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Summer Wednesday Night Race Series continues at 7 p.m. out of Chandler's Landing. The club also sponsors the Saturday Night Race Series for racing under the stars starting at 7 p.m. The results from Saturday, Aug. 15 Course D3, Australian Pursuit Start were 1. Orion/Hunter31; 2. Silver Wings/Capri25; 3. Three Sheets to the Wind/Hunter35; 4. Carpe Diem/Catalina30 and 5. Pony Up/J24...dnf. Courtesy of Dan Malak/Rockwall County News

Rockwall ISD keeps disputed book in curriculum

By Anna Matejka
Monday, Aug. 24, special session, members of the Rockwall trustees voted in a hearing to uphold the decision of staff members, including English teachers, counselors, principals and other experts, to keep the book, "The Hunger Games," in the pre-advanced placement curriculum for 7th grade this year.

its top 10 books for young adults in 2009, deals with societal issues against the backdrop of a televised game in which 24 teenagers are pitted against each other in a life-or-death fight for survival.

staff to uphold the decision of the review board to continue instruction using the book.

The hearing was prompted by the parent of a Cain Middle School student, Gregory LaRosa, who cited his objections to the book on the basis of violent content he felt was inappropriate for his daughter's age group.

Board member Leigh Plagens, whose grandson is in the pre-AP course and read the book over the summer, said she was thrilled her grandson liked it and felt the book would present various sides of controversial issues students could consider under the guidance of their teachers.

The book includes descriptions of how teens kill each other. La Rosa read excerpts of the book, including descriptions of teenagers stabbing and spearing one another and collecting weapons off of dead bodies. In one case, a teenager is killed with a hornet's nest and the heroine of the story must break her swollen fingers in order to pry loose her weapons.

"Students are not reading this in a vacuum," Plagens said. "I bow to people who know more than I do."

"I think it's shocking and upsetting," LaRosa said. "It really crosses the line for our students. This is continuous murder of teens and its premise is for entertainment."

LaRosa expressed concern about class discussion of the book for students whose parents chose the alternate book.

LaRosa pointed out that he was not asking for the board to censor the book or remove it from school libraries, only that they consider its appropriateness for the middle school age group and remove it from the curriculum.

Board members were reassured that students who read the alternate book would not have problems in the classroom and that teachers have no problem dealing with two books.

According to superintendent Gene Burton, after LaRosa made his complaint to district officials, a letter offering the choice of an alternate book was sent to the parents of all 228 students who were assigned to read the book. Seven families chose the alternate book, "Eragon," by Christopher Paolin.

Board members Stan Lowrance, Chris Cuny, Russ Childers and vice president David Loftis all expressed dislike for the book, and cited that while each board member is entitled to a personal opinion, the task of the board is to make decisions for the whole of the students following district policy.

If the board had voted to remove "The Hunger Games" from the curriculum this year, class instruction and discussion of the book would stop immediately.

"The visual aspects of this book scare me," Lowrance said, and suggested the same educational value could be taught from a different book.

Burton defended the decision of a body of 16 staff members citing district policy and Texas Association of School Board guidance to "appeal to a broad audience," "present various sides of controversial issues," and "represent various groups."

Cuny expressed that while some 7th- and 8th-grade students may be mature enough to read the book, he "just has to say no."

Burton also cited the standard that parents' ability to regulate what their children read, listen and view extends only to their own children. And that the district review board found the book to address the themes of kindness and compassion and that violence is not the focus of the book.

"It's tough to go against the experts," Cuny said. "I could make an argument that you could watch a Quentin Tarantino movie and get some values out of it."

The board was asked to consider whether the book was appropriate for its intended educational use and it was recommended by district

Board president Craig Zurek acknowledged the violent scenes and said he found the book derivative of such works as "1984," "The Running Game," and Greek mythology. He also suggested that there is a reason why 7th graders go to middle school.

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Women's League open to new members
The Rockwall Women's League, a local women's philanthropic organization that promotes the area through community support of civic, study and social events, will hold an informational meeting for women interested in joining from 10 a.m. to noon today at 1 Camden in Heath. Contact Amy Butler at 214-763-9614 for more details.

RHHS March-a-Thon set Saturday
The winning Mighty Hawk Band of Rockwall-Heath will kick off the new year with a March-a-Thon beginning Saturday. The band will march throughout Heath and all neighborhoods to raise money for expenses. Registration is also set for 11:30 a.m. at Home Depot; noon, The Harbor, 12:30 p.m. For more information visit band.org.

