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Truck driver dies in fatal accident on highway in Rockwall

Rockwall Police Department Traffic Division is investigating a fatal accident which resulted in the death of 77 year old Radoslar Ciric, who was driving south of the intersection of North Goliad and North Goliad when a sport utility vehicle struck him. Ciric was taken to Baylor-Dallas Hospital where he later died from injuries sustained in the accident. Ciric was identified as Cary Tyson of Royse City, was arrested on charges of Manslaughter. Tyson, who is an athletics teacher at Rockwall High School, has been released on \$100,000 bond. Rockwall ISD said Tyson was immediately arrested and taken to jail. "At this time, the District does not have any charges against Mr. Tyson and/or the driver of the vehicle," said Director of Communications. The investigation continues.

Rockwall City Council votes on 'no-kill' policy

Rockwall City Council tabled one of the highest-profile items on the agenda when its members moved to send a new policy outlining animal care back to the drawing board for more revisions. The policy includes a 72-hour notice to local organizations prior to animal euthanasia and provides for a "paper trail" for all animals with local non-profit organizations, veterinary facilities that volunteer free space for animal care. The council attempted to amend the policy but failed. They voted to table the issue, asking staff to provide more room in the policy for latitude when making decisions. Sandra Solomon, founder of the organization responsible for the outplacement and care of animals from the city animal shelter, said she is pleased with the council's decision but is a little concerned about the "no kill" policy. She said the difference between a true "no-kill" policy and the one Rockwall has proposed is whether or not animals are being put down because of space issues. On behalf of the shelter, Solomon also questions how a healthy animal would be housed in a facility that is not designed for that purpose. Margo Nielsen expressed similar concerns. She said she understands the need for an audit trail but that the effort has been made; that those groups say that they are able to find space for that animal. She said she is the director of Animal Services, reported that the shelter's kennel is full but that they frequently take advantage of the space that is available. She said she is not sure what the euthanasia policy on the next agenda in two weeks will be. Julie Couch said the staff would need more changes to bring back the information requested. Councilman Mark Russo made a motion that passed asking staff to consider revising city ordinances that limit the number of animals in a residence, especially animal foster homes. This would help with handling the overflow while the euthanasia policy is under revision. Nielsen said, "It's very difficult to answer the space issue."

Police find foul play in car submerged in lake

Police discovered a submerged car in the lake near Rockwall after a diver discovered the vehicle. The submerged vehicle, made visible by diminished water level, was pulled ashore by the Dallas Police Dive Team. The skeletal remains were inside the sedan. The vehicle was a 1995 four-door Mitsubishi. Police are not releasing any other details that may pinpoint the identity of the individual, but they have received official verification from the Medical Examiner's Office. Because of the advanced state of decomposition, officials are relying on DNA evidence to positively confirm the identity. Several undisclosed factors, a Dallas Police spokesperson said, have made some progress on the case but the outcome is still perhaps weeks away, pending the analysis. Police have determined a possible identity of the individual, but they are waiting until we receive confirmation from SWIFS (Southwest Institute of Forensic Sciences), said media relations officer. "There is not any sign of foul play and detectives may have a suicide."

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The newest members of Aspasians were inducted recently at the organization's first meeting of the new year. Pictured are new members Laura Barber, Kim Nielsen, Denice Wheeler, Vicky Thompson and Neely Holland. Courtesy photo/Rockwall County News

Commissioners set county tax rate, increase salaries

Disagreements among commissioners arose while approving the county's 2011 fiscal budget at Rockwall County Commissioner's Court Sept. 13 meeting. According to Judge Jerry Hogan, the year has been tough. The county must account for a new courthouse costing approximately \$1 million per year, while the property tax-base growth has shown a reduction to 2.4 percent, compared to 10 percent to 15 percent growth during the late '90s and early 2000s. "Unfortunately, growth projections for the next two years are not much better... approximately 1 percent or less," he said. County growth led to increased costs with the state-mandated addition of two constables and two justices of the peace, along with increased costs for jails and detention, maintenance and insurance, and major judicial software updates. Yet, the county shows a continued reduction in revenue from fees, fines, grants and ad-valorem property taxes. Months of debate and pressure over the budget and a five-year forecast led to cuts in all departments: the library budget was cut in half, five locations will be eliminated and staff was reduced to eight and one-half employees, while not receiving a pay raise in the past three years. Building cleaning and jail healthcare were outsourced and justices of the peace and constables will be consolidated to one location. Contingency funds for indigent healthcare and their defense or disasters were cut in half. State mandate requires county to fund indigent healthcare of eight percent (approximately \$400,000) before receiving state funds, and court defense, in event indigent is accused of murder, which costs more than \$1 million.

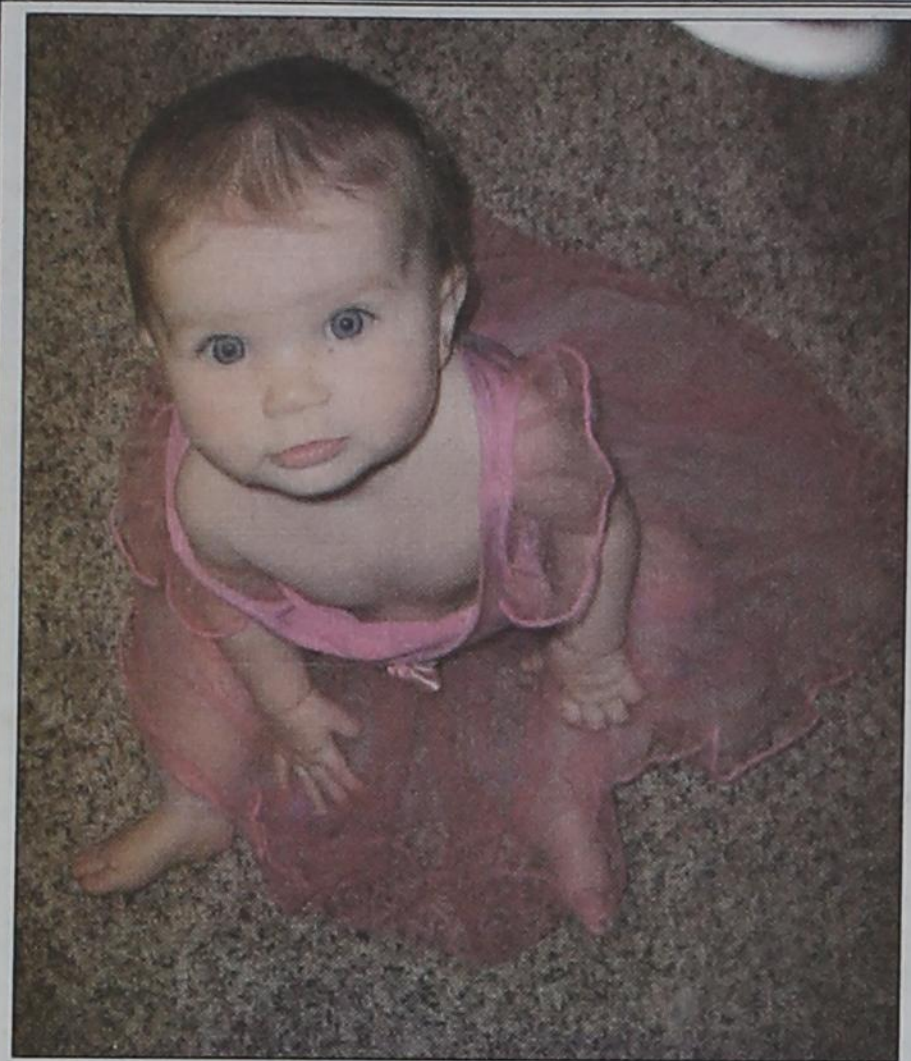
Commissioner Lorie Grinnan said, "We need to make deeper (budget) cuts if we are going to increase salaries - I'm not in favor of it. Raising salaries adds additional pressure for next year, especially courts, maintenance for new building and road program. We are looking at significant cuts next year." "If we do not use the effective tax rate, we are kicking the can down the road for a bigger headache next year," said Commissioner Jerry Wimpee. "We have a balanced budget using the lower tax rate, instead of the effective rate," said Commissioner David Magness. "In sight of that, we are able to give our employees a much needed raise, while maintaining the tax rate, which helps our taxpayers, our employees and the county." Hogan added that with an election next year, focus will be on economics of America and the lack of creation of jobs, which flows to the county and the employees. "County employees are not overpaid compared to other municipalities... you would be shocked," he said. "As a person who campaigned for no tax increases and sound, solid - conservative, fiscal management, I was prepared to vote for the effective tax rate of .3960. We are facing significant increases in our budget next year, including \$800,000 for the additional state-mandated justices of the peace." Hogan continued that it will be difficult to ask taxpayers to fund employee raises, even though they need and deserve a raise. Many taxpayers are having very difficult times - the economy is bad and people are struggling.

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The Nebbie Williams Elementary news team, NWKN, spent a week recently following the 10th anniversary of the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks remembering the fallen heroes and celebrating Constitution Week. Culminating the effort was an invitation to parents and friends of the school who are firefighters or police officers, recognizing them as the school's "heroes" during the Sept. 16 morning announcement. Each was introduced, interviewed and awarded a certificate of appreciation. The honorees also led the school in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance and signed off the broadcast by singing "The Star-Spangled Banner." Pictured are Scott Vornberg, Guy Kimbrell, Matthew Asbill, Jesus Martinez, Anthony Andujar and members of the news team: Reece Simpson, Ethan Thomas, Jared Fleming, Alexis Morris, Ryan Figert, Alaina McWhirter, Joshua Jacobs, Lane Pollock and Everett Willis. Courtesy photo/Rockwall County News





Happy 1st Birthday to our beautiful Kori!
 Love from Mom, Dad, Jacie and Brooke



The staff and students of Miss May Vernon Elementary gathered outside the school recently, joined by parents, community military personnel, the Royse City school resource officers and representatives of the Rockwall County Sheriff's Department remembering the victims of the tragedies of Sept. 11, 2001. Among those participating were the family pictured above: Cameron of the U.S. Air Force, his wife, Rachael, and their daughters, Cadence, a pre-K student, and Cheyenne. The group sang patriotic songs and

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Benson, Hanks to wed Sept. 28
 Leslie Ann Benson and Stephen Scott Hanks, both of Sachse, have announced their engagement and approaching marriage. The bride-elect, a graduate of FBA High School, attended college and is an employee of American National Bank of Texas. The prospective bridegroom, a Rockwall High graduate, also attended college. He is employed by the Valdez Spice Corp. The couple plans a Sept. 28, 2011, wedding.



Births

Mason James Blackstone
Lila Katherine Blackstone

Stacey (Gard) and Philip Blackstone of Rockwall are proud to announce the birth of a son and a daughter, Mason James Blackstone and Lila Katherine Blackstone, on Aug. 12, 2011, at the Lakepointe Medical Center in Rowlett. Mason weighed 5 pounds, 14 ounces at birth. His sister weighed 5 pounds, 2 ounces. The twins were welcomed home by a sister, 2-year-old Scarlett. The infants' grandparents are Kay and Jeff Gard of Rockwall and Barbara and Jim Blackstone of Heath.

Camel race could boost RCAA art program

Fox 4 meteorologist Fiona Gorostiza will do almost anything to support the arts programs for the youth of Rockwall County. Gorostiza, along with other members of the Dallas area media, will participate in a camel race at Lone Star Park on Sept. 23 to support area charities. "We are very pleased that Fiona, who is one of the celebrities dancing at the Rockwall County Alliance for the Arts Heart of Jazz Gala, has chosen to donate all her winnings from the camel race to the kids with talent in Rockwall County," said Kathleen Morrow, RCAA president. Gorostiza's efforts will support the RCAA Youth ArtReach program, which encourages exceptionally talented children with need who show promise in the visual or performing arts. "It gives kids a purpose, keeps them out of trouble and gives them a talent -- often with a list of awards -- that allows them to be able to gain entrance into college," said Jayne McFadin, RCAA education chair. "Several of our kids that have gone on to college are the first in their family to have ever gone on to further their education. We think it is pretty neat that Fiona has chosen to recognize our students with her work and dedication and donation."



Helen Mitchell (seated) with her daughter Linda Duran.

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Volunteer park cleanup set Sept. 30
 Parks and Rec Department is organizing a volunteer-led cleanup of 1910 Walnut Ridge from 9 a.m. to noon on Sept. 30. Participating is welcome to join the effort.

Malnutrition, microchip clinic slated
 Animal Services will offer a low-cost shot and microchip clinic from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Oct. 1 at the Rockwall Animal Adoption Center, 1825 E. Main St. Dogs must be on a leash and cats in carriers. Rabies shots are \$15 for one-year and \$24 for three-year shots. All other basic services are \$5. City of Rockwall animal registrations also available. For more information call Rockwall Animal Services at 972-771-9649.

Dance classes October meeting
 Chapter of the American Revolution will meet at 7 p.m. at the Betty Martin Chapter in Temple, will be the "Southwest Indians." For information on time and location, contact Carolyn Duckworth at 972-772-3456.

Texaco Night Out set Oct. 4
 A Texaco Night Out will be observed from 7 p.m. to midnight. To schedule an event in your neighborhood, call 972-771-9649.

Rockwall County Library Lunch Basket event
 The library will host the fall Lunch Basket beginning at 11 a.m. in the Rockwall County Library Community Room. The event will feature "Music Viva," a medley performed by Vito Guitilla, a SMU junior who has been a member of the Rockwall County Philharmonic Orchestra since the age of 14. Lunch is \$15 (payable at the door) by Zach's Cafeteria; tickets are \$5. Call 972-771-8976 or email liz.tarter@rockwallcountytx.gov.

Fire Department plans open house
 Rockwall Fire Department will host an open house as part of National Fire Observation. The event will run from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Fire Station No. 2, 920 Rockwall Parkway. Free food, live demonstrations will be offered, and local firefighters will be available to answer questions.

Senior center needs vendors for craft fair
 The senior center will host a craft fair Oct. 8. Vendors of all types are invited to participate. The fair will run from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Plenty of parking is available. The fair also will include a senior class game booth event. Contact Liz Tarter at 972-771-9649.

Rockwall Hunger Walk scheduled
 The Rockwall Hunger Walk will begin at 3 p.m. Oct. 9 at the East Rockwall Park. Participants will walk the trail system in the park. The event is sponsored by the Rockwall Ministerial Alliance. Proceeds will support Helping Hands (25 percent) and Rockwall Animal Services (75 percent). Last year's event raised more than \$10,000. Contact Cheryl Taylor at First Presbyterian Church, 972-771-9649.

RRCA plans Oct. 10 meeting
 The Rockwall Riding Teachers Association will meet at 1:15 p.m. at the Rockwall Riding Center, 600 E. Main St. Sheri Fowler will be the guest speaker. "Hats and More - Fashions of Old Rockwall." Open to all riding school employees and their guests.

Caregiver Conference planned
 A caregiver conference, sponsored by the Rockwall County Extension Service, will be offered Oct. 14 at the Rockwall County Library, 1215 E. Yellow Jacket Lane. Registration will begin at 8:30 a.m., followed by a breakfast from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. The conference will include Andy B. Crocker, Extension program specialist for Bassett and Hearn; Don Van Ryzwyk, North Central Texas Area Extension agent; Neal Lang, estate preservation specialist; Dr. Michael J. Gennifer, and Mary Jane Douglas, benefits counselor for Central Texas Area Agency on Aging. To register call 972-771-9649.

Rib Run & Run slated Oct. 15
 The Rockwall Rib Run & Run, which will feature a IBCA-recognized triathlon, 5k and 10k runs, music, a poker stroll and a garden tour, is set for 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Oct. 15 on the downtown Rockwall.

