony set at Utley

Utley Middle School will host a Veterans Day assembly from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. Nov. 11 in its Performing Arts Center. Students have been asked to invite family members who have served in the military or provide photos of those who are deceased. All veterans in attendance will be recognized. Veterans and all community members are invited to attend. For more details contact Brad Helmer, assistant principal, at 972-771-5281.

School plans Veterans Day ceremony

J.W. Williams Middle School will host a Veterans Day ceremony beginning at 10:45 a.m. Nov. 11 in the WMS gym. The public is invited to attend.

Brown Bag Lecture slated

The Rockwall County Historical Foundation will present "The Rock Wall Revisited" Nov. 12 at the Brown Bag Lecture Series at noon Nov. 12 in the Historic Courthouse.

Blood drive set Nov. 13

A Nov. 13 blood drive benefiting the Scott's Rode Hospital for Children will run from 8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the Masonic Lodge Hall on the southwest corner of the courthouse square in Rockwall.

Rockwall Scouting Day planned

Five local Boy Scouts activities will host Rockwall Scouting Day, an event filled with fun and activities, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Nov. 13 at Harry M. Park, Rockwall. The purpose of the free event, which will be geared toward boys ranging from grades 4-12, is to raise awareness of what Boy Scouts do and the values they instill. Events will include fire building, fishing, flag raising, chariot races, model campsites, signaling, flag pole building, flag raising, monkey bridges, a carousel, geo-caching and rock wall climbing. Interested persons are invited to attend.

RHS PTA plans arts, crafts show

The RHS PTA will host its 2010 Holiday Arts & Crafts Show from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Nov. 13 at the school, 901 Yellow Jacket Lane. More than 50 vendors will feature items ranging from jewelry to bags to outdoor gear. Proceeds will support RHS programs. Admission will cost \$1; parking is free. For vendor details e-mail lizarter@nsth.net.

NAMI support groups to meet

Two free NAMI support groups – one for those with a mental illness (Room 121) and one for their family members (Room 123 B Building) will meet from 1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. Nov. 13 at the First United Methodist Church, 1200 E. Yellow Jacket Lane, Rockwall. Call Hal or Dee Whitfield at 972-412-6030, for more information.

Livin' Outloud classes planned

Livin' Outloud Arts will host Master Performing Arts classes in dance, guitar and rifle, recycled beats percussion, and guitar from 9 a.m. to 11 p.m. Nov. 20 at Utley Middle School. Three two-hour sessions will be available. Nov. 20 in grades kindergarten through 12th will be eligible; cost will be \$15 for one session, \$25 for two or \$30 for participation in all three sessions. To register visit livinoutloudarts.com.

Tree lighting planned in Rockwall

Festivities surrounding the 27th annual Christmas Tree Lighting in City of Rockwall will begin at 7 p.m. Dec. 2 at City Hall. Live entertainment, a crafts workshop, cookies and coffee and visits with St. Nick are planned.

Sports Notes

CASA plans 5K run Nov. 6

Lone Star CASA, which serves children in Rockwall and Kaufman counties, will host the Speak Up for Kids CASA 5K/Fun Run on Nov. 6 at the Wilkerson-Sanders Memorial Stadium, 1201 Townsend Drive. The 5K Run will begin at 8 a.m., followed by the 5K Run/Walk at 8:30 a.m. Register online, visit lonestarcasa.org or call 972-772-5858.

Senior Pride Golf Tourney slated

The Rockwall-Heath High School Senior Class of 2011 will host a golf tournament beginning at 12:30 p.m. Nov. 6 at the Buffalo Creek Golf Club. The event, which will benefit the senior class, will be a four-person Foursomes scramble. Contests will include hole-in-one, closest-to-pin, longest drive and putting competition. Lunch will be served from 11 a.m. to noon. For more details on participating, sponsoring or donating to the event contact Jerry Morton at morton05@msncom.

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Dobbs Elementary students collected canned meat during October's Red Ribbon Week to emphasize the "Can be Drug-Free" motto. Students collected and packed 11 boxes of food as a result of the drive. Pictured above, from the left, are student representatives D'Shaud Turner, Colton Crawford, Evelyn Jimenez, Meredith Kirchenbauer, Dezmon Mims and Sion Phillip.

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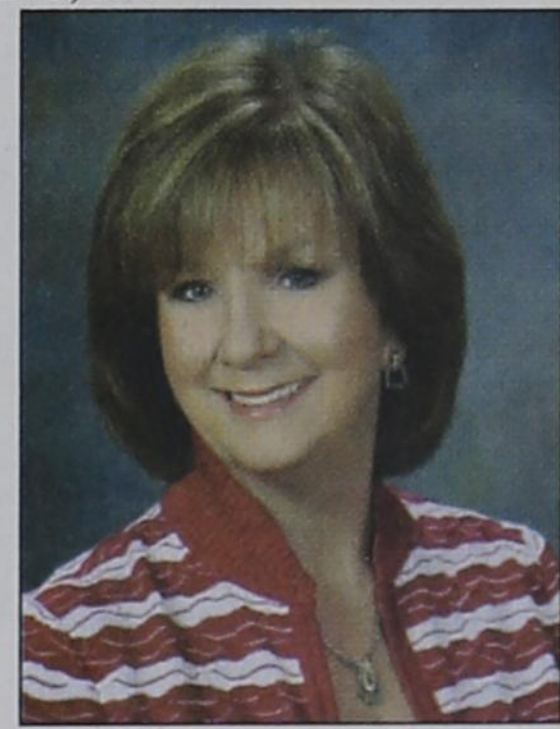
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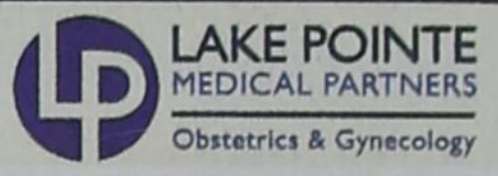
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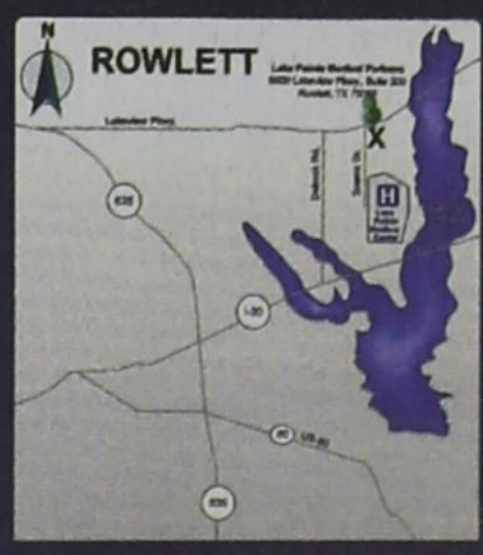


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