Farmers Market open
The Farmers Market in downtown Rockwall will be open from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., offering fresh produce, toffee, salad dressings, bread mixes, roasted coffee, local honey, plants and herbs. The market will be open each Saturday through September. For more information call 972-772-6400.

ESL class registration is Saturday
Registration for the Rockwall ISD's ESL (English as a second language) classes for adults will run from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday. Classes include English at all levels, GED preparation and English, and computer literacy in Spanish and Vietnamese. Daytime and evening courses are offered at Amanda Elementary, 899 Rochell Road, in Rockwall. Fees are \$100. For more information call 972-722-2073.

Tri-County Choral auditions offered
The Tri-County Choral Society will conduct open auditions from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday at the Melody Room at City Arch, in Royse City. No time slot or prepared music. Auditions begin Sept. 1. Dues cost \$35 per semester. For more information call Amy McLeroy at 214-883-4750 or Annie McLeroy at 972-816-9626.

Citing that students had already read the book, Zurek said, "We can't un-ring the bell."

After assurance that the board could reconsider the decision in the future, Hamilton offered a motion, with a second by Plagens, to uphold the staff decision to keep the book. The board voted five-to-seven to allow the book to remain in the curriculum. Cuny and Lowrance dissented.

Rockwall ISD 09-10 budget maintains tax rate, adds staff raises

by Jo Anna Matejka
In a special session Monday night, members of the Rockwall ISD board of trustees voted to approve a proposed budget of \$112 million in the general fund for the 2009-2010 school year.

The budget represents a 7 percent increase from the 2008-2009 school year. This year's budget balances only with an almost a \$7.9 million dip into the district's reserve fund, following last year's \$3 million use of reserves.

"We elected to use our fund balance and maintain the same tax rate," CFO Mike Singleton said. "We didn't feel it necessary to increase taxes during this time when the economy is stressing personal family budgets."

Included in the budget are salary increases for staff members, including counselors and speech pathologists, equal to 2 percent of the midpoint of the salary range of the group and an \$850 increase for teachers, librarians and nurses. Teachers, librarians and nurses receive an additional pay increase as determined by the number of years in their profession.

The salary raise accounts for most of the budget increases, Singleton said. To hold expenses down, district officials have made deep reductions in funds for supplies and materials and in professional and contracted services. The district is also seeing savings in fuel costs for student transportation.

School officials plan to be operating with a balanced budget by the next fiscal year and don't expect a change in the interest rate they must pay for bonds, Singleton said.

Board president Craig Zurek said the planned use of reserve funds and plan to balance the budget has been done with "a very involved school board and very involved administration."

The district has elected to maintain the same tax rate of \$1.47 per hundred dollars of total home valuation. With a slight increase in average market value of residences, the average tax payment for a residence is expected to increase by \$40 this year.

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Second graders in Mrs. Donna Aja's class at Heritage Christian Academy listen to the class rules on the first day of the 2009-2010 school year last Thursday, Aug. 20.
Staff Photo by Kathy Williams/Rockwall County News

Helping Hands needs help to stock pantry

The shelves at the Food Pantry of Helping Hands are empty again, and the agency needs donations to help feed residents in critical need.

Although the agency has had a record number of food drives to fill pantry shelves with non-perishable items, Helping Hands is serving a record number of clients, according to a news release received this week. Helping

Hands gave away more than 14,000 bags of food through August, which was the total number given away in all of 2008.

The agency's remaining food reserves are green beans and corn. Its greatest needs are for Hamburger, Tuna and Chicken Helper; sugar and flour; cooking oil; salt and pepper; peanut butter and jelly; cereal and oat-

meal; rice and pasta; spaghetti sauce and soups; and children's snacks.

Food donations can be dropped off at 950 Williams St., Suite A, Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. until noon and from 1 p.m. until 4 p.m. The building is closed on Wednesday afternoons.

Churches or organization interested in conducting food drives should call 972-771-HELP.



For his Eagle Scout leadership project, Blake Hollowell of Boy Scout Troop 314 painted a map on the hardtop area behind Jones Elementary School in Rockwall. Blake is joined here by Collins, a Jones 3rd grader. Jones Elementary teachers look forward to using the map as an instructional tool. In order to earn the Eagle rank, the highest rank in Boy Scouts, a candidate must earn a certain number of merit badges, hold positions of leadership in his troop and plan and execute a project that benefits his community.
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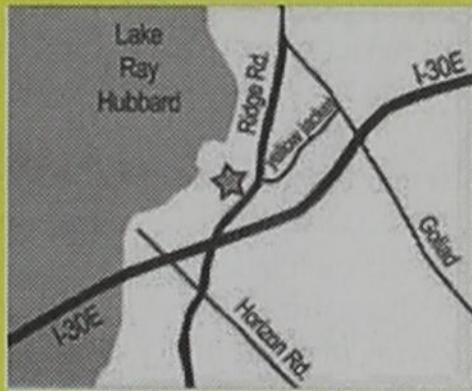
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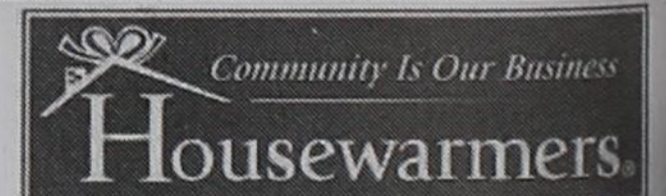
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AR Rock Wall Chapter to meet