Four foul play suspected ...
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 Dallas Police Sgt. Kevin Janske, the vehicle sank into Lake Rockwall and three years ago. The idea of foul play may have been in the vehicle, but we have to try and find out from M.E.," said Janske. "If it's just a coincidence, according to Janske, the official cause of death, the person's identity, will have to wait on the medical examiner's report."

County officials settle on budget
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 "I think it is an inappropriate rate, going to a more difficult position next year - I think we are in a term mistake," said Hogan. The county has passed an annual budget for fiscal year 2012, along with maintaining a tax rate of .3864 per \$100 appraised property value, and two living in place for county employees, excluding elected officials, of 1.5 percent. The result is a balanced budget without raising taxes, approximately 1.5 percent, and employee raises. The county is also participating in National Preparedness Month for Rockwall County. Emergency Management encourages citizens to make plans for their family members to take shelter if events are eminent and members are separated.

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Buchanan to speak at First Presbyterian
 Local author, columnist and speaker Missy Buchanan will speak at 7 p.m. Oct. 16 at the First Presbyterian Church of Rockwall. A resident of Rockwall for 30 years, Buchanan has written about older adults who need a "dose of spiritual encouragement" as they deal with aging. Her latest book is "Aging Faithfully: 28 Days of Prayer." The public is invited to attend the free program at the church, which is located at 602 White Hills Drive, Rockwall. For more details call Joanie Mehl at 972-771-9649.

Fundraiser planned for historic windmill
 The Rockwall County Historical Foundation has organized a fundraiser, It's All About The Windmill, to raise money for the repair of the historic Hartman Windmill that stands in Harry Myers Park. The windmill was damaged during a recent storm. The fundraiser, a spaghetti dinner catered by J. Carino's Country Italian Restaurant, will begin at 6:30 p.m. Oct. 23 at the park's Community Center. Cost will be \$15. Seating will be limited. For reservations email rchfoundation@netscape.com or call 972-722-1507.

RC Trick or Treat on Main Street set
 Royce City's Trick or Treat on Main Street will run from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Oct. 26, according to information in the RC Chamber's e-newsletter. The event is hosted by local merchants, civic organizations and RC Main Street and is free to the public; no pets will be allowed.

UMW Bazaar, Craft Fair set Nov. 5
 The annual UMW Bazaar and Craft Fair is set for Nov. 5 at the First United Methodist Church, 1200 E. Yellow Jacket Lane (across from the new library). Handmade crafts and home décor items, baked goods and baking pecans will be available. A café also will offer specially prepared lunch and dessert items. Proceeds from the bazaar and vendor booth rental fees and the \$1 admission charge will benefit local and international missions of the United Methodist Women. For booth info call Susan Bernal at 972-772-9476; only 50 booths will be available. For general information call Kathy Lane at 972-977-3922.

Home for the Holidays scheduled
 Home for the Holidays, a benefit event for Rockwall County Helping Hands, is set for Nov. 5 at the Hilton Bella Harbor. The event will include Festival of the Trees, a holiday vendor market, the Gala and Breakfast with Santa. For more details visit rockwallhomefortheholidays.com.

Rockwall County Entertainment

Northshore Park to host family event
 Northshore Park will be the site of the Sept. 23 Family Fun Friday hosted by the City of Rockwall's Parks & Recreation Department. Activities will begin at 6 p.m., followed by the movie, "Shrek Forever After," at dusk.

Classic rock, country music set
 Phil Norman will perform a tribute to the legends of classic rock and country from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. Sept. 24 at KE Cellars Winery in Rockwall.

Family Fun Friday feature is 'Tangled'
 The movie "Tangled" will be featured at the Sept. 30 Family Fun Friday event at the Lake Rockwall Estates. Activities will begin at 6 p.m., followed by the movie. The event is hosted by the City of Rockwall's Parks & Rec Department.

RC's FunFest slated Oct. 15
 The Royce City Chamber's 22nd Annual FunFest is set for Oct. 15. This year's activities will include a Battle of the Bands, a children's carnival, added space for arts and crafts booths, food vendors, a children's pageant, a truck pull and numerous other competitions. Booths will run from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Participants also can choose to give blood through Carter Blood Care or receive a flu or pneumonia vaccine from Garland Independent Pharmacy. The Stick Robinson Memorial Fun Run and Boy Scout Pancake Breakfast will kick off the day's events. Rounding out the day will be the Girl Scout spaghetti supper. For more details visit roysecitychamber.com.

Not-So-Scary Haunted Hayride set
 Children ages 3-5 and their parents are invited to participate in the Rockwall Parks & Rec Department's Not-So-Scary Haunted Hayride from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. Oct. 21 at Harry Myers Park. The event will include a monster mash dance, spooky snacks and haunted storytelling. Each child will receive a pumpkin. Parents are urged to bring cameras. Registration deadline is Oct. 18. Cost is \$15 or \$10 for Rockwall residents. For details call 972-771-7740.

Rockin' on the Docks set Oct. 22
 The Rockwall County Chamber's fourth annual Rockin' on the Docks Festival is scheduled for Oct. 22 at The Harbor in Rockwall. Live music will begin at 11:30 a.m. with nationally known country star Collin Raye performing. There will be arts, crafts and food vendors, as well as an "in water" boat show. This will be a gated event; no ice chests may be brought in. Participants are invited to bring blankets and/or lawn chairs. Tickets will be sold at the gate for \$5 until 7 p.m.; tickets will cost \$15 after 7 p.m. Children ages 5 and under will be admitted free. Sponsorships are available - call Paula a 972-771-5733. For more details on the event visit rockinonthedocks.com.

Halloween at the Harbor slated
 Deadline for registration for the costume contest scheduled as part of the Halloween at the Harbor event is Oct. 25. Halloween at the Harbor will begin at 6 p.m. Oct. 28 at The Harbor and will feature carnival games, face painting, bounce houses, music, entertainment and other activities. For more details visit rockwall.com/parks or call 972-771-7740.

R'wall tree lighting set Dec. 1
 Rockwall's 28th Annual Christmas Tree Lighting will be at 7 p.m. Dec. 1 on the lawn at City Hall. Activities will include crafts at Santa's workshop, live holiday music and free refreshments. St. Nick also will be on hand for the festivities. For more details call 972-771-7740 or visit rockwall.com/parks.

Breakfast with Santa scheduled
 The Rockwall Parks & Rec Department will sponsor a Breakfast with Santa event from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. Dec. 10 at The Center. A breakfast of pancakes, sausage, bacon, OJ and candy canes is planned; activities also are scheduled. Parents are urged to bring cameras to capture the moment with Santa. The event is open to youths ages 1-12. Cost is \$15 or \$10 for Rockwall residents. For more details call 972-771-7740.



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Rockwall to join in Worldwide Photo Walk

Area residents are invited to join in the Fourth Annual Worldwide Photo Walk set Oct. 1-2 in locations all over the world - including Rockwall. Sponsored by the Adobe, the event is said to be the "world's largest global social photography event in the history of photography." Photographers from around the world are expected to participate. Last year, more than 30,000 photographers walked in more than 1,000 locations, taking six million images in a single day. This year's event is expected to be even larger, according to event coordinators. Participation is free and open to anyone who owns a camera. Local photographer Andrea Chandler is helping Rockwall take part in the event. The local event will run from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. Oct. 1. Local photographers will gather in The Harbor district, and organizers are hoping to have live musicians, models and watercraft available to photograph. The actual walk will run from 5 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., followed by a dinner meeting at 7:45 p.m. at Ruby Tuesdays. Photos captured during the evening will be submitted to the walk's Flickr page and shared with the National Association of Photoshop Professionals for judging. One walk winner will be determined, but all images will be submitted to the international walk page. Visit worldwidephotowalk.com/walk/rockwall-tx-united-states to sign up to participate or for more details.

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On God's Word

by Timothy W. Burnett

Adam and Jesus Christ contrasted...1 Corinthians 15:45-49

"And so it is written, 'The first man Adam was made a living soul,' the last Adam was made a quickening spirit" (1 Corinthians 15:45). The first Adam was formed and made out of the earth. Then God breathed soul life into his lungs and he started breathing as a living soul.

The second Adam was and is Jesus Christ who is alive and in heaven. He has a uniquely different body from all other people and angels. We can see from the Gospel accounts that he was able to appear and disappear before people's eyes. At the same time he was able to eat and drink and even allow his body to maintain certain conditions such as the nail holes in his hands.

Jesus Christ will have the authority to make the rest of mankind alive again in due time. His authority is from his Father who is the one true God who created the heavens and the earth

Howbeit that was not first which is spiritual, but that which was natural.

And afterward that which is spiritual. The first man is of the earth, earthy. The second man is the Lord from heaven. As is the earthy, such are they also that are earthy. And as is the heavenly, such are they also that are heavenly. And as we have borne the image of the earthy, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly" (verses 46-49).

The reference to the Lord being from heaven does not mean that Jesus Christ was literally in heaven with God since the very beginning. It means that Jesus' authority is from his Father who is the highest King from heaven. He also came from heaven in that he was conceived by God and not by a man.

It says that God's born-again children will also bear the image of that which is from heaven, or Jesus Christ. Last week we ended with Philippians 3:21, "Who shall change our vile body, that it might be fashioned like unto his glorious body..." This is about the glorious body of our Lord Jesus Christ who is in heaven with God right now.

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 shines more light on this glorious future event. They who are alive at the time of Jesus Christ's coming will not come before the dead in Christ. The Lord Jesus "himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God, and the dead in Christ shall rise first. Then we which are alive and remain, shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air. And so shall we ever be with

the Lord Jesus Christ." It will be during the above mentioned event, when we made like our Lord Jesus Christ. Next week we will look at 1 Corinthians 15:50-58, which will provide more detail about the same event.

A Rockwall County News

Nana Pat's Kitchen

by Pat Burnett

Pickled Beet Eggs

Not everybody's top choice, but one I've always enjoyed.
Ingredients:
 Boiled and cooled eggs (you decide how many)
 Juices from canned beets (enough to cover the eggs)
 ½ to ¾ cup vinegar
 Put it all together, keep it in the fridge.
 Yummy for a late night snack.

A Rockwall County News

Hungry Harry

Hungry Harry goes fishing for good

Restaurants that utilize their surroundings and theme are a dime a dozen. Restaurants that have themes are usually set higher. The Peabody Hotel in Memphis has a parade of ducks and in return their restaurant serves duck on their menu. They do this to avoid claims that they are or Daffy.

Then there is Medieval Times in Dallas, where you get a medieval show and meal. This is a experience, but not a medieval period or really like eating with your hands.

Roysie City has its own kind of theme restaurant that delivers much more. Fish Camp is a restaurant that serves food. It has a unique ambiance with a fish pond and provides various entertainment and also gives off a vibe.

The menu is a simple menu that includes fish, shrimp, and The Namesake may say Fish Camp but is much, much more. Roysie City's is not Rockwall's most unique eating spot.

The hours of operation though may confuse some as it is not like any other restaurant. They are closed Monday through from 4 p.m. to 9 p.m. Thursday, open Friday and Saturday and open Sunday 11 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Overall the experience was great. The food was excellent. Fish Camp is the perfect place to grab a meal and spend for at least hour and probably more.

Service: Friendly, good
 Food: Great
 Price: \$\$-\$\$
 Overall: Three out of four smiles
 Location: 7508 CR 2584, Roysie City
 (EDITOR'S NOTE: Hungry Harry is a local resident and the writer receives no compensation or benefit from any source.)

A Rockwall County News

TaPs to host horse clinic October

Throw Away Ponies will host a four-hour clinic on the ground on Oct. 1.

Participants will learn how to keep the animal from trying to run over you and how to get a horse to stand learn how to "de-spook" horses so the animals are not afraid. Ron Steele will lead the clinic.

Steele is training a horse, Chica, for TaPs, and the training date.

Cost for the clinic is \$20 for adults and \$10 for teens.

Another upcoming TaPs event is the Rocktoberfest on p.m. Oct. 8. Admission to the come-and-go event will ever, organizers do need to know in advance who is planning not to run out of "Big Daddy's" brisket. Volunteers also day to work one-hour shift giving tours of horses.

Look for the group on Facebook to get more details on the barbecue.

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Ted Cobb



Cobb, of Athens, Ga., died Sept. 22, 2011, at the Rest Haven Funeral Home. He was preceded in death by his wife, Dr. Kyle Cobb, who died in 1970. He is survived by his daughter, Donna, and his son, Tommy. He was a member of the Rockwall Baptist Church and the Rockwall Lions Club. He was a member of the Rockwall Baptist Church and the Rockwall Lions Club. He was a member of the Rockwall Baptist Church and the Rockwall Lions Club.

She was preceded in death by her husband, John W. Cobb, in 1970; four brothers; and five sisters.

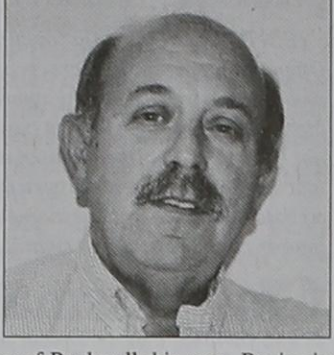
Pallbearers were Bobby Dicky, Bruce Robison, Charles Willett, Dennis Pollock, Dorman Yancy and J.D. Savage.

Honorary pallbearers were Glen Hutchinson and Joe Smith.

The family has suggested that in lieu of floral arrangements donations may be made to the Senior Ministry at the First Baptist Church, 105 S. Carroll, Athens, TX 75751.

To sign the guest register or leave a message of condolence for the family, visit carroll-lehr.com.

David Hummel



Services for David Hummel, 67, of Rockwall will be conducted at 10 a.m. Sept. 24, 2011, in the Ware Funeral Home in Chillicothe, Ohio. Burial will follow in the Grandview Cemetery in Chillicothe. He died Sept. 18.

Born Oct. 9, 1943, in Chillicothe to Francis Xavier and Bernice (Mansfield) Hummel, he was owner of the Pak-n-Post in Rockwall for the past 25 years. A member of Holy Trinity by the Lake Episcopal Church, he also was a member of the Rockwall Lions Club.

Survivors include his wife, Lynn Sherman of Rockwall; his sons, Benjamin Hummel, and his wife, Cassidy, of Dallas and Jonathan Hummel and his wife, Laura, of Hillard, Ohio; and his grandchildren, Alexis, Wyatt, Houston, Ford, Kati, Ashley and Zachary Hummel.

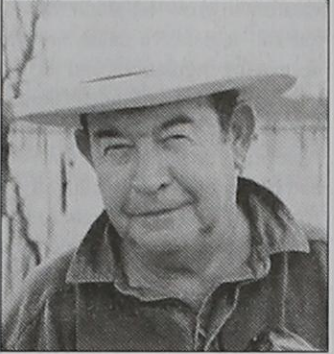
He was preceded in death by his parents and his brother.

Alana Claire Hunt

Services for Alana Claire Hunt will be conducted at 10 a.m. Sept. 19, 2011, in the Rest Haven Memorial Park with Pastor Barney Huie officiating. The Rest Haven Funeral Home-Rockwall Chapel is in charge of arrangements. She died Sept. 16.

Survivors include her parents, Wes and Valen Hunt, and her sisters, Hailey Danielle and Layla Grace Hunt, all of Rockwall; her grandparents, Marcia Sharp, Daniel Sharp III and his wife, Holly, Susan Coplin and her husband, Tommy, and Robert L. Hunt and his wife, Ara; her great-grandparents, Aida Vassallo, Daniel and Debbie Sharp, Rose Sharp, Robert and Mary Hunt and David and Barbara Koegl; her great-great-grandmother, Ethel Hunt; and a host of aunts, uncles and cousins.

Grady Stowe



Services for Grady Stowe, 80, of Dallas will be conducted at 2 p.m. Sept. 24, 2011, in the Rest Haven Funeral Home-Rockwall Chapel with Pastor Rick Donaho officiating. Burial will follow in the Rest Haven Memorial Park.

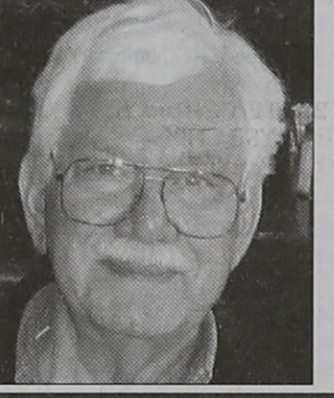
The family will receive friends from noon to 2 p.m. prior to the services. He died Sept. 14.

Born Jan. 27, 1931, in Tacoa, Ga., to Refus and Odel (Mulkey) Stowe, he served in the U.S. Marine Corps in Korea and worked as a senior vice president for a defense contractor. He was a Baptist.

Survivors include his wife, Buena (Sullens) Stowe of Dallas; his sons, Mark Stowe and his wife, Frances, of Dallas and Zachary Stowe and his wife, Michelle, of Little Rock, Ark.; his sister, Barbara Stowe, of Phoenix City, Ala.; and his grandchildren, Tami, Zeke, Nick and Taylor Stowe.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Michael Williams



Services for Michael Williams, 72, of Rockwall, previously a longtime resident of Teague, will be conducted at 10 a.m. Sept. 19, 2011, in the First United Methodist Church, 1200 E. Yellow Jacket Lane, in Rockwall with Dr. Joe Pool officiating. Burial will be at 3 p.m. in the Greenwood Cemetery in Teague under

the direction of the Rest Haven Funeral Home-Rockwall Chapel. He died Sept. 16.

Born July 4, 1939, in Rogers to John Elbert and Delma (McDaniel) Williams, he graduated from the University of Texas with bachelor's and master's degrees in music. He started his career as director of the Groesbeck Goats High School marching band. He retired from the Mexia State School as director of adult education and later retired from the Teague Independent School District as a special education teacher.

He served as the choir director in both Groesbeck and Teague First United Methodist Churches and later attended the First United Methodist Church in Rockwall where he sang in the choir and was a member of the J.E. Wilson Sunday School Class. He was a member of the Lions Club and a volunteer firefighter in Teague. He married Donna Allison on Aug. 5, 1968, in Groesbeck.

Survivors include his wife; a daughter, Jocey McCoy, and her husband, Jeff, of Prosper; a son, Lindsey Williams, and his wife, Pamela, of Rockwall; his sisters, Pat Williams of Garland, Jonne Ruth Neal of Crowley and Iris Williams of Rowlett; his brothers, John Williams of Mt. Pleasant, Jim Williams of Mt. Vernon, Texas, and Bob Williams of Valdesta, Ga.; his grandchildren, Anne, Allison and Michael Cooke, Justin, Kaitlyn and Taylor McCoy and Devin, Madeline and Olivia Williams; one great-grandchild, Noah Cooke; and a cousin, James Franklin, and his wife, Doris.

He was preceded in death by his first wife, Marion Williams, in 1964; a daughter, Melissa Cooke, in 1995; and both parents.

The family has suggested memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society, P.O. Box 560089, Dallas, TX 75356-0089 or at cancer.org or to the First United Methodist Church Choir Program of Rockwall.

Rockwall Police Blotter

Sept. 13-19

- Sept. 13**
Assault, 800 block N. Alamo Road, 11:15 a.m.
- Sept. 14**
Theft, 1000 block Hidden Lakes Way, 5:15 p.m.
Theft, 300 block Williams St., 8 a.m.
Theft, 1200 block Horizon Road, 5 p.m.
Burglary Motor Vehicle, 900 block I-30, 11:45 a.m.
- Sept. 15**
Assault, 200 block Lake Meadows Dr., 10:29 p.m.
Assault, 100 block Summerhill Dr., 8:36 p.m.
Possession Marijuana, 2800 block Trailview Dr., 12:11 a.m.
Theft, 2000 block South Goliad, 10:57 a.m.
Theft, 900 block West Yellow Jacket Lane, 3:15 p.m.
Burglary Motor Vehicle, 900 block I-30, 11:30 a.m.
Burglary Motor Vehicle, 2900 block Oak Dr., 4 p.m.
Burglary Habitation, 800 block Turquoise Point, 5:30 p.m.
- Sept. 16**
Assault, 2900 block South Goliad St., 7:35 p.m.
Theft, 700 block East I-30, 7:57 p.m.
Theft, 2500 block Horizon Road, 12:15 p.m.
Theft, 1000 block West Ralph Hall Pkwy., 9 p.m.
- Sept. 17**
Assault, 1 block Indian Trail, 11:10 p.m.
Possession Marijuana, Ralph Hall Pkwy/Mims Rd, 8:33 p.m.
Possession Marijuana, 800 block Steger Towne Dr., 2 a.m.
- Sept. 18**
Burglary Motor Vehicle, 500 block I-30, 7 p.m.
- Sept. 19**
Burglary of Building, 700 block Featherstone, 1:24 a.m.

Despite rain, burn ban remains in effect

The burn ban for Rockwall County remains in effect despite recent rains, according to a news release issued earlier this week by the sheriff's office. "Small amounts of rain... have not alleviated the drought, and the soil is still very dry," the release states. "According to NOAA, 15 (inches) to 18 inches of rain would be needed in one month to end the drought." To end the drought in six months, the area would need 24 inches to 28 inches of rainfall over that time period, according to the release. "Dry soil, low humidity and high winds increase the risk of wildfire," the release states. "Please refrain from burning or welding outdoors and please do not toss cigarette butts out." For more details on fire risk or tips on how to prevent wildfires visit the Texas Forestry Service website at txforests.tamu.edu/main/article.aspx?id=8512.

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NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING
Royse City Independent School District will hold a Public Meeting - Hearing At 6:00 PM, October 17, 2011
The district's regularly scheduled monthly board meeting Ernest Epps Education Service Center - Boardroom 110 Old Greenville Road, Royse City, Texas
The purpose of the Public Hearing will be public presentation and discussion of the District's FIRST rating (Financial Integrity System of Texas), on the State's Financial Accountability System.

NOTICE OF HEARING ON THE PROPOSED ANNUAL COMPENSATION FOR THE ASSISTANT AUDITORS FOR THE OFFICE OF COUNTY AUDITOR
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COUNTY OF ROCKWALL
Notice is hereby given that the District Judges of the 382nd and 389th Judicial District Courts of Rockwall County, Texas, will conduct a public hearing at 8:00 a.m. on the 4th day of October 2011, in the 382nd District Courtroom located in the Rockwall County Government Center at 1100 Ridge Road in Rockwall, Texas.
The purpose of this public hearing is:
1. To receive public comment on the proposed annual compensation for the Assistant Auditors for the Office of County Auditor for the budget year ending September 30, 2012.
2. To set the annual compensation for the Assistant Auditors for the Office of County Auditor for the budget year ending September 30, 2012.
Written comments received prior to the public hearing will become part of the hearing record. The public is invited to attend and make comment.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS ROCKWALL INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT'S School Financial Accountability Rating
Rockwall Independent School District will hold a public meeting at 7:30 p.m., October 17, 2011 in Room 600 RISD Administration/Education Center 1050 Williams Street Rockwall, Texas
The purpose of this meeting is to discuss Rockwall Independent School District's rating on the state's financial accountability system (FIRST).

This Week in Heath

A Rockwall County News Exclusively

Local Editor for National Magazine Finalizing First Novel

by Darcy Rocha

Heath is full of local talent, and Jenny Timberlake Bellamy is certainly no exception.

With a full load of writing and editing while caring for her two young children, she manages to do it all with passion. I recently spoke with the author about her current project -- her first complete novel.

The book, tentatively titled "Capacity," is a work of fiction that she began writing when she moved to Heath two years ago.

"The novel is an epic family saga that spans one hundred years about one man's choice and the consequences that trickled down and moved through the lives of four generations of women he left behind," said Bellamy.

The actual writing of the book is only half the work, according to Bellamy. The remainder is the editing, revising and tightening of the story that can be a long, painstaking process, which is where she currently is with "Capacity." With a focused schedule of writing in between baby duties and school pick-up times, Bellamy plans to be able to conclude all re-writes by November. The manuscript is currently under submission with a literary agent in New York.

Bellamy is also the chief editor of The DIRT magazine, an online publication dedicated to informing and educating the public on all aspects of organic gardening and living. The magazine is a publication of DFW's own "Dirt Doctor" Howard Garrett. Garrett is an expert and leader in the organic movement and is an author, Dallas Morning News columnist and nationally syndicated radio talk show host.

"The DFW area has the largest organic marketplace per capita in the US," said Bellamy. "It's exciting to have worked with Howard for the past nine years and see the positive influence he's had on the mainstream acceptance of organics."

As chief editor, Bellamy has a wide array of responsibilities including writing, seeking out contributors and staying abreast of all issues related to the environment and organics. The nature of The DIRT magazine requires her to research and report on all relevant topics, scouring the news each morning before the sun is even up.

She originally met Garrett while working at the Dallas Arboretum. She has been working with him on The DIRT since it was a monthly static print publication and has helped it evolve into a modern, green, web-only source of daily information on organic, natural and green living.

For Bellamy, organic gardening and living come second nature because those values were a mainstay in her childhood home. "I grew up on the apron string of my mother who taught my sisters and I about organic gardening. It was all I knew," said Bellamy.

Still today, she nurtures her own organic garden and is passing on her love of natural living to her children.

A native Texan, Bellamy is originally from East Dallas and a graduate of Stephen F. Austin State University. For information about The DIRT, visit dirtdoctor.com. Further information about "Capacity" will be released when the novel is slated for publication.

Darcy Rocha is the Heath community correspondent to the Rockwall County News. To share your news and events about Heath, email her at rcn.darcyrocha@gmail.com or call (214) 771-1035.



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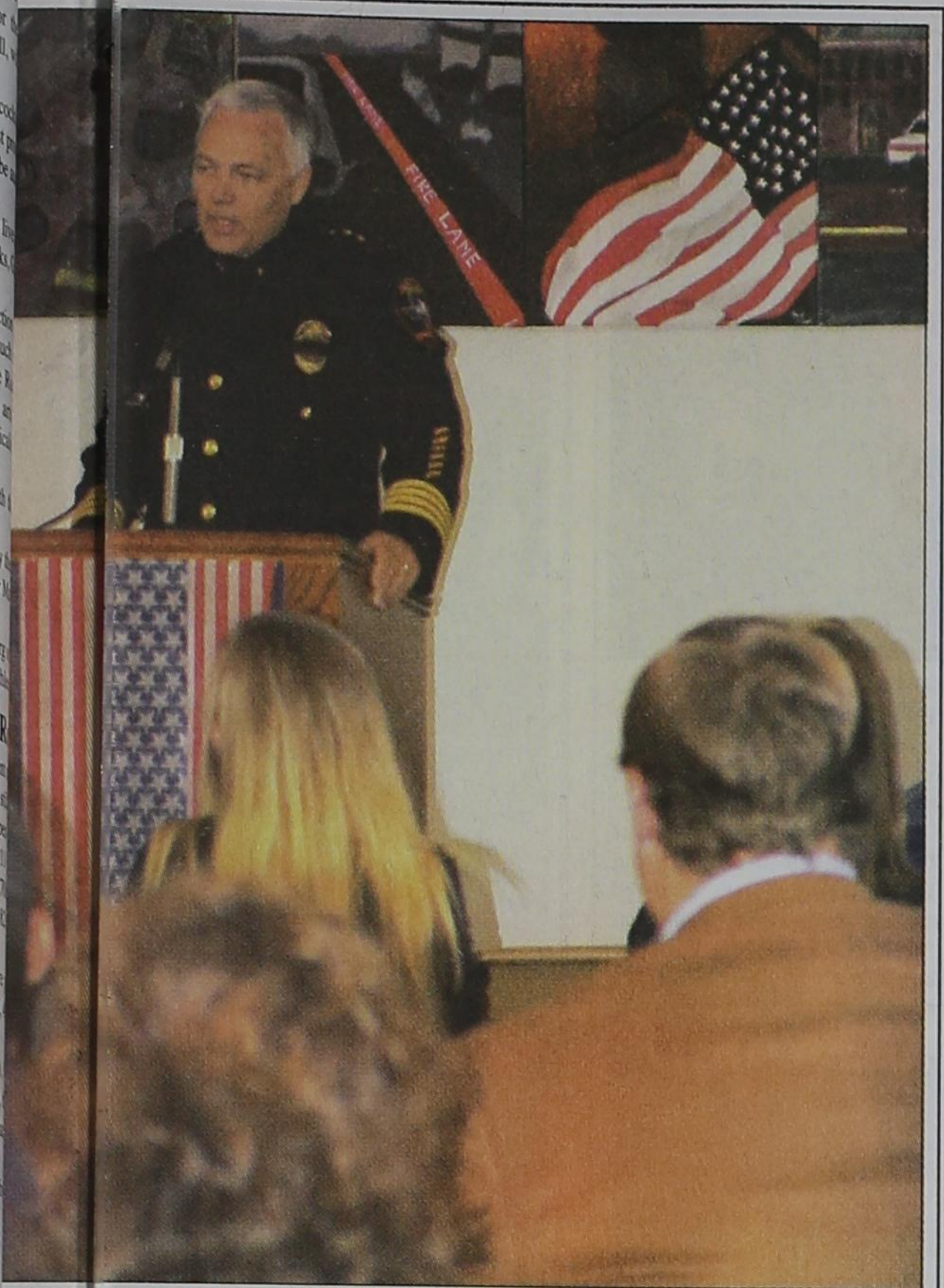
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The Department of Public Safety recently hosted a ceremony commemorating the 10-year anniversary of the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks. Pictured is the department's director, Chief Terry reading the names of the 411 firefighters who sacrificed their lives that day. Photo/Rockwall County News

Home coming events detailed

Week for Rockwall-Heath High will run Oct. 3-8.

It kicks off Oct. 3 with a 5:30 p.m. parade, followed by a 6:30 p.m. cookout. Proceeds from the cookout will go to the HHS senior class.

The parade will be conducted at 7 p.m. Oct. 3, but because of the ongoing drought conditions in the area and the ban, the traditional fireworks show will not take place this year, according to information provided by the school.

The homecoming game against McKinney North is set for Oct. 7.

The homecoming dance will run from 8 p.m. to 11 p.m. in the school cafeteria.

Church at Heath begins fall season

The Methodist Church of Heath is beginning its fall schedule with new offerings of study and growth that will expand services to the community.

There are two regularly scheduled Sunday worship services -- 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. Childcare is provided at the church on the first and third Sundays of the month at the 11 a.m. service.

Religiously appropriate children's classes are offered in Christian education from 9:45 a.m. to 10:45 a.m. on the first and third Sundays. A children's choir program is forming for children in grades two through six. There are Sunday classes in Bible study to application instruction in Christian living. Special focus classes also are offered on the first and third Sundays of the year for more in-depth study.

Classes are offered weekly with Sunday morning study and Sunday evening informal activities for youths through the church. HATS programs meet on the first Wednesday of each month, and on Oct. 5 the group will meet at the Dallas Arboretum.

The women's Bible Study already is under way. The 10-week program began Sept. 14.

The men's Bible Study meets monthly on Saturday mornings.