Meeting of the new year for the Rock Wall Chapter, American Revolution, will begin at 10 a.m. Saturday in the East Ridge Church of Christ in Rockwall. Objectives and upcoming programs will be discussed, as well as the American Revolution and Constitution Week.

Conservatives gathering set weekly

Conservative Conservatives and Coffee, a grassroots group of like-minded individuals, will meet at 10:30 a.m. each Saturday at the Texas Roast, 1200 Yellowjacket Lane, Rockwall. Items of discussion include national, state and local issues. Conservatives of all ages are welcome. This month Moseley will speak on the role of judges and the Supreme Court.

Grief Support Classes scheduled

Funeral Home will offer free Grief Support Classes for the Lubbock community beginning Wednesday from 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at the Rockwall County Library, second floor. Classes will be led by Dr. Aubrey Patterson and will be open to anyone dealing with the loss of a loved one. For more details call Sharon at 771-8641.

Library to offer free computer classes

Rockwall County Library will offer free computer classes at the library on Wednesdays throughout September. Sign-up sheet for classes is located at the reference desk on the library's second floor. A library card is required for sign up.

Republican Lunch Bunch to gather

Rockwall County Republican Lunch Bunch will meet at 11:30 a.m. at Luigi's Italian Café in Rockwall. Cost will include lunch, beverage and tip; participants should pay for themselves. Reservations are not required for the informal social gathering. For details call Dalton Kennimer, 771-8641.

Night for Networking planned

Night for Networking will run from 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. at the Harbor Mail Store. Participants are asked to bring business cards, coupons and your smiles and plan to introduce themselves and their businesses to other area business owners. For details call Alma at 972-722-3807.

Computer group to meet

Rockwall County Computer Council will observe its first fall meeting on Wednesday at The Center at Rockwall City Place, 108 E. Rockwall. For more information contact Joe Conrad at 972-771-1100 or jconrad@sbcglobal.net.

Gloria D'Arezzo performance slated

Gloria D'Arezzo will perform at the free City of Rockwall Concert Series event beginning at 7:30 p.m. Thursday at the Rockwall Amphitheater, 2047 Summer Lee Drive. For details visit www.rockwalltx.com.

Library closed for Labor Day observance

Rockwall County Library will be closed for the Labor Day observance on Sept. 5 and Sept. 7. The facility will reopen at 10 a.m. on Sept. 8.

DL plans meeting in Baker home

Members of the Library will meet in the home of Cara Baker on Wednesday at 11 a.m. Sept. 8. Speaker will be artist, actor and history buff, Rick Baker, author of "After the Republic." Lunch will be catered by Rick's Bar-B-Q for \$15; reservations required by Sept. 4. For details call Cara at 972-771-8976.

Scout recruiting events scheduled

Rockwall County Girl Scouts have scheduled a pair of recruitment events set for 7 p.m. Sept. 8 at Cain Middle School in Rockwall and for 7 p.m. Sept. 9 at Williams Middle School, 1000 Williams Road. Find out what Girl Scouting is all about. For more details call 972-771-8976.

Cameron event postponed

The family of Raymond Cameron, pictured here, has postponed his 90th birthday celebration because of an illness in the family. The event is now set for 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. Sept. 20 at the First United Methodist Church, 1200 Yellowjacket Lane, Rockwall. That date also marks the 67th wedding anniversary of Cameron and his wife, Elizabeth. The family has requested no gifts please. RSVPs should be made at 972-771-6948.



For details contact Becky Kmak at 214-349-2440, 1-800-442-2260 or visit gsnetx.org.

Library's Birthday Bash set Sept. 8-12

The Rockwall County Library's Birthday Bash will run Sept. 8-12. Puppeteers, scavenger hunts, storytellers and live animals with the Creature Teacher will be on hand to help celebrate. Story times begin the following week. For more details visit rocklib.com.

Newcomers plan first fall meeting

The Rockwall Newcomers will observe the first meeting of the 2009-2010 year beginning at 10 a.m. Sept. 10 at Occasions at Stone River, 1250 FM 2453, Royse City. The event will begin with a social, followed by a meeting and luncheon. For reservations or more information about the group, call Kitty Colquhoun at 972-722-5569.

Seminar to focus on allergies, sinusitis

The Lake Pointe Health Network will offer an interactive one-hour seminar on the causes and treatment options associated with sinusitis, as well as information on allergic rhinitis, allergy shots and sublingual immunotherapy at 7 p.m. Sept. 10 at the Lake Pointe Medical Center's café, 6800 Scenic Drive, Rowlett (use north entrance portico). Speaker will be Dr. Gregory Young, board-certified otolaryngologist. For more details or to register call 1-866-525-5762.

Knowwhat2do program scheduled

Rockwall County Emergency Management will present a Knowwhat2do program, a plan to help prepare the community for potential local hazards, from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Sept. 10 at the Rockwall County Public Library Community Room. For more details call 972-772-6625.

RHS seniors plan fundraiser

The Rockwall High Class of 2010 will host a pancake breakfast fundraiser from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. Sept. 12 at Applebee's. Tickets may be purchased at the door at a cost of \$6 per person. Contact Dawn Defebaugh at 972-722-6984 for more details.

Hawaiian End-of-Summer Dance set

The Rockwall Parks & Rec Department will host a Hawaiian End-of-Summer Dance from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Sept. 12 at The Center. Costumes will be welcomed, but not required. Light refreshments will be served. Door prizes will be given away and a mini-lesson offered. For more details call 972-771-7740.

Library to host Game Night

The Rockwall County Library will host a Game Night for teens in grades 7-12 from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Sept. 15. Free pizza will be served, and games and prizes will round out the evening.

Teen Writers Group to meet Sept. 16

The Teen Writers Group will meet from 4 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. Sept. 16 at the Rockwall County Library. The group serves teens in grades 7-12. Participants are encouraged to bring samples of their writing to share.

Church to install new pastor

The congregation of the First Presbyterian Church of Rockwall invites the community to the ordination and installation of its new pastor, Cheryl Taylor, at 2 p.m. on Sept. 27.

Moderating the service and providing the message will be the Rev. Dr. Michael Waschevski, vice moderator of Grace Presbytery and associate pastor of First Presbyterian Church in Fort Worth.

A reception will follow the installation service. The church is located at 602 White Hills, just off of Ridge Road and I-30 near Wal-Mart's side entrance.



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Dr. Drewry's professional interests include preventive medicine, asthma, and chronic management of diabetes, osteoporosis, and thyroid disorders. He is a current member of the American College of Physicians and the American Medical Association.

Dr. Drewry and his wife have three young children and are excited to raise them in such a wonderful community. In his spare time, Dr. Drewry enjoys spending quality time with his family, golfing, and attending sporting events.

Dr. Drewry will be seeing patients in Dr. Sandknop's Rockwall and Forney offices, and will be the Hospitalist at Lake Pointe Medical Center.

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RC resident unveils new book

Royse City resident William J. Archer has penned a book entitled "Fundamentals of Organizational Security: Protecting Personnel and Infrastructure in a Hostile New World."

Archer's upbringing, military background and professional experience give him a unique understanding of global struggles, the nature and types of threats U.S. enemies pose and a sense for how these global threats translate into "tangible civilian crimes that could potentially threaten our churches, homes, businesses, government facilities and military installations," according to a news release issued about the book's release. He believes there is a "new, rapidly evolving brand of domestic terror on the horizon that has taken its cues from the playbooks of international terror organizations," and traditional methods of dealing with such behavior need to be replaced.

It is Archer's desire that his readers will "use his knowledge and skills... to help civilian and government operations prepare, react and prevent or minimize the impact of this new threat," according to the news release. Born in 1958, Archer is an engineer who served in Air Force intelligence during the 1970s and 1980s. His educational credentials include a MBA and course work toward a doctorate.

The book's publisher is PublishAmerica.

Alston to address computer meeting

Bob Alston, a veteran with more than 30 years of planning, designing, building and troubleshooting computer systems, will be the speaker at Wednesday's 6:30 p.m. meeting of the Rockwall Computer Council at The Center at Rockwall City Place, 108 E. Washington St. Alston will address several topics, including upgrading to Windows 7, buying a new PC, PC upgrades, anti-virus, phishing, remote computer control software and Internet issues. He also will answer questions Alston holds a bachelor's degree in mathematics and a MBA and spent more than 20 years as the chief information officer for billion-dollar companies involved in manufacturing, distribution and retail. He now works as an independent consultant involved primarily with nonprofit organizations. The FCC is open to anyone interested in the use of computers for the home or office, regardless of the type of computer or the degree of expertise. Wednesday's meeting will mark the group's first of the fall season.