The church choir meets from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. on Wednesdays for rehearsals. At 7 p.m. on the third Sunday of the month, the Literary Ladies meet to discuss the monthly book selection at Palio's.

The church also sponsors the Men of Honor program at 6 p.m. each Wednesday. The church organizes and sponsors walks for men and women, and church members participate in community activities throughout the year.

The church also offers the Stephen Ministry program training and caregiving.

For more information on any of these activities call the church office at 972-771-6732 or visit the church website at www.methodistchurchofheath.com. Information also is available at the church office from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. weekdays at 104 Smirl in Heath.

Work set for Habitat volunteers

The schedule for Sept. 24 Rockwall Habitat for Humanity volunteers will involve work on the lot and the building of a small retaining wall near the lot's driveway.

Tools and backhoes are needed for digging, moving stone and mixing cement, according to this week's news. The work needs to be done inside the house.

The work will be 8 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Volunteers needed for Home for the Holidays

Local businesses, for the second straight year, are teaming up to host the Home for the Holidays Helping Hands.

Any business or group can decorate a Christmas tree for the Festival of Trees auction; rent a booth for an end-of-year fair or help with the Gala. Volunteers also are needed for Breakfast with Santa, the annual toy drive, the Fair Market and Festival of Trees voting, as well as in other areas of the event.

Volunteers for the Nov. 5 fundraiser are representatives of several local businesses and organizations. Those already involved include the Rockwall Preschool Association, Aspians, AMICA, Rockwall-Heath PTA and the National Charity League.

For more information visit rockwallhomefortheholidays.com or contact event coordinator Melody Hail at 214-232-1111 or melody.hail@rcn.com.

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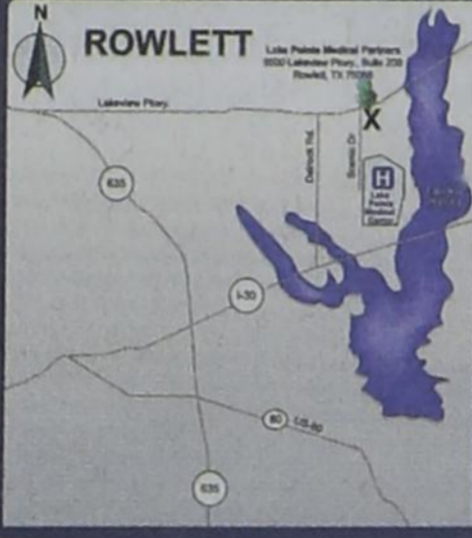
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The Friends of the Library opened their 2011-2012 year with a patriotic program, "Support Our Troops at Home and Abroad," by Linda Robinson, USO volunteer coordinator for the Dallas/Fort Worth area. She showed slides from the year she spent overseas establishing a USO presence in Iraq. The audience dressed in red, white and blue for the occasion. As part of the meeting, Kathy Melson also was presented a Life Time Achievement Award from Jerry McCulley by the North East Texas Library System. Pictured from the left are Darlene Bealmear, program co-chair; Robinson; and FOL president Kathleen Broze.

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Heritage Christian Academy high school students enjoyed a time of spiritual growth and bonding at the school's annual square dance conducted earlier this month at Sabine Creek Church. Students participated in worship sessions led by Tim McCallister with Bible studies focusing on discipleship. Square dances were led by HCA students and staff members. The weekend was HCA senior Abby Brodnax's second weekend of two nights participating in a variety of team-building exercises. A square dance, picture taking and a picnic were also conducted.

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Royse City Police Blotter

- Sept. 9-15**
- Friday, 9 Sept.: Minor in possession of tobacco, 700 block Bulldog Boulevard; Disorderly conduct, 2600 block I-30 NSR; Possession of drug paraphernalia, Corner of I-30 SSR and Hawthorne Court
 - Saturday, 10 Sept.: Driving while intoxicated arrest, I-30 at the 74 mile marker; Criminal mischief, 400 block W. Gail Lane; Driving while license invalid arrest, I-30 at the 77 mile marker; Possession of marijuana arrest, 900 block E. I-30 NSR; Accident, Area of Circle Lane
 - Sunday, 11 Sept.: Driving while license invalid arrest, Corner of I-30 NSR and College Avenue; Assault, 500 block Rustic Grove Lane; Noise disturbance, 300 block N. Houston Street; Suspicious vehicle, 700 block Bulldog Boulevard
 - Monday, 12 Sept.: Assault, 1300 block Tacoma Street
 - Tuesday, 13 Sept.: Assault, 400 block Hackberry Drive
 - Wednesday, 14 Sept.: Alarm, 100 block W. Main Street
 - Thursday, 15 Sept.: Rockwall County warrant arrest, I-30 at the 77 mile marker; Possession of marijuana arrests, 3000 block Taylor Drive

Vendor spaces still available for Funfest

Vendor spaces remain available for the Royse City Chamber of Commerce's Funfest event, set for Oct. 15. This year marks the 22nd year of Funfest, which is scheduled to include a full day of activities for all members of the family. The event will open at 10 a.m. and run until 5 p.m. For more details, contact the chamber at info@roysecitychamber.com; visit roysecitychamber.com; or call 972-636-5000.

Low-cost animal services offered at Oct. 1

Rockwall Animal Services will host a low-cost show from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. Oct. 1 at the Rockwall Animal Services Airport Road. A veterinarian will administer the shots. All dogs must be on a leash and all cats in carriers. Rabies shots will cost \$9 for a one-year shot and \$24 for a three-year shot. All other basic shots for dogs will be \$9 each. Leptospirosis shots for dogs will cost \$12 for one year and \$24 for three years. FVRCP shots for cats will cost \$12 for one year and \$24 for three years. Leukemia shots will cost \$18. Microchipping, an advanced pet identification and tracking device, will be available for \$20 while supplies last. City of Rockwall animal registrations also will be available. For each spayed or neutered dog or cat the registration and \$15 for three years. The fee for dogs or cats not spayed or neutered the fee will be \$30/\$30. Pet owners from outside the Rockwall city limits are welcome. For more information call Rockwall Animal Services at 972-771-7750.

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Lady Jackets challenge top ranked RHHS Lady Hawks

By Lary Bump

Rockwall was clearly the underdog going into Tuesday night's match against Rockwall-Heath, Texas' seventh-ranked 4A team. However, the Lady Jackets were the ones jumping to a 7-2 lead at home.

It took the Lady Hawks until 19-18 before they finally took the lead, and they went on to win that first game 25-22. Their dominance continued into the second game, when they rolled to a 22-9 lead en route to an eventual 25-22, 25-16, 25-21 victory.

A closer look shows that while the result goes down as a three-game win, aside from that one dominant stretch, RHS played the Lady Hawks even. Better than even actually. Outside the 40-19 run that took Rockwall-Heath from a 12-7 deficit to a first-game win and a 22-9 lead in the second, the Lady Jackets had a 40-35 advantage.

"I felt like we competed tonight," said Lady Jackets head coach Damon Wilson. "It takes a more consistent performance to beat a team like Heath. I really felt the kids fought hard. Heath was just more consistent, and they're very good."

"The thing about playing Heath is what if we did win Game 1. They might have another gear so they could still beat us. Regina (Tillis) has another gear too."

Sophomore Tillis is the Lady Hawks' top performer, but she's hardly the

only star on that team.

Wilson said, "Their servers (including Tillis) put a lot of pressure on us. We really passed well but tonight we had a below-average hitting average. Heath had a lot to do with that."

In addition to the attack led by Tillis, RHHS has a strong defense. The Lady Jackets' defense gave the Lady Hawks difficulty, too. Wilson said, "(Libero) Allie Cecil had a really good night. Madison Roof did a good job chasing down balls. She's lightning-quick."

Cecil led Rockwall with 13 digs. Ashlynn Broussard had her usual good all-around performance - 10 digs and team highs of seven kills and four aces. Becca Floyd set up the Lady Jackets' hitters with 17 assists.

Since winning their first two District 10-4A matches this season, the Lady Jackets (18-15 overall) have lost to the district's two undefeated teams - Richardson Pearce and Rockwall-Heath, both ranked among Texas' top 10 4A teams.

The schedule won't get much easier for Friday's Homecoming match against Highland Park. The Lady Scots are just 2-2 in the district but ranked 17th in the state.

Wilson said, "We're trying just to play really good volleyball. Our district is so competitive we can't look ahead. It's a fun district. We got a feel for it the first. Hopefully, now we're wizeden to the whole competitive nature."



(8) keeps the ball alive for the Rockwall Lady Jackets in their match against the Lady Hawks of Heath. Also participating are Rebecca Floyd (2) and Jacqueline Ulmann



Heritage Christian Academy Eagles vs. Fruitvale

Evann Pettit (4) carries the ball after a catch for a gain of over 40 yards for Heritage Christian Eagles during last Friday's game against Fruitvale in Rockwall. (See details on Page 11)

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Lady Jackets keep going with high-scoring Scots?

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proved to 1-2 with a 21-10 victory at Royse City Sept. 9. The Jackets were off last week. HP proved to be among Texas' 4A teams) also last played Sept. 9, with a 56-14 win at home over Sherman. The teams have met frequently, but sporadically, over the last 80 years or so. This is the fourth consecutive time the Jackets and Scots have faced off in District 10-4A. Highland Park has won each of the last three games. The Jackets were high-scoring and relatively close. HP's scoring margin in those games has been 149-111. The Scots have won six in a row over Rockwall since RHS' 29-21 victory in 1994.

Head coach Scott Smith said there are no new injuries, but linebackers Garrett Fikes and Jack Tarter to remain out for the season and wide receiver/defensive backs Cooper Stephens and Brock Tarter to remain out. The question will be whether a Rockwall offense that has totaled 48 points in three games can keep up with the Scots' high-powered attack that has outscored opponents 150-49.

completing more than 75 per cent of his passes, throwing for 768 yards and 11 touchdowns. He hurt the Jackets last season, has caught 20 for 255 yards and three scores but isn't even the best. William Morris has grabbed 22 passes for 298 yards and six TDs. Preston Miller has gained 100 yards and scored six times in just 32 carries.

find a big offensive line featuring 260-pound left tackle Tanner Stone, who has committed to Duke.

ensively, they play man-to-man in the back end and get to the ball extremely well. They're not going to be able to keep them off balance."

ive production has been far more modest. Quarterback Wesley Davis has completed 62 per cent of his passes for 299 yards and two touchdowns.

(with two interceptions), Jack Tarter is the leading rusher with 14 catches for 144 yards and three touchdowns. He has been the team's leading scorer with 14 catches for 144 yards and three touchdowns. He has kicked three field goals.

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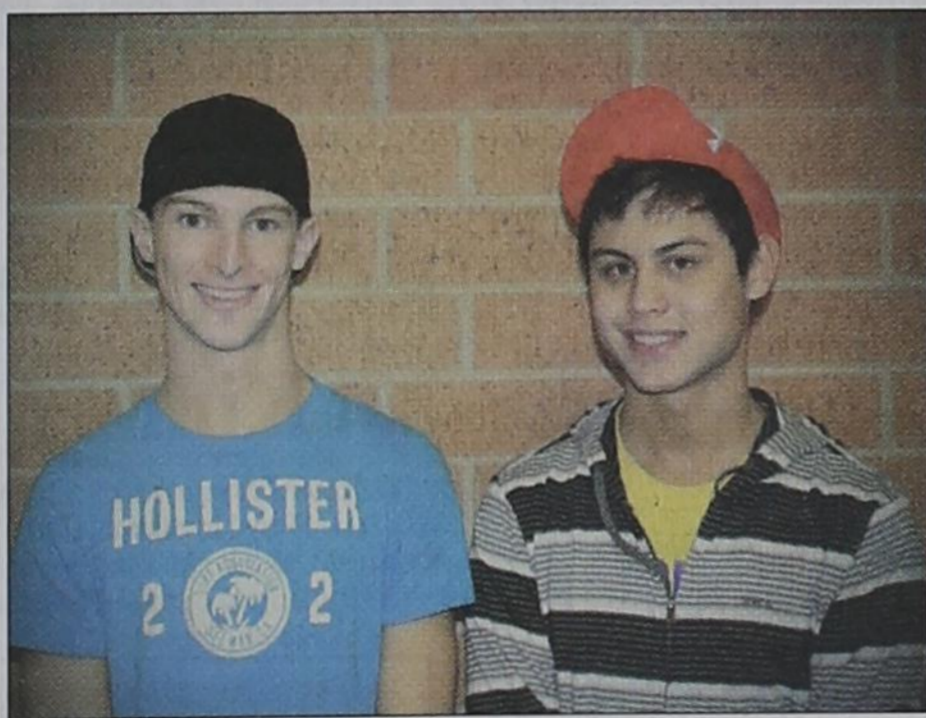
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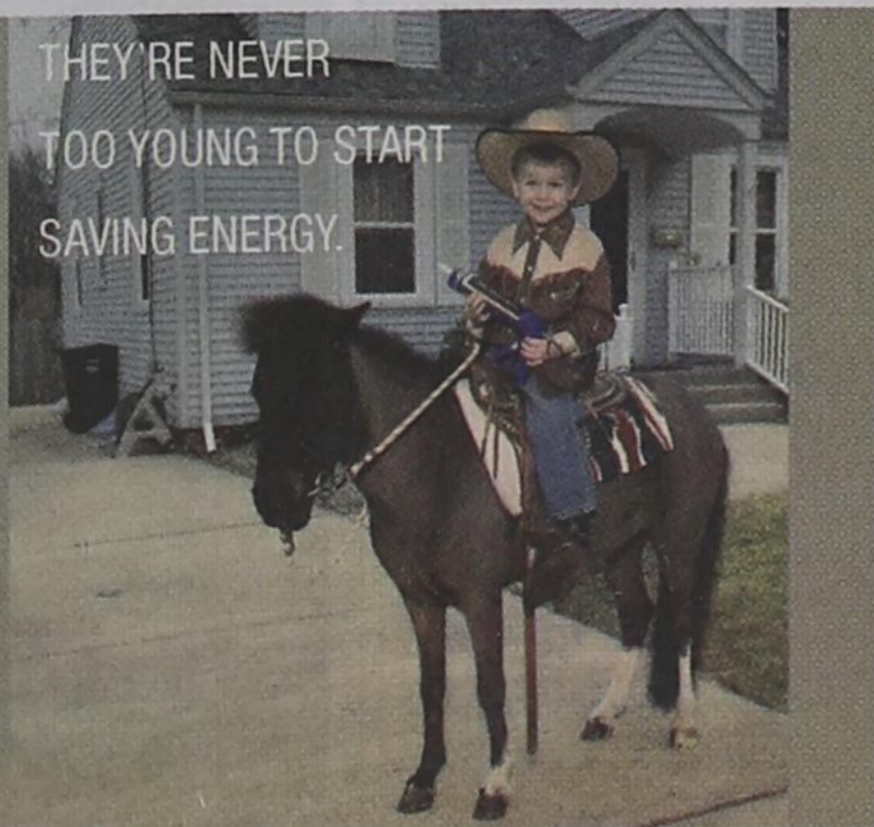
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Rockwall Water Polo players Recognized for Academic All American status are (left to right) Luke Phillips and Nathan Eldridge, both from Rockwall High School. Not pictured is Morgan Madrid, who is currently enrolled in Colorado State University.