Students Anne-Marie Thacker and Sumer Eason are shown trying out the new reading nook in the classroom of teacher Karen Folleras' room at Amy Parks Elementary. The girls were at school each month as part of the ice cream social organized by the school to allow students to find out what teachers are and who their classmates will be for the coming year. Volunteers served ice cream at the cafeteria.

NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING

The Royse City Independent School District will hold a Public Meeting and Hearing

At 7:00 PM, September 14, 2009

District's regularly scheduled monthly board meeting
Ernest Epps Education Service Center - Boardroom

810 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 Rating System of Texas), on the State's Financial Accountability System.

The public is invited to participate and comment during the hearing.

Girl Scouts plan recruiting session

The Rockwall County Girl Scouts have scheduled a pair of recruiting sessions during the month of September.

The first session will begin at 7 p.m. on Sept. 8 at Cain Middle School, 6620 FM 3097, in Heath. The second event is set for 7 p.m. the following day, Sept. 9, at Williams Middle School, 625 E. FM 552, in Rockwall.

A new year of Girl Scout membership is beginning, and the Girl Scouts of Northeast Texas is seeking new recruits ages 5 to 17.

The recruiting events will provide girls and their parents the opportunity to learn more about Girl Scouting; to speak with volunteers; get free brochures; and enjoy hot dogs and drinks. Girls also will have the opportunity to view the new GS uniform styles and learn about badge- and patch-earning programs.

The program also is in need of adults interested in volunteering with Girl Scouts.

Annual membership for Girl Scouts is \$12; financial assistance is available upon request.

For more information, contact Becky Kmak at 214-442-2260 or 1-800-442-2260. Visit gsnetx.org.

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Beginnings: The Start of a New Year

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As many routines are changing in households across Rockwall ISD, we unite as a community family to provide the best opportunities for our most cherished resource. In our district, we realize we are privileged to share the journey with such a great group. The beginning of a new school year rekindles the positive energy and enthusiasm evident in the teamwork of this community. In RISD, we are grateful to be part of the excitement.



technology upgrades, which "is to directly integrate technology into the curriculum and impact instruction." In June, I acknowledged Phillip Schlechty, an expert on school leadership and change, for encouraging our district to provide quality staff development through his words to "support and use learning communities as the primary means of inducting new members, creating, developing and importing knowledge, assigning tasks and evaluating performances, as well as establishing goals and maintaining direction."

As our district strives to foster excellence in all areas – including areas of character education and student leadership – we are entering the third year with Rachel's Challenge. Our theme in Year 3 is Others Before Self, which encourages doing selfless acts for other people. Year 1 focused on the KC (Kindness and Compassion) Clubs. Year 2 spotlighted The Power of One. This year our goal is to model and honor the noble acts our students, staff, and community members do for others. In May, we will have a district wide celebration commemorating all the accomplishments.

This year marks the end of our current Strategic Plan, so a new strategic-thinking model will be part of our process in 2009-2010. I referenced the following this past May:

The year 2009-2010 will allow the district to operate on parallel tracks to accomplish two major objectives: On the first track (Objective 1), the district will reflect on the current Strategic Plan. In a written format, the district will review the destination determined in the 2001-2010 Plan, and it will analyze the success rate for reaching targeted goals and objectives. On the second track (Objective 2), rather than re-creating a traditional Plan, the district will develop a 5-year Strategic Thinking model titled New Visioning, which will allow all participants to imagine, design, and create the future. During the next five years, the district will continue abandoning bureaucratic frameworks while moving toward becoming a true learning organization by embracing the needs and expectations of a learned community.

The excitement of this new year is only magnified as we think about what our district will be like in the years ahead. We are respectful of the foundations we build at this time as we begin to imagine, design, and create the future of RISD.

While anticipating this new school year, I reflect on words of gratitude I conveyed last February. I hope they communicate the sincerity we feel in RISD as we begin our newest journey together:

I personally want to extend heartfelt thanks to all the impassioned "community family" members for wanting the very best for all our students.