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Bulldogs' Jake Horbacz (81) catches a screen pass during the opening drive last Friday night against Frisco Liberty. Offensive linemen blocking in the play are Chase Edwards (62) and Nic Gillis (72).
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Bulldogs 'limping' into Texarkana game

Who: Royle City Bulldogs vs. Texarkana Texas Tigers
Where: RCISD Stadium
When: 7:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 23
Records: Royle City is 0-4, but has been coming closer to winning almost every week. The Bulldogs battled unbeaten Frisco Liberty before falling 29-17 on a rainy Friday, Sept. 16, at Frisco ISD Memorial Stadium. Texas High is 2-2 after losing 36-0 on the same night against visiting Bentonville, Ark.
History: The teams met for the first time last season when they became District 13-4A rivals. RC lost the 2010 game 56-0 in Texarkana.
Injuries: It would almost be easier to list who isn't injured for Royle City. Head coach Greg Strahm said 14 of the Bulldogs' 22 starters have some type of injury. The most critical position is running back. "We cannot get healthy at that spot," Strahm said.

What to expect: Texas High was coming off a 30-7 loss to Bentonville before last year's district opener against the Bulldogs, so the visitors shouldn't be discouraged coming off of last week's game. The 2 1/2-hour bus ride could be a bigger obstacle for the Tigers.

Trey Rush led them against Bentonville, Arkansas' top-ranked team, by catching nine passes for 63 yards. Left tackle John Michael McGee, a 260-pounder, has committed to play at the University of Oklahoma.

Strahm said, "They're a typical East Texas team. They have a lot of speed. They rally to the ball well. They're going to be athletic and really physical. They're balanced. They establish the run first. They establish the run first. They use their athletic ability and try to outrun you to get on the edge. They have a play-action series that gives them a nice passing game."

The Tigers are going up against a Royle City defense that allowed 107 points in its first two games, but just 50 in the last two. Neither team in Friday's game has a high-powered offense; Texas has scored 79 points and RC 59 through four games.

"We're kind of limping into this one," Strahm said. "We have to overcome a lot of adversity. People need to step up in spots where they wouldn't normally play."

"Hopefully, they'll make some mistakes and we can take advantage of them."

Falcons fly high following fast start

by Lary Bump

The scouting report The Fulton School head coach Josh Johnson received for Saturday's game said, "If you can get in those guys' heads in the first 3 or 4 minutes, you can beat them."

Thus, Johnson said, "Three touchdowns was our goal" for those opening minutes.

The Falcons did just that, jumping on Bloomburg, for three touchdowns and a 24-0 lead just 3 1/2 minutes into the game. That might have been "in those guys' heads." In any event, Fulton ran to a 66-6 victory at Texarkana Pleasant Grove's Hawk Stadium.

For the third consecutive week, the Falcons (4-0) ended their game at halftime under six-man football's 45-point mercy rule. In fact, they came within an extra point of a 45-point lead in the first quarter, which ended with the score 44-0.

A long pass to Terrence Kennell brought the third touchdown 3 1/2 minutes in. Later in the quarter, Hayden Leverett scored on a 49-pass and a 35-yard run, and Todd Treadway ran 8 yards for a TD after Fulton recovered a Wildcats fumble. Tanner Treadway kicked three conversions, ran for another and passed to Ryan Stockton for still another — all in the first quarter!

Bloomberg's only score came on a 39-yard touchdown pass 35 seconds into the second quarter. Matt Hensley got behind the Falcons' Jasten Reese, juggled the ball and recovered in time to beat Reese to the end zone.

Johnson said, "Our focus was to shut down number 11 (Hensley). He got a touchdown on that tipped ball. Other than that I think they had negative yardage."

Unofficial statistics showed Bloomberg with 48 passing yards and negative-65 rushing.

After the Wildcats' touchdown, the Falcons scored on touchdown runs by Anthony Aaron (40 yards), Leverett (10) and Tanner Treadway (1), as well as a safety and another 2-point conversion kick by Treadway.

Fulton played most of the game with freshman Brenden Williams at quarterback in place of the injured Qwe-terrious Conley.

The Falcons have become a little bigger. Junior lineman Taylor Zachary, who played freshman football at Rockwall-Heath 2 years ago, joined the team. He adds another physical presence to go with Kennell and Reed Stockton. "Kids are scared to hit those guys," Johnson said.

A victory in Friday's homecoming game against Arlington High Point Preparatory Academy would tie Fulton's record for wins in a season.

	1st	2nd	Final
Fulton	44	22	66
Bloomberg	0	6	6

Fulton faces toughest test from High Point

Who: The Fulton School Falcons vs. Arlington High Point Preparatory Academy Screamin' Eagles

Where: Rockwall-Heath High School

When: 7:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 23

Records: Fulton (4-0) flattened host Bloomburg 66-6 Saturday, Sept. 17, at Texarkana Pleasant Grove. It was the third consecutive week that the game ended at halftime under six-man football's 45-point mercy rule. High-scoring High Point (3-1) played in rain the night before, and turned the ball over five times while being held to a 14-6 victory at home against Watauga Harvest Christian. Sixmanfootball.com has ranked Fulton 13th among the state's TAPPS II teams and the Screamin' Eagles second in TCAF — behind Lucas Christian, the only team to defeat High Point this season.
History: There is no record of any games between these teams.

Injuries: Falcons head coach Josh Johnson said quarterback Qwe-terrious Conley, who played sparingly against Bloomburg, is ready to start Friday's game.

What to expect: The game could boil down to physical play by the Screamin' Eagles' aggressive defense against the faster Falcons.

"They're the best team we'll face all year," Johnson said. "If we get into the postseason and have success, we wouldn't face a team this physical until the second or third round."

"Their defensive coordinator and I coached at (Fort Worth) Glenview in '09. He's really aggressive on defense. When they played Lucas, they rushed four guys. But we're not going to let them dictate how we play football. We'll throw the ball a little bit and continue to run. We feel their weaker players are on defense. They can't match us speed-wise."

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No moral victory in Bulldogs' struggle vs. Liberty

Royle City's football game against Frisco Liberty Friday night was a waiting for.

The Bulldogs, winless in 2011, were decided underdog (15-1 over the last two seasons). But just as they did last year, they put up a strong fight before losing to the Redhawks 29-17 at Frisco Memorial Stadium.

In a game delayed by lightning, RC led 7-0 after the Bulldogs pulled to within 20-17 going into the final period before Liberty pulled away.

"I thought, against a real quality team that Frisco Liberty was very proud of our effort. We were disappointed with the scoreboard, but we did fight through some things," said head coach Greg Strahm.

The Bulldogs (0-4) recovered three Liberty fumbles. Frisco's 'Hawks' 28 yard line, set up Wes Brookshire's 24-yard touchdown. Michael Webb that put Royle City ahead early.

Strahm said, "We saw improvement. Our defense is a little bit more. In games in the past when they got in the end zone, we would punch it in. We were able to make some crucial plays back to where field goals were missed."

Brookshire also ran 7 yards for a third-quarter TD after he kicked a 36-yard field goal, his fifth this season. That brought the Bulldogs within 20-17 entering the fourth quarter. Then Liberty scored on Zach Smith's third touchdown run of the night and a safety.

Brookshire completed 13 of 28 passes for 149 yards, with Michael Webb was RC's leading receiver with six catches for 81 yards. Webb picked up just seven yards in 33 carries.

"Injuries at running back are still an issue," Strahm said, "showing that we're unable to run the ball."

In 2010, a 10-point win over Royle City was the Bulldogs' smallest margin of victory. Their first two games this year were won by 21 and 52 points.

That was no consolation to Strahm. He said, "I might have used up all my moral victory last year. It would be OK if we were at full strength, but we're not. We don't have any season-ending injuries, but we have had injuries and some kids who will be out."

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
RCHS	7	0	10	0	17
Liberty	0	14	6	9	29

RCHS — Michael Webb 24 pass from Wes Brookshire (kick)

Liberty — Zach Smith 1 run (J.B. McBride kick)

Liberty — Zach Smith 2 run (McBride kick)

RCHS — Pollock 36 FG

Liberty — Jeremy Embry 34 pass from Smith (pass failed)

RCHS — Brookshire 7 run (Pollock kick)

Liberty — Smith 48 run (McBride kick)

Liberty — Safety, RCHS penalty in end zone

Individual statistics

Passing — RCHS: Wes Brookshire 13-28-1-150; Liberty: 25-0-139.

Receiving — RCHS: Michael Webb 6-81, Jake Horbacz 1-17 Jared Tumbleton 1-6; Liberty — Jeremy Embry 1-17, James Ortega 1-25, Seth Guthrie 1-8, Aaron Johnson 4-47, Damion Foster 3-8, Sean Wilson 1-1, J.R. Arnold 1-15, Team 4-minus 33; Liberty: Zach Smith 13-52, Aaron Embry 2-minus 3.

Lady Bulldogs unbeaten in district

Royle City continued its domination of District 13-4A, sweeping two more matches in the last week.

The Lady Bulldogs (24-7 overall, 4-0 in the district) defeated Springs Friday 25-15, 25-11, 25-15 and were even better Tuesday 15, 25-13, 25-11 decision over Sherman. RC hasn't allowed more than 20 points in a game while sweeping the nine games most recent matches.

RC girls 12th in McKinney cross country

The Royle City girls took 12th place by totaling 117 points at the McKinney Boyd Invitational cross country meet at Myers Park in 5A Allen was the girls' champion.

The Bulldogs' boys finished 13rd in the event.



Heritage Christian Lady Eagles Junior Hailee Johnson (13) strikes the ball into Rockwall Christian territory as setter Anna LeTourneau (7) is ready to assist. At back is Anabel Burke.
Photo by Bob Woodfin/Rockwall County News



Rockwall Christian Lady Warriors' Allison Steffen (8) defends against a strike from Heritage Christian's Anna LeTourneau (7). Also assisting is Lady Eagles' Taylor Powers (11).
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Eagles defense picks up as HCA wins

Academy improved to 2-2 with a 40-22 win over 16, at Hobart Wisdom Field. Eagles' defense held Fruitvale to 5 passing yards, yards through the air in a loss at Abilene Christian

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
Fruitvale	8	6	0	8	22
HCA	16	8	8	8	40

Fruitvale - Gustavo Servin 7 run (kick)
HCA - Quincy Terrell 25 run (kick)
HCA - Garrett Blankenship 31 pass from Terrell (kick)
Fruitvale - Servin 1 run (kick blocked)
HCA - Caleb Cathey 12 run (kick)
HCA - Cathey 5 run (kick)
HCA - Cathey 5 run (kick)
Fruitvale - Servin 7 run (kick)

Fruitvale		HCA	
1st downs	7	6	
Rushes-yds.	37-207	31-137	
Comp-Att-Int	2-6-0	7-13-0	
Passing yds.	5	130	
Total yds.	212	267	
Punts-avg.	2-8.0	0-0.0	
Penalties-yds.	4-45	1-10	
Fumbles-Lost	5-2	4-1	

Individual statistics
Passing - Fruitvale: Dustin Earl 2-6-0-5; HCA: Quincy Terrell 7-13-0-130.
Receiving - Fruitvale: Gustavo Servin 1-5; HCA: Evan Pettit 3-71, Garrett Blankenship 1-31, Andrew Wood 2-16.
Rushing - Fruitvale: Gustavo Servin 30-204, Cody Harman 4-22; HCA: Caleb Cathey 13-76, Quincy Terrell 10-49.

Lady Eagles start strong in title defense

By Lary Bump
The best part about winning a district title with a sophomore-laden team is that you'll have a chance to win two more championships with the same players.

That appears to be the case for the Heritage Christian Academy volleyball team, which has picked up where it left off last year.

HCA remained undefeated in the district with a 25-13, 25-17, 25-9 victory over Rockwall Christian Academy Thursday, Sept. 15, at the RISE. The next day, the Lady Eagles won again - over Sherman Texoma Christian 25-18, 25-21, 25-13 in a non-district match.

Against RCA, unofficial statistics showed six different Lady Eagles with kills. Two of those were by one of the juniors, Anna LeTourneau, who also assisted on most of the other kills.

"Anna can jump pretty high, and she's got a good swing," said HCA head coach Cathy Samford. Junior Hailee Johnson had three kills in the final game. She and Anabel Burke totaled four in the match.

Samford said, "Anabel was in the middle last year. Now she's on the outside, and she's been killing it. All of the juniors are a little bit better because of their experience. We have three jump-servers this year. Last year, they weren't doing that. They've always been working on it but they were not consistent enough with it."

Those serves have added power to the Lady Eagles' attack. Against the Lady Warriors, junior Cate Walker served for 10 points, including three aces in the third game. LeTourneau's nine points included four aces in the first game and one in third.

Another addition has been confidence. Samford said, "We're pretty confident. We've been playing big teams in tournaments. We have the potential to go further in the playoffs."

Last year's district champions from HCA lost at home in the first round of the playoffs to Denton Calvary Christian. This season, two of the Lady Eagles' non-district losses came against Calvary.

"They're pretty tough," Samford said. "They're kind of our rivals now. But we've been playing them point for point."

The next chance to play Calvary would be in the playoffs. Early indications are that Heritage Christian will be at least a high seed, if not the champion, from their district.

Big non-district competition continues for HCA Eagles

Heritage Christian Academy Eagles vs. Oakwood Panthers
Hobart Wisdom Field
Friday, Sept. 23
The Panthers improved its record at 2-2 with a 40-22 home victory over Fruitvale Friday, Sept. 16. The Panthers had improved to 3-0 a week earlier by winning 65-56 at home over Milford. The Panthers are ranked 20th in sixmanfootball.com's rankings of TAPPS I teams; Oakwood is 20th in the listing of UIL

record that the teams have played against each other. The Panthers have reported. In three games compared to 108 in four Heritage Christian games. They share a common record which Oakwood picked off 88-41.

Oakwood's Jarius Russell threw two touchdown passes, caught one and ran for two more TDs. He was the Panthers' leading receiver with six catches for 116 yards, and Dez Buckaloo led their offense with 114 yards. The Panthers are expected to be another against a tough non-district foe for HCA. Sixmanfootball.com lists Oakwood as

RCA hopes to run down The Highlands

Heritage Christian Academy Warriors at Irving The Highlands School Blazers
Highlands Stadium
Friday, Sept. 23
The Blazers (0-4) haven't played since a 38-20 loss at Cumby Sept. 2. The Blazers (0-4) have played every week, at Carrollton Prince of Peace Christian Friday, Sept. 16. The Blazers have continued to play against each other even though they're no longer in the same district. The Blazers have won the series since 2005. The Warriors had won the four games during a forfeit in '06.

Head coach Caleb Palmer said he and wide receiver Colton Jones agreed that he wouldn't play soon after suffering a concussion in practice. Quarterback Taylor Corbin will play despite a concussion he sustained during the Cumby game. Wide receiver Austin Dean is expected to play despite a

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Junior Daniel Rorie, the team's leader in rushing and scoring last season, is moving back to running back after beginning this year at wide receiver. He'll be going against a rushing defense that allowed 388 yards last week in Carrollton.

Palmer said, "We've got to establish the run early. The big key will be how our offensive linemen get off the line against their big kids. They'll run a lot of four-man front against our Spread."

The coach believes Rorie also can provide a good passing target for Corbin while coming out of the backfield. The Warriors still are well stocked at wide receiver with Dean, Rashawn Brown, Caleb Bowers and Jonas Poland.

Palmer believes the two-week layoff gave Corbin, who transferred from Royse City during preseason practice, a chance to get "caught up on what we're doing. In the first game, we ran about eight different plays. Now we can open up our playbook."

The Irving school's offense has sputtered, scoring just 36 points in four games. RCA has 34 points in half as many games. Against Prince of Peace, Ricky Martinez ran for The Highlands' only touchdown, but Krittamook Kitrungronkul was the leading rusher with 19 carries for 108 yards. Diego Williams completed just 7 of 32 passes with two interceptions on a rainy night when each team had five turnovers.