We will continue to be a fast-growing "community family" with ... challenges facing us. But we are the lucky ones. We are a united family and enjoy "a unique small-town feel and traditional values." We are "home to an acclaimed school district that spans five communities and educates over 13,000 students in grades Pre-K through high school." We celebrate passion and commitment. We have devoted teachers, administrators, staff members, parents, students, and

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On God's Word

by Timothy W. Burnett
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Mary Magdalene arrives to Jesus' grave a full three days later

In this study on the women arriving at the sepulchre we will continue to allow the Gospels to harmonize in order to see a clearer picture of what took place the night after Jesus' resurrection.

As a review Jesus died on the day known as Preparation. The time was nearly 3 p.m. Joseph and Nicodemus buried him just before sunset. According to the Hebrew calendar, the time of sunset marked the change of a day. The day of Preparation was followed by the special high day called Passover. The scripture was fulfilled three full days later when God raised Jesus from the dead. The resurrection would have occurred just before sunset between the weekly sabbath and the first day of the week.

While preparing for this week's column, I discovered something I hadn't noticed before. The Gospel of Matthew reveals that Mary Magdalene and another Mary came to the sepulchre during the time of sunset on the weekly sabbath, toward the first day of the week. According to Matthew 28:1, "In the end of the sabbath as it began to dawn toward the first day of the week, came Mary Magdalene and the other Mary to see the sepulchre."

The words "the end of" came from an earlier known Greek word that meant "late on." It can be used in reference to the latter part of a day. The word "toward" is the translation for the earlier known word "eis." E.W. Bullinger gives the following explanation, "eis governs only one case (the Accusative). Euclid uses eis when a line is drawn to meet another line at a certain point. Hence it denotes motion to or unto an object, with the purpose of reaching or touching it" (The Companion Bible, Appendix 104 vi).

The use of the word "toward" shows that the women arrived on the latter part of the weekly sabbath as the first day of the week drew near. Because of the word "dawn" I thought it was related to one of the early morning arrivals recorded in the other Gospels. Here the word "dawn" is used for the approach of a new 24-hour day, rather than a 12-hour sunlit day.

The women must have arrived just in time for the earthquake, and to witness the angel from God roll back the stone from the opening. The angel was described as having the general appearance of lightning and wearing clothing as white as snow. Out of fear, the guards shook from within and fell unconscious as if to be dead.

The angel encouraged the women to not be afraid and told them that Jesus was not in the sepulchre because he was risen from the dead. The women were told to quickly leave and tell the disciples that Jesus was alive, and that he would meet them in Galilee. They left the sepulchre with reverence and great joy.

What a fantastic moment this must have been for the women. To add icing on the cake, they were confronted by Jesus himself while en-route to the disciples. They paid homage to him and embraced his feet as he told them to send word for the disciples to meet him in Galilee. The disciples did not believe their story.

Although we need to research and spend more time in the scriptures on this new discovery, there is enough information to support a couple of corrections from last week's column. John's Gospel does not record the first time somebody arrived to find Jesus' body missing. Also, the record in Mark 16:9 possibly refers to Mary's encounter with Jesus according to Matthew's account.

Rockwall County Obituaries

Marilyn Barrows Cross

Mass for Marilyn Barrows Cross, 72, of McKinney was conducted Thursday, Aug. 27, 2009, at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church in Plano. The Turrentine-Jackson-Morrow Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.



She died Aug. 21. Born Sept. 7, 1936, in Dallas to U.V. and Rose Marie (Turner) Barrows, she married Frank Cross in Dallas on June 30, 1960.

A homemaker, she helped manage the family business, a freelance court-reporting firm, Cross & Associates. She was a member of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church and enjoyed tennis, photography, gardening, writing and spending time with her grandchildren. She was a wonderful cook who enjoyed preparing meals for family members and friends.

Survivors include her husband, Frank Cross; her daughters, Christina Cross Weiner and her husband, Joel Ray, Heidi Cross Gibson and her husband, Jerry Ray Jr., and Kelly Cross McTague and her husband, Michael William; her brother, John A. Barrows; her grandchildren, Sara Ann Weiner, Mikenzi McTague, Triston Michael McTague, Jerry Ray Gibson III and Madeline Rose Gibson; and numerous other relatives and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents and one son, Casey Cross. Online condolences may be made at tjfuneral.com.

Kathryn Douglas

Services for Kathryn Douglas, 86, of Dallas, formerly of Roysce City, will be conducted at 11 a.m. Monday, Aug. 31, 2009, in the Rest Haven Funeral Home-Rockwall Chapel. Burial will follow in the Roysce City Cemetery.

She died Aug. 19.

Born Dec. 25, 1922, in Rockland, Mass., to Michael James Bowen and Josephine Ellen (Honey) Bowen, she retired from Methodist Hospital in Dallas after 30 years of employment as a medical technologist. She was a member of St. Elizabeth Catholic Church in Dallas.

Survivors include her daughters, Betsy Keef and her husband, Joe Lozano, of Austin, Debbie Johnson and her husband, Sam, of Dallas and Pris Presley of Colorado Spring, Colo.; two sisters; seven grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Tony; her son, James Keef; two sisters; and one granddaughter, Katie.

The family has suggested memorial contributions be made to the Alzheimer's Association, 4144 N. Central Expressway, Suite 750, Dallas, TX 75204.

Rockwall County Letters to the Editor

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

What happened to the rule of law?

Recently I had the experience of going to a municipal court hearing on all things, a code violation.

Since I am not a city employee or using city property, I had to pay a fine to quash all actions against my natural self. Because a corporation (of which the state would have jurisdiction) about two hours before my case was called. I got up and made my declaratory statement that I was the defendant and the name they had called and that I claimed and none of my rights before crossing the bar to see the judge.

I might as well have been talking to a wall because that is what happened.

I presented myself to the judge and stated, "I am a bit of a trust and I am appointing you (the judge) as my trustee, I want you (the judge) to discharge this matter for me and eliminate the record."

The judge looked at me with a slight smirk and said to the effect of, "I don't have authority to do what you are asking me to do, I have to talk to the city attorney."

So, my question is, why did I have to go to the court place if there was not remedy for me?

A maximum of law used in positive law reads; The state can never be greater than the creator (the people).

Again, my question is, have we lost something in the 19th century? Are we now slaves of the state?

Something to think about.
Richard Lopez

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Romans 10:9

"A fool's mouth is his destruction, and his lips are the snare of his soul."
Proverbs 10:13

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Rockwall County Book Review

The Sweetness at the Bottom of the Pie,'

by Alan Bradley

Lindsey Snelling, Services Librarian at Rockwall County Library, is featured in the book. They had shoved the door open. The first sentences of the book are: "Sweetness at the Bottom of the Pie," readers will find the irrepressible Flavia de Luce.



ordinary English girl, in the English of 1950, this mother-year-old is quite. For example, her passion in life is and fortuitously she is a country manor. In Flavia's case, her ancestor. Flavia wields a particular affinity with poisons with a precocious sensibility of the adults in her life. Daphne and Ophelia, the perpetrators of the dark above, are frequent (and deserved) targets for her as well as her creativity. Flavia is keen on advancing her various experiments in chemistry. Her protagonist is lacking in years, her behavior is not dependent on adults, Flavia is uniquely resourceful. In pursuing a decades old mystery, Flavia seeks out situations in which she must use all of her logical reasoning abilities as well as her imagination to stay ahead of the unfolding drama. She is the Crime Writers' Association's Debut Dagger Award, a novel with a unique perspective on 1950's English culture and a truly exceptional protagonist.

Pumpkin Patch Preparation underway

The hot outside, but preparation meetings and work sessions for the 11th Annual Pumpkin Patch have been underway for the past few weeks. The event, co-sponsored by the Friends of the Rockwall County Library (FOL) and the Council of Catholic Women (CCW) of the Lake Church, will be held from Saturday, Oct. 3 to Sunday, Oct. 4, at the same location as last year, 1019-A Ridge Road in Brookshire's.

The traditional ones: carving pumpkins, pie, corn stalks, gourds of all shapes and sizes, Indian-style squashes and many deli items such as pumpkin butter, jelly, peppered pickles and candied jalapenos. All of these are Patch traditions and available only at the Pumpkin Patch Grand Opening and Ribbon Cutting Ceremony on Saturday, Oct. 3, at 9 a.m. The Patch will be open throughout the month of October from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Each day social children's activities will take place, with Story Time at 11 a.m. by Doreen Miller, children's librarian at the Rockwall County Library.

Patch preparation sessions have been underway for some time, there is still a need for volunteer workers, particularly Shift Workers to handle three to four hour shifts. In addition, assistance from both teens and adults, is needed to help with pumpkins and supplies. Those wishing to assist should contact Achenbach at 972-772-3203 or Bonnie Keese at 972-772-7040. For details and questions about the Pumpkin Patch, please contact coordinator Carolyn Duckworth at 972-772-0752 or carol@sbglobal.net.



Celia is a beautiful female tabby. She was rescued from the Animal Shelter where she had been picked up as a stray. She is also very pregnant and not feeling well. Celia has a litter of kittens who have all been adopted and now it is Celia's turn to have a loving home to call her own. She is only about 10 months old and still very much a kitten herself. She enjoys being visited and just hanging out. She gets along with kids, cats, and cat friendly dogs. She has been spayed, vaccinated and chipped. If you think Celia is the cat for you, please contact us at 972-345-3030 or email adopt@feralfriends.org. Visit our website at feralfriends.org for more information.