Mini report: Brindock, Notre Dame on TV Sunday

Brindock fans who became used to seeing Maggie Brindock playing during her four years with the Rockwall-Heath Hawks, will have another chance to see her this weekend.

She leads the University of Notre Dame in assists, will be playing for the Irish in a Big East game on Sunday. The match will be televised nationally on ESPN beginning at noon CDT. Hey, she's playing on a big stage.

Brindock and one player from Rockwall-Heath played Saturday on one of the biggest stages in college football. Junior wide receiver Matt Tanner, who played at RHHS, caught the first touchdown pass in the game to help Midwestern State defeat Texas A&M-Commerce 63-17. Also for MSU, senior receiver from RHS had six tackles and a sack. Playing for Commerce was another former Yellowjackets

linebacker, Matt Claggett, who had seven tackles. Perhaps the most famous former Rockwall-Heath Hawk, junior Kendial Lawrence, was the starting tailback for Missouri when the season began. He is sidelined for an estimated 4 weeks because of a fractured fibula.

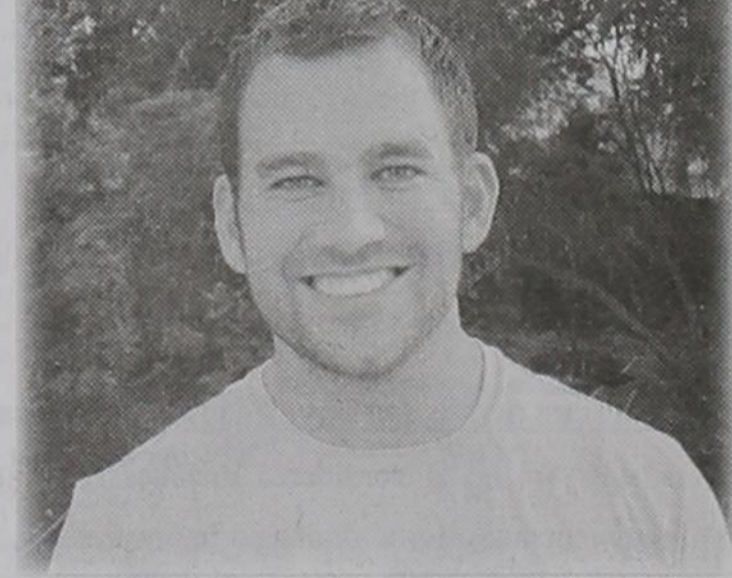
Lawrence's contemporary, Richard Morrison from Royse City, is playing as a slot receiver at Arizona. In three games, he has eight catches for 75 yards and a touchdown. Another former Rockwall athlete, Jessie Givens, has started four of seven games this season as a sophomore

midfielder at the University of Arkansas. The Rockwall County News will follow former Jackets, Hawks, Bulldogs, RCA Warriors, HCA Eagles and Fulton Falcons when they go on to play college sports. Please contact us and let us know if there's anyone you know about or would like to read about.

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Clenzie edges Taylor in sailing race

Clenzie sailed "Superman's Cape" to a narrow victory over Taylor in the A Fleet of Race 2 in the Fall Wednesday on Lake Tawakoni. Hubbard Sept. 14.

Following them were Jeff Greenwood, third in "August Blaze," and David Carter in "Geronimo" and Chris Hunke in "Swale," who tied for fourth.

In the B Fleet, Mike Jones was first in "Wings." Keelan Manuel finished second in "Joint Venture." In Race 2 of the Fall Sunday Afternoon Series Sept. 17, Dan Malak placed first in "Orion," with Roy Kuipers and "Three Sheets to the Wind" second.

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The race was a tactical battle between quarterback Caleb Herring, who led the offense with 114 yards and Hunter Degroot as a receiver for the offense.

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Sealed bids addressed to Mr. Chuck Todd, P.E., City Engineer, will be received at the office of the Purchasing Agent, 385 S. Goliad, City Hall, 1st Floor, until the hour of **3:00 PM, Friday, October 7, 2011**, for the following project:

SH-66 Sanitary Sewer Reconstruction by Pipe Burst

The project includes: the installation of approximately: Rehabilitation of 1171 LF of 6" Sanitary sewer with 8" HDPE by Pipe Burst; 6 Point Repairs; and miscellaneous items.

Bids shall be submitted in a sealed envelope externally marked- **SH-66 Sanitary Sewer Reconstruction by Pipe Burst**.

Bids will be opened and publicly read in the City Council Chambers at the Rockwall City Hall, 385 S. Goliad. No bids will be open or considered if received after the specified time.

Prequalification is not required. Completion time is **30 Calendar Days**. The City reserves the right to reject any and all bids, to waive any irregularities and/or to accept the bid or bids deemed best for the City.

A 5% Bid Bond is due with the bids. A Performance, Payment, and Maintenance Bond (2-year) is required for this project.

Contractors must conform to the Prevailing Wage Rates as established by the City of Rockwall.

Plans and specifications may be examined Rockwall Engineering Office located at the Rockwall City Hall, 385 S. Goliad, 1st Floor, Rockwall, Texas (Phone: (972) 771-7746, Fax: (972) 771-7748), and procured at the office of the Engineer, Burgess & Niple, 11117 Shady Trail, Dallas Texas, 75229, 972-620-1255, for a non-refundable cost of \$20.00, beginning, September 23, 2011. Only those Bids received from Contractors who have purchased the plans and specifications for this project from the office of the Engineer, Burgess & Niple and are listed on the Engineer's List Plan Holders, will be opened at the Bid Opening for consideration.

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Chandlers Deep Lift Station Improvements

The project includes furnishing and installing 178 LF welded steel fence, 170 SY 8-inch reinforced concrete driveway, bypass pumping, cleaning the existing wet well, removing and disposing of existing control panel, two submersible pumps, discharge piping, floats, and other appurtenances located inside the wet well and furnishing and installing a new control panel with shelter, emergency generator set, automatic transfer switch, two new submersible pumps with base elbows, guide rails, discharge piping, floats, stainless steel hardware and other miscellaneous items. All work shall meet OSHA guidelines for confined space entry.

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Bids will be opened and publicly read in the City Council Chambers at the Rockwall City Hall, 385 S. Goliad. No bids will be open or considered if received after the specified time.

Prequalification is not required. Completion time is **120 Calendar Days**. The City reserves the right to reject any and all bids, to waive any irregularities and/or to accept the bid or bids deemed best for the City.

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CITY OF FATE, TEXAS, NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING THE INTENTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL TO CONSIDER PROPOSED ASSESSMENTS AGAINST PROPERTY LOCATED IN PHASE 1A OF THE WILLIAMSBURG PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO. 1

Pursuant to Sections 372.016(b) and 372.016(c), Texas Local Government Code, notice is hereby given that the City Council of the City of Fate, Texas, will conduct a public hearing regarding the intention of the City Council to consider proposed assessments against property located within Phase 1A of the Williamsburg Public Improvement District No. 1

DATE, TIME, AND PLACE OF THE PUBLIC HEARING. The public hearing will take place on Monday, October 3, 2011, beginning at 6:00 P.M. at the Fate Community Center, 104 South W.E. Crawford, Fate, Texas.

GENERAL NATURE OF THE IMPROVEMENTS. The general nature of the improvements for which the assessments are being considered includes: grading; water system improvements; sewer system improvements; storm drainage improvements; paving; consulting, engineering, and surveying expenses; legal expenses related to Phase 1A; and public right-of-way within Phase 1A.

COST OF THE AUTHORIZED IMPROVEMENTS. The cost of the above-described improvements is \$4,650,000.

BOUNDARIES OF PHASE 1A. Phase 1A of the Williamsburg Public Improvement District No. 1 consists of 92.373 acres and 287 final platted lots generally located near the southwest quadrant formed by the intersection of Interstate I-30 and FM 551, which lots are shown on the Final Plat of Williamsburg Phase 1A, an Addition to the City of Fate, Texas, dated October 31, 2007, prepared by USA Professional Services Group, Inc. and recorded November 28, 2007, as Pages G-215 through G-219 of the real property records of Rockwall County, Texas. The boundaries of Phase 1A are more particularly described by a metes and bounds description on file with the City Secretary and available for public inspection.

WRITTEN AND ORAL OBJECTIONS. Written and oral objections to the proposed assessments will be considered at the public hearing.

<p>Garage Sales</p> <p>Multi-family garage sale Sept. 24, 8 a.m., 907 Village Green, Rockwall.</p> <p>Downsizing</p> <p>October 1, 402 Wood St., Royse City. Electronics, collectibles etc.</p> <p>Vehicles for Sale</p> <p>Classic</p> <p>1975 Honda 550 Super Sport; 2,517 actual miles, in storage 20 years. \$3,000 firm. 972-524-8525.</p> <p>2007 Durango SLT</p> <p>Beautiful, clean, excellent condition, well care for 2007 Dodge Durango SLT, 4-wheel drive, V-8, only 57,343 miles. Call 972-843-3557, ask for Jerry.</p>	<p>Legal Notices</p> <p>PUBLIC NOTICE</p> <p>The following Ordinances were passed by the City Council of the City of Fate, Texas on Monday, September 19, 2011.</p> <p>ORDINANCE NO. O-1193</p> <p>ORDINANCE NO. O-1193 - APPROVING THE PROPOSED CITY OF FATE BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2011 AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2012.</p> <p>The Ordinance, in its entirety, is available for review in the City Secretary's office at 105 E. Fate Main Place, Fate, Texas.</p> <p>ORDINANCE NO. O-1194</p> <p>ORDINANCE NO. O-1194 - APPROVING THE PROPOSED CITY OF FATE AD VALOREM TAX RATE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BE-</p>
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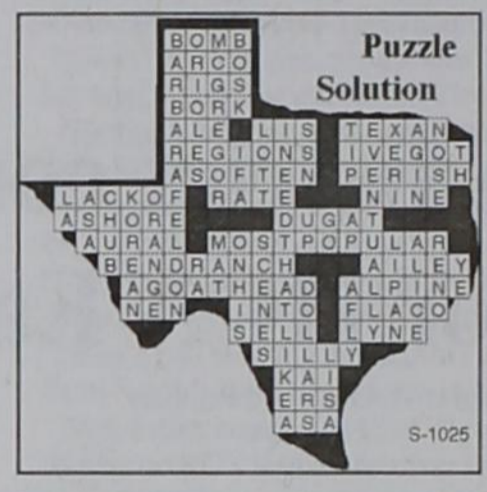
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Case # BOA-2011-4-V

Hold a public hearing to consider approval of a request from Megathor for a variance from the plat to reduce the side setback from 15-feet to 12-feet for 1, Block N, Stone Creek Phase I, City of Rockwall, Texas located at Dr. _____

For more information concerning this case, contact the Building Inspection Department at (972) 771-7709.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Planning & Zoning Commission, in the City of McLendon Chisholm, Texas will hold a Public Hearing:

Date: Thursday, October 6, 2011
Time: 6:30 p.m.
Place: City Hall
1248 S. Highway 205

The City Council, in the City of McLendon Chisholm, Texas will conduct a Public Hearing:

Date: Tuesday, October 11, 2011
Time: 6:30 p.m.
Place: City Hall
1248 S. Highway 205

The Public Hearings are for the addition of a new Section 4-13 Imposing Commercial District Standards to the Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance.

All interested parties are invited to attend.

Deborah Sorensen
City Secretary

City of Rockwall Public Notice Texas Capital Fund Main Street Grant Program

The City of Rockwall is currently applying to the Texas Department of Agriculture for a Texas Capital Fund Main Street Grant. The purpose of this application is to compete for a grant award for infrastructure improvements in the Downtown Main Street area. The eligible funding category the City is seeking is for "lighting, sidewalks and public parking lot improvements." The amount of TCF funds requested is \$150,000. The project consists of 2,485 square feet of sidewalk improvements, 754 square yards of public parking lot improvements and three (3) public parking lot lighting standards in three (3) separate locations. The project consists of the following areas:

Street	Location Description
North Fannin St	West ROW @ 100-200 Block, East ROW @ 200-300 Block
South Fannin St	East ROW @ 100 Block
West Rusk St	South ROW @ 100 Block
East Rusk St	North ROW @ 200 Block, South ROW @ 300 Block
West Washington St	North ROW @ 100 Block
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Houston St	North and South ROW @ 200 Block

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Lighting Location	Parking Lot at E. Washington and S. Fannin St.
Lighting Location	Parking Lot at N. Goliad and E. Kaufman St.
Lighting Location	Parking Lot at W. Washington and S. Alamo St.
Parking Lot Improvement	S.E. Cor. of E. Washington and S. San Jacinto St.
Parking Lot Improvement	West side of S. San Jacinto St. south E. Washington St.
Parking Lot Improvement	South of Houston St.

The TCF application is available to the public for review at City Hall, 385 S. Goliad, Rockwall, Texas in the Planning Department, beginning Tuesday, October 4th, 2011 from 10:00am to 5:00pm Monday through Friday. Please contact the City of Rockwall at (972) 771-7709 for any questions concerning this matter.

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS
 IN RE: Estate of LEN L. LALL, Deceased

Notice is hereby given that Letters Of Dependent Administration of the Estate of LEN L. LALL, Deceased, were granted to the undersigned on September 12, 2011, by the County

Court at Law of Rockwall County, Texas. All persons having claims against said Estate are hereby required to present the same to NATHAN GRIFFIN, Dependent Administrator of the Estate of LEN L. LALL, Deceased, within the time prescribed by law. Claims should be mailed to: NATHAN GRIFFIN, Administrator of the Estate of LEN L. LALL, Deceased, 2626 Cole Avenue - Suite 510, Dallas, Texas 75204.

Independent Administrator of the Estate of LEN L. LALL, Deceased

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 Home vs. Arlington High Point, Rockwall-Heath High School, 7:30 p.m.
 Middle school volleyball: home vs. Garland Christian, 5 p.m.

Heritage Christian Academy Eagles
 Varsity football: home vs. Oakwood, Hobart Wisdom Middle School, 7:30 p.m.
 Middle school volleyball: home vs. Ovilla Christian, 5 p.m.
 Longview Christian Heritage, RISE, JV 5 p.m. and Varsity 7 p.m.
 Volleyball: home vs. Greenville Christian School, B 4:30 p.m., Middle School A 5:30 p.m., JV 6:30 p.m.
 Greenville Christian School, 4:30 p.m.

Rockwall Christian Academy Warriors
 Football: at Irving The Highlands School, middle school 7:30 p.m.
 Volleyball: at Lucas Christian, middle school 4:30 p.m., JV varsity 6:30 p.m.
 Volleyball: home vs. Greenville Christian School, B 4:30 p.m., middle school A 5 p.m., JV 6 p.m. and varsity 7:30 p.m.

Football: at Fort Worth Lake Country, 7:30 p.m.

Rockwall High School Yellowjackets
 Volleyball: home vs. Highland Park, JV and Freshman and Freshman B 6:30 p.m.
 Home vs. Highland Park, Wilkerson-Sanders Memorial Stadium, 7:30 p.m.
 Cross country: at Dustin Rodriguez Run, Wylie High School JV Jamboree, Allen High School
 Varsity 2 boys' golf: at Richardson, Los Rios Country Club, Richardson, Los Rios Country Club
 Kinney North, 4 p.m.
 East, JV and Freshman A 5:30 p.m. and varsity and JV1 tennis: home vs. McKinney North, Rockwall vs. Wylie, Wilkerson-Sanders Memorial Stadium, 7:30 p.m.
 at Wylie, Shaffer Stadium, White 5:30 p.m. and Volleyball: at Wylie, JV and Freshman A 5:30 p.m. and Freshman B 6:30 p.m.
 Volleyball: Wylie, 7:30 p.m.
 Cross country: home for The STING, Harry S. Myers

Rockwall-Heath High School Hawks
 Varsity tennis: at Forney, 4 p.m.
 at Richardson Pearce, JV and Freshman A 5:30 p.m. and Freshman B 6:30 p.m.
 at Richardson Pearce, Eagle/Mustang Stadium, 7:30 p.m.
 Cross country: at Jim Baker Rowlett Eagle Cross-Springfield Park, varsity girls 9:30 a.m., varsity boys 10 a.m., JV boys 11 a.m.
 Freshman boys' golf: at Richardson, Los Rios Country Club, Wylie, 4 p.m.
 vs. Wylie, JV and Freshman A 5:30 p.m. and varsity and JV tennis: home vs. Wylie, 4 p.m.
 home vs. McKinney, Rockwall-Heath High School, 7:30 p.m.
 Kinney, Ron Poe Stadium, Red 5:30 p.m. and Black

Friday, Sept. 30 – Varsity tennis: home vs. Forney, 4 p.m.
 Volleyball: home vs. McKinney, JV and Freshman A 5:30 p.m. and varsity and Freshman B 6:30 p.m.
 Varsity football: home vs. McKinney, Wilkerson-Sanders Memorial Stadium, 7:30 p.m.
 Saturday, Oct. 1 – Cross country: at The STING, Harry S. Myers Park
Royce City Bulldogs
 Friday, Sept. 23 – Volleyball: home vs. Texarkana Texas, 4:30 p.m.
 Varsity football: home vs. Texarkana Texas, 7:30 p.m.
 Tuesday, Sept. 27 – Volleyball: home vs. Greenville, 5 p.m.
 Creek, 8 a.m.
 7th grade C volleyball: at C Team Tournament, Wylie Cooper, 8 a.m.

RHS boys win 2nd consecutive race

The Rockwall boys' cross country team has finished first in its last two meets. On Saturday, the Yellowjackets won the Lake Highlands Invitational at orbeck Park with 59 points.

Matt Hearn led the Yellowjackets, finishing second in 17 minutes, 4 seconds. Other scorers for RHS included Robbie Harmon, seventh in 17:41, and Justin Tokuz, ninth in 17:44. Jared Hearn, Antonio Harvey and Gaines Kinsey finished within a second of each other -- with Hearn placing

Sports Notes

Wrestling registration meeting set

The registration meeting for Rockwall County Wrestling, open to ages 5-15, will begin at 7 p.m. Sept. 29 in the Rockwall High School cafeteria. For more details contact Yolanda Torres at yztorres@msn.com or call 214-542-7106.

Mountain Biking class slated

Mountain Biking 101 will be offered by the Rockwall Parks & Rec Department from 9 a.m. to noon Oct. 1 on the Squabble Creek Mountain Bike Trail. Students will learn the ins and outs of mountain biking and techniques on bike selection. Participants will follow the class along the trail for a light ride. Students will be required to supply their own bikes and any additional safety equipment. The class is open to individuals ages 16 and older. Fee is \$16 or \$10 for Rockwall residents. For more details call 972-771-7740.

Triathlon set Oct. 2 at The Harbor

The Toyota U.S. Open Triathlon, the final event in the Race to the Toyota Cup series, will be hosted by the City of Rockwall Oct. 2 at The Harbor. The three-event race will feature a swim event, followed by a cycling and a running event. The swim event will begin at 7 a.m., and the last runner should finish at about 2 p.m. To avoid traffic problems experienced last year, a new bike route has been designed. More than 1,000 athletes competed last year.

Fishing derby set Oct. 8 at Harry Myers

The City of Rockwall's annual fishing derby, a competition for youths up to the age of 14, will run from 8 a.m. to noon Oct. 8 at Harry Myers Park. Cost will be \$5 per Rockwall resident or \$8 for non-residents.

Ponds will be stocked and prizes will be awarded in various age groups. For more details call 972-771-7740.

20th and Harvey 21st, both in 18:21, and Kinsey 22nd in 18:22.

The Jackets had won the North Mesquite Stallion Stampede even more impressively a week earlier at Samuel Farm. Leading RHS to a score of 33 were Thorne Pettigrew and Matt Hearn. Pettigrew received first place and Hearn second, though both finished in 17:24.

Before that Rockwall was third in the Plano ISD Invitational and placed a team of Matt Hearn, Pettigrew, Harmon and Harvey seventh at the Greenhill Relays.

At the Lake Highlands Invitational, the RHS varsity girls placed third with 94 points. Kelli Hardenbrook was fifth in 13:00, Joanna Gibbs 10th in 13:13, Sheely Taylor 19th in 13:44, Hayley Baker 24th in 14:01 and Hannah Krueen 36th in 14:36 for the Lady Jackets.

RHS' junior varsity boys placed second with 86. Spencer McKee was second among the individual runners in 19:06. Taylor Madle placed fourth in the JV girls' race in 14:21.

RHS shuts out Hawks in tennis

Rockwall swept Tuesday's tennis match at Rockwall-Heath 19-0 in a match that in reality was much closer than the score indicated.

RHHS took the Yellowjackets to three sets in four matches -- the first two girls' singles matches, the boys' first doubles and the boys' third singles. In two other matches, RHS won by taking the second set 7-6.

The Jackets' Caleb Hale worked overtime in both of his matches. He and Brandon Hogland won a marathon first doubles match 4-6, 6-4, 12-10, and Hale won at third singles 6-4, 4-6, 10-5. Twelve Rockwall players won both singles and doubles matches. They were Hale, Hogland, Greg Nelson, Brandon Hudson, Cooper Hayley, Wolfie Seibert, Sarah Meacham, Hailee Housewright, Katie French, Alyssa Gaertner, Tijana Neskovic and Jessica Lowery.

Neskovic lost only one game in four singles and doubles sets. Hannah Duncan teamed with Meacham for a 6-3, 6-1 victory in the girls' second doubles.

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1 explosive
 5 Dallas skyscraper
 "Energy Plaza" was once "Tower"
 6 oil well structures
 7 this Robert fired Cox, predecessor of TX Leon Jaworski
 8 defunct TX-based "Steak and"
 9 fleur-de- once flew over Texas
 12 born & bred in TX
 17 Gulf Coastal Plains, and others
 19 TX Buck Owens sang " a Tiger By the Tail"
 21 TXism: "changes his mind ____ as he does socks"
 22 "kick the bucket"
 23 West TX often has a ____ rain
 28 " ____ of return"
 29 TX has the ____ banded armadillo
 30 debarking cruise ship in Galveston, "going ____"
 31 early TX uranium mine was ____ "Tordilla Hill"
 35 related to hearing
 36 liked by the majority (2 wds.)
 42 "Big ____ State Park" is vast
 44 a TXn formed the noted "Alvin ____ Dance Theater"
 46 TX weed "tribulus terrestris" (2 wds.)

DOWN

14 Mexican AM station that serves McAllen, TX
 15 TXism for "against"
 16 TXism: "plain as the ____ on your face"
 18 TXism: " ____ hog had wings, he'd be an eagle"
 20 this Hicks owned the Rangers before Nolan, et al. (init.)
 23 Fayette Co. seat: ____ Grange
 24 TXism: "happy ____ hog in mud"
 25 "Bermuda ____" is caught in Gulf off TX coast

48 home of Sul Ross State University
 49 this closer Robb started career with the Rangers
 50 TXism: "jumped from the frying pan ____ the fire"
 51 "skinny" so. of the border
 52 TXism: "he could ____ ice cubes to Eskimos"
 53 pioneer TX oilman ____ T. Barret
 54 TXism: "air headed"

56 religious leader of the "Star Trek" Bajorans
 57 hesitation sounds
 58 TXism: "dainty ____ June bride"

34 nat'l news agcy.
 36 welcome ____
 37 TXism: "stands ____ own two feet"
 38 "behind the ____"
 39 a TX Apache group
 40 Jim Wells Co. seat
 41 TX town or NV city
 43 Andrews was named for this TX hero (init.)
 45 historic " ____ Kendall Inn" in Boerne
 47 wallet stuffers
 48 TXism: " ____ in the buttermilk" (problem)
 55 TX "Facts of Life" actress Whelchel

Opinions

Defending individual rights in a world full of tyranny ...

The Federalist Papers: An Introduction

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The Federalist Papers were written and published during the years 1787 and 1788 in several New York State newspapers to persuade New York voters to ratify the proposed constitution.

In total, the Federalist Papers consist of 85 essays outlining how this new government would operate and why this type of government was the best choice for the United States of America. All of the essays were signed "PUBLIUS" and the actual authors of some are under dispute, but the general consensus is that Alexander Hamilton wrote 52, James Madison wrote 28, and John Jay contributed the remaining five.

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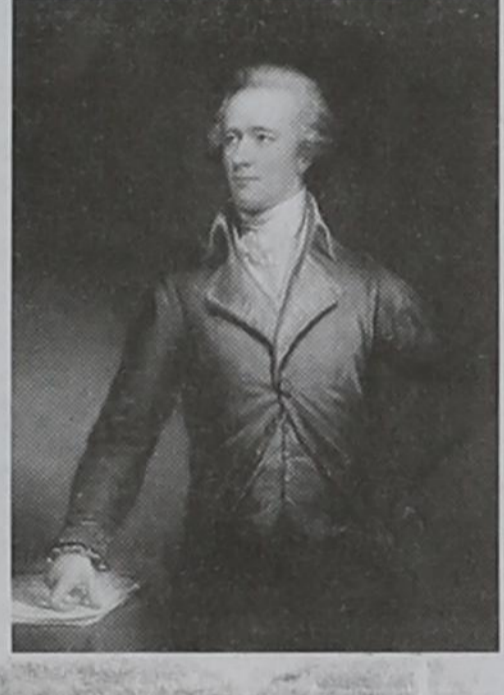
The Consequences of Hostilities Between the States
From the New York Packet.

Tuesday, November 20, 1787

Alexander Hamilton

To the People of the State of New York:

ASSUMING it therefore as an established truth that the several States, in case of disunion, or such combinations of them as might happen to be formed out of the wreck of the general Confederacy, would be subject to those vicissitudes of peace and war, of friendship and enmity, with each other, which have fallen to the lot of all neighboring nations not united under one government, let us enter into a concise detail of some of the consequences that would attend such a situation.



War between the States, in the first period of their separate existence, would be accompanied with much greater distresses than it commonly is in those countries where regular military establishments have long obtained. The disciplined armies always kept on foot on the continent of Europe, though they bear a malignant aspect to liberty and economy, have, notwithstanding, been productive of the signal advantage of rendering sudden conquests impracticable, and of preventing that rapid desolation which used to mark the progress of war prior to their introduction. The art of fortification has contributed to the same ends. The nations of Europe are encircled with chains of fortified places, which mutually obstruct invasion. Campaigns are wasted in reducing two or three frontier garrisons, to gain admittance into an enemy's country. Similar impediments occur at every step, to exhaust the strength and delay the progress of an invader. Formerly, an invading army would penetrate into the heart of a neighboring country almost as soon as intelligence of its approach could be received; but now a comparatively small force of disciplined troops, acting on the defensive, with the aid of posts, is able to impede, and finally to frustrate, the enterprises of one much more considerable. The history of war, in that quarter of the globe, is no longer a history of nations subdued and empires overturned, but of towns taken and retaken; of battles that decide nothing; of retreats more beneficial than victories; of much effort and little acquisition.

In this country the scene would be altogether reversed. The jealousy of military establishments would postpone them as long as possible. The want of fortifications, leaving the frontiers of one state open to another, would facilitate inroads. The populous States would, with little difficulty, overrun their less populous neighbors. Conquests would be as easy to be made as difficult to be retained. War, therefore, would be desultory and predatory. PLUNDER and devastation ever march in the train of irregulars. The calamities of individuals would make the principal figure in the events which would characterize our military exploits.

This picture is not too highly wrought; though, I confess, it would not long remain a just one. Safety from external danger is the most powerful director of national conduct. Even the ardent love of liberty will, after a time, give way to its dictates. The violent destruction of life and property incident to war, the continual effort and alarm attendant on a state of continual danger, will compel nations the most attached to liberty to resort for repose and security to institutions which have a tendency to destroy their civil and political rights. To be more safe, they at length become willing to run the risk of being less free.

The institutions chiefly alluded to are STANDING ARMIES and the correspondent appendages of military establishments. Standing armies, it is said, are not provided against in the new Constitution; and it is therefore inferred that they may exist under it. Their existence, however, from the very terms of the proposition, is, at most, problematical and uncertain. But standing armies, it may be replied, must inevitably result from a dissolution of the Confederacy. Frequent war and constant apprehension, which require a state of as constant preparation, will infallibly produce them. The weaker States or confederacies would first have recourse to them, to put themselves upon an equality with their more potent neighbors. They would endeavor to supply the inferiority of population and resources by a more regular and effective system of defense, by disciplined troops, and by fortifications. They would, at the same time, be necessitated to strengthen the executive arm of government, in doing which their constitutions would acquire a progressive direction toward monarchy. It is of the nature of war to increase the executive at the expense of the legislative authority.

The expedients which have been mentioned would soon give the States or confederacies that made use of them a superiority over their neighbors. Small states, or states of less natural strength, under vigorous governments, and with the assistance of disciplined armies, have often triumphed over large states, or states of greater natural strength, which have been destitute of these advantages. Neither the pride nor the safety of the more important States or confederacies would permit them long to submit to this mortifying and adventitious superiority. They would quickly resort to means similar to those by which it had been effected, to reinstate themselves in their lost pre-eminence. Thus, we should, in a little time, see established in every part of this country the same engines of despotism which have been the scourge of the Old World. This, at least, would be the natural course of things; and our reasonings will be the more likely to be just, in proportion as they are accommodated to this standard.

These are not vague inferences drawn from supposed or speculative defects

in a Constitution, the whole power of which is lodged in the hands of a people, or their representatives and delegates, but they are solid conclusions, drawn from the natural and necessary progress of human affairs.

It may, perhaps, be asked, by way of objection to this, why did not standing armies spring up out of the contentions which so often distracted the ancient republics of Greece? Different answers, equally satisfactory, may be given to this question. The industrious habits of the people of the present day, absorbed in the pursuits of gain, and devoted to the improvements of agriculture and commerce, are incompatible with the condition of a nation of soldiers, which was the true condition of the people of those republics. The means of revenue, which have been so greatly multiplied by the increase of gold and silver and of the arts of industry, and the science of finance, which is the offspring of modern times, concurring with the habits of nations, have produced an entire revolution in the system of war, and have rendered disciplined armies, distinct from the body of the citizens, the inseparable companions of frequent hostility.

There is a wide difference, also, between military establishments in a country seldom exposed by its situation to internal invasions, and in one which is often subject to them, and always apprehensive of them. The rulers of the former can have a good pretext, if they are even so inclined, to keep on foot armies so numerous as must of necessity be maintained in the latter. These armies being, in the first case, rarely, if at all, called into activity for interior defense, the people are in no danger of being broken to military subordination. The laws are not accustomed to relaxations, in favor of military exigencies; the civil state remains in full vigor, neither corrupted, nor confounded with the principles or propensities of the other state. The smallness of the army renders the natural strength of the community an over-match for it; and the citizens, not habituated to look up to the military power for protection, or to submit to its oppressions, neither love nor fear the soldiery; they view them with a spirit of jealous acquiescence in a necessary evil, and stand ready to resist a power which they suppose may be exerted to the prejudice of their rights. The army under such circumstances may usefully aid the magistrate to suppress a small faction, or an occasional mob, or insurrection; but it will be unable to enforce encroachments against the united efforts of the great body of the people.

In a country in the predicament last described, the contrary of all this happens. The perpetual menacings of danger oblige the government to be always prepared to repel it; its armies must be numerous enough for instant

The Good, The Bad and maybe the Ugly

by Jerry Hogan

After months of debate, town hall meetings and public meetings, the county budget was passed last week. It's a pretty good budget even though it only passed by a 3-2 vote with Commissioner Grinnan and myself being in the minority.

On the good side, the budget is a balanced budget with no pulling from the reserve fund to augment the revenue we had to work with. There is no tax increase and we will maintain the .3864 per \$100 of assessed value tax rate we had this last year.

Lots of changes were made in the philosophy of how the Commissioners Court looked at developing the budget as we continue to transition from a rural to an urban county. For example, it was necessary to balance the work force, which, for the first time, resulted in involuntary terminations of some of our employees. A large reduction was made in funding for the library, the only major function we operate that is not mandated by state statute, to help offset unfunded mandates handed down to us by the state. Leases were cancelled and buildings were earmarked for sale as we consolidated personnel in facilities to reduce ongoing and future costs. We absorbed the cost of about \$1 million a year to operate our new courthouse without increasing taxes and we, for the first time, outsourced the cleaning of our buildings and the health care of our jail inmates. We also reduced the budget of almost every department in the county and we reduced significantly the money we are spending on vehicles and equipment next year.

It was a good start. On the bad side, in my opinion, was the decision to award a cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) raise to all non-elected personnel in the county effective Jan. 1. The issue to me was never about whether the county employees deserved the raise. Contrary to what many might think, the salary of county employees is not high; in fact, their wages are significantly lower than most employees in the municipalities of the county. The issue to me was the timing of such a raise in these difficult economic times we are going through.

Many of our citizens are living on fixed incomes that have not been increased for several years. I do not have data specifically for our county, but in neighboring Collin County, the private sector wages for their county declined by 1.8 percent in 2010. I assume the results are similar for Rockwall County.

We all know about the unemployment rate exceeding 9 percent for over two straight years. Our tax base increased by only .24 percent last year, and while we have an AA credit rating, we are experiencing and fighting the State and National economic downturn. It just wasn't the right time to make this commitment to our employees when our citizens continue to suffer through these economic difficulties.

Now as to "maybe the ugly." The growth in our county for this year was less than 1 percent -- a meager .24 percent. Our growth for next year is projected to be about the same as this year, 1 percent or less, and

Secure our individual rights the sole purpose of government

by Wesley W. Burnett

Here's one citizen's ideas about how to shrink the county budget and still maintain critically important constitutional mandated functions:

Encourage county commissioners and the judge to accept the definition of the purpose of government as stated clearly in the American Declaration of Independence, which clearly declares that government is instituted to secure the rights of individuals.

Holding to that principle by locally elected officials will solve two fundamental functions: a reasonable and limited financial burden and security for individual rights. It is abundantly obvious that we can never expect officials in Austin or Washington, D.C. to operate limited government if we are unable or unwilling to take that action in our own county and cities. Accepting this limited government principle by our local government

defense. The continual necessity for their services of the soldier, and proportionably degrades the civil. The military state becomes elevated above the civil. The theatre of war, are unavoidably subjected on their rights, which serve to weaken their sense, degrees the people are brought to consider the protectors, but as their superiors. The transition from of considering them masters, is neither remote nor difficult to prevail upon a people under such impotent resistance to usurpations supported by the

The kingdom of Great Britain falls within the first situation, and a powerful marine, guarding it in the possibility of foreign invasion, supersedes the army within the kingdom. A sufficient force to maintain, till the militia could have time to rally and been deemed requisite. No motive of national pride would public opinion have tolerated, a larger national domestic establishment. There has been, for a long time, for the operation of the other causes, which have consequences of internal war. This peculiar felicity of degree, contributed to preserve the liberty which it enjoys, in spite of the prevalent venality and corruption. Britain had been situated on the continent, and had would have been, by that situation, to make her home coextensive with those of the other great powers, would in all probability be, at this day, a victim of a single man. 'T is possible, though not easy, that may be enslaved from other causes; but it cannot be army so inconsiderable as that which has been used in kingdom.

If we are wise enough to preserve the Union in an advantage similar to that of an insulated situation, distance from us. Her colonies in our vicinity will too much disproportioned in strength to be able to annoyance. Extensive military establishments cannot necessary to our security. But if we should be disunited should either remain separated, or, which is most probable into two or three confederacies, we should time, in the predicament of the continental powers, would be a prey to the means of defending ourselves, and jealousy of each other.

This is an idea not superficial or futile, but solid and the most serious and mature consideration of every party of whatever party. If such men will make a firm and meditate dispassionately on the importance of this will contemplate it in all its attitudes, and trace it to they will not hesitate to part with trivial objections, rejection of which would in all probability put a final. The airy phantoms that flit before the distempered in its adversaries would quickly give place to the mor dangers, real, certain, and formidable.

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1. This objection will be fully examined in its proper be shown that the only natural precaution which could this subject has been taken; and a much better one any constitution that has been heretofore framed in America contain no guard at all on this subject.

Unfortunately this same growth rate is projected for years. This means our revenue is going to remain in what we had this year.

While our revenue is going to be the same, we just to an increase in wages next year of about \$225,000, introducing the COLA this year. That act by itself to compound this increase will be the state-unfunded implement next year.

Adding two new justices of the peace, their staffs and because we have exceeded the population figure of 5 county will add \$800,000 to our budget. These two acts over \$1 million to what we must absorb and manage to to all of the normal increases that invariably happen.

We also see increased cost for our road expansion about \$35 million of road construction going on in the by the state and the county. We have been recently that four additional road projects have been approved we and the state will commit another \$80 million to Our portion of this cost is generally limited to the acquisition (ROW) and the engineering of the projects. This the \$100 million road bond approved overwhelmingly 2008. But as we sell the bonds to meet our part of the pick up the principal and interest payments for the to fund these payments, will require a 2-cent tax raise road construction. This, too, will be an issue for next year creative to find other solutions.

These known issues mean we must make decisions minimize the run-rate expenses going forward. Our focus on what it not only means for this year, but also next year and the next and the next.

One other point I want to mention. Most citizens have taxes and what their government is doing for or to them. most citizens will not take the time or the effort to express officials what they want to see from their local government countless public workshops on the budget, an extra public everyone the opportunity to express their views on the final public hearing prior to the vote. At the first public hearing spoke. After urging from the court, three more people expressed on the budget. At the final public hearing, one person spoke.

My conclusion: Either everyone else is happy with what in county government or you don't care. Your choice: complain if you don't like what we do if you won't take what you want. Phone calls, emails and in-person visits to commissioners will provide that input.

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officials will result in a dramatic reduction in the size of its cost.

We respectfully request elected officials to look at every make with this question ... "Does this act enhance the individual does it diminish those rights?"

And local government officials should be careful to ensure for those functions authorized by our state constitution. If applied, all government budgets would be considerably reduced.

Now, how about local elected officials exercise their political influence and secure a local county lottery be applied legislature. Such a voluntary fund raiser would be a winner the proceeds result in a dollar for dollar tax decrease by local governments.

Rockwall County Sports

Heath helps Lady Hawks overcome RHS lead

games of Tuesday's volleyball match at Rockwall. The Hawks took turns taking 7-2 leads. The lead in the first game didn't seem anywhere near what Heath went up in the second game. Something to do with the fact that RHHS is ranked 2-4 A teams and was undefeated in its first three District games had defeated the Lady Hawks this season. The first time at 19-18 and won the first game 25-22. Overall, 4-0 in the district) used their own 7-2 lead as in the second game before the Lady Jackets (18-15, 25-16. The third game was close. Even though Rockwall at 7-3, RHHS won 25-21 to finish the match. Now that Heath has found a way to play with confidence coach Maggie Younger said of the different attitude when her team led 7-2. Rockwall still led by five at 12-7 before Morgan Cook's serve to teammate Kelsey Murphy. She served to tie the game. The last of those points, and the score 13-13, came from balls hit by sophomore

Regina Tillis.

Unofficially, Tillis totaled five kills in that game alone. The final points in both game one and game three came on her emphatic kills.

Among those watching the Lady Hawks, and particularly Tillis, was LSU head coach Fran Flory. Her team, a perennial NCAA tournament participant, will be losing five current sophomores in three years. After what she saw Tuesday, she probably knows Tillis would be a good replacement.

Tillis' power game is one thing. She leads RHHS with 539 kills, 70 service aces and 51 blocks. But she also plays defense, as attested by her 305 digs, second on the team.

Those digs were important against Rockwall. In contrast to the powerful serves of the Lady Hawks' Tillis, Murphy and Claire Carpenter, the Lady Jackets played a Dairy Queen game full of soft serves.

RHS made the Lady Hawks work for many of their points.

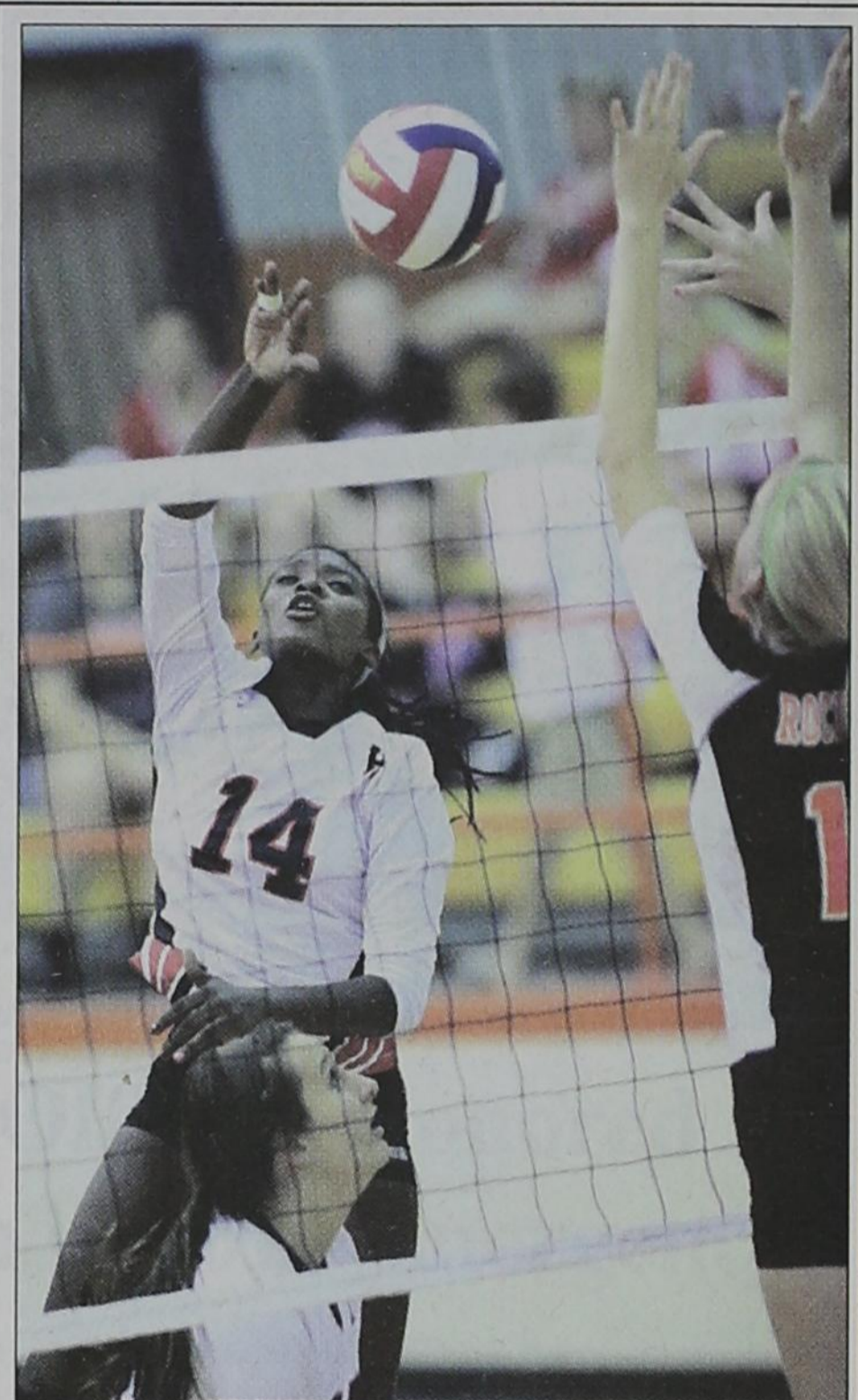
Younger said, "Normally we earn more points than we had tonight. They dug balls. They definitely played balls over the net. They forced us into errors."

RHHS will have to reduce its errors Friday in a showdown with eighth-ranked Richardson Pearce, the district's only other unbeaten team.

Younger said, "We head to Pearce 4-0. It should be a lot of fun. I think the kids are ready for it."

The Rockwall match could have been good preparation for the Lady Mustangs, who play more of a finesse game than the Lady Hawks do.

Said Younger, "They know how to execute the ball. It should be a defensive game."



Lady Hawks' Regina Tillis (14) attacks the Rockwall defense last Friday in the RHS gym. Assisting in the play is Morgan Cook (10). Photo by Carl McClung (flickr.com/photos/carls_sideline_pics)/Rockwall County News

Mustangs will keep their eyes on Pearce's Coleman

The Hawks at Richardson Pearce Mustangs Stadium on Friday, Sept. 23. Last played Sept. 9, when they defeated Garland 14-4 on a last-minute touchdown pass from Cody Court. RHHS and Pearce (2-1) were off last week. The Mustangs on Sept. 9 after missing three conversions. They've met every year since the Hawks have had a varsity first year, 2006, but RHHS has triumphed in each of

Rhett Svetgoff has completed 61 per cent of his throws for 687 yards and eight touchdowns, but has been intercepted three times. Kedron Banks is the leading rusher with 350 yards and one score.

"We cannot let number one be the guy that kills us," Moss said. "Coleman's their big-play guy. They'll be trying to get it in his hands quite a bit. The others are not as much big-play guys."

The Hawks have thrived on a defense that has allowed less than 12 points and 50 rushing yards per game.

Moss said, "I wouldn't be surprised if they use an empty backfield, knowing they can't run the ball against us. They may try to slow our pass rush down by doing lots of screens." Screens to Coleman if things go as Pearce would plan.

RHHS' offense has been ground-based, with three running backs and Court rushing for more than 100 yards already. Freshman Rico Henderson is emerging as the feature back. All three of Court's touchdown passes have gone to Fields, who has the ability to turn a short pass into a long gain.

Still, Moss said, "We have to do a better job running the football than what we have been doing."

Mickey Moss said the Hawks have "bumps and bruises" any key players for this game. The series has been high-scoring. The winning team has its in all but one of the five games. In 2007 and '08, more than 100 points each time. The program and in the Mustangs' offense is Corey Coleman to play for Baylor beginning in 2012, Coleman has 30 yards and four touchdowns, and has two rushing

Mustangs, Jaimes win

Medals at Lake Highlands

Jaimes each won a medal to help the Rockwall-Heath girls' cross country team place fourth Saturday in the Lake Highlands Invitational at Norbuck Park. In 13 minutes, 10 seconds, with Jaimes close behind in 13:16 to take 12th. Also contributing 18 points were Maggie Edwards, 27th in 14:04; Mykala Williams, 29th in 14:10, and Emily

The RHHS boys were sixth among 11 teams with 163. Jackson Zivney was the first Hawk across the line in 18:31. Also scoring were Christian Shearod, 27th in 18:36; German Zaldivar, 30th in 18:47, and Chris Rigler, 50th in 19:45.

Caitlin Hudecek was Rockwall-Heath's top finisher in 15:03.

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