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The Hawk Extreme girls basketball team finished as runner-ups in the Sista Hoops Tournament in August 8-9 Argyle, losing in overtime to the G-Force 46-44. Extreme ended the tournament 3-1, after beating Chaos 59-29, North Texas East Slam 57-30, Lady Chargers 47-33 to reach the final. Players left to right are: top row, Jordan Mitchell (32), Katelyn Morris (30), Shanae Lowrance (10), Brooke Eddy (5), Jaci Mitchell (25). Bottom row, Macall Smith (22), Aly Coughlin (13), Lyndsey Renta (33), Brooke Garner (3). Extreme is coached by Rob McQuaid.

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Main Street Board President Sandi Whitley, Downtown Association President Larry Blacketer, Community Bank President Mike McCallum, Rockwall Main Street Manager Bethany Golden, Main Street Design Chairman Chris Cameron and Rockwall Director of Planning and Zoning Robert LaCroix (left to right) worked together to obtain a state economic incentive grant for Downtown Rockwall business owners.

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Grant available for downtown Rockwall property improvements

The City of Rockwall and Community Bank of Rockwall have formed a partnership to offer downtown business owners the Façade and Sign Reimbursement Grant Program, an economic incentive for reinvestment opportunities.

The bank matched the \$5,000 the City had budgeted for the program, which is a single payment reimbursement to grant recipients. The grant will match dollar for dollar the amount business owners spend to improve the outside of their buildings up to \$1,000. Funds can be used for exterior work on storefronts and highly visible side and rear facades located within the city's Main Street District. Sign grants are available on a 50/50 matching basis with a cap of \$500.

The City of Rockwall was selected as a Main Street City in 2008. The Main Street program is designed to help Texas cities revitalize their historic downtown areas and neighborhood commercial districts by utilizing preservation and economic development strategies. Promoting the area, providing technical and educational assistance to business and property owners and maintaining the uniqueness of downtown are important aspects of the program.

Bethany Golden, manager of Rockwall's Main Street program, works with downtown merchants and property owners, along with state Main Street officials, on the revitalization project.

"This is just the beginning of the opportunities that will be available to downtown merchants as we work together to revive our downtown," she said.

As one of the longest-term businesses on the square, Rockwall Community Bank President Mike McCallum said they wanted the downtown area to blossom, thrive and succeed.

"That will definitely happen with the Main Street Program," he said. "We're very excited about the possibilities, and we believe the city government also wants the downtown to succeed."

The Façade and Sign Reimbursement grants are available throughout the year on a first come, first served basis until funds are depleted. Preference may be given to projects that will further the city's Downtown Plan. The Main Street Advisory Board must approve projects.

For more information about the grant and Main Street programs, contact Golden at 972-772-6400.

Lopez, church to make mission trip

Richard Lopez will travel with a mission team from the First United Methodist Church of Heath to Puerto Lamparia, Honduras, South American next month.

The group's mission will be to help construct a dental clinic for children who reside in the House of Hope. The team will be working in support of teams from Allen and Mabank.

Anyone interested in traveling with the mission team on Sept. 25 is welcome. Contact mission director Weldon Davis at 972-741-6419 for more details.

Rockwall County Sports



Lady Eagles face off with Poetry Christian

Heritage Christian Academy's Anabel Bjurke (6) and Loren Holloway (17) block a shot by Poetry Community Christian School's Madeline Walls (30).
Photo by William T. Crowe

Lady Jackets run out of gas against Marcus, Boyd

by Lary Bump

Rockwall's varsity volleyball team took on two 5A teams Tuesday, and came away from the matches with two losses.

Except for the last of seven games, the Lady Jackets had close encounters with Flower Mound Marcus and McKinney Boyd at Highland Park.

Rockwall head coach Damon Wilson said, "We played pretty well at times, but we have to be able to sustain that."

Against Marcus, RHS lost the first game, but won the second and had an 18-17 lead in the third. The Lady Marauders (12-7) then scored the next seven points on the way to winning 25-20.

The Lady Jackets still had a chance to stay in the match. They led 4-3 Maggie Brindock's hit went off Marcus defenders out of bounds, and were tied 8-8 before

the Lady Marauders took a lead as big as six points. Five times, RHS moved within three points, the last at 20-17, but couldn't score on any of its serves. The game and the match ended with Marcus' 25-20 victory.

Rockwall led by as many as three points early in its opening game against Boyd. The Lady Jackets' 7-6 lead was their last of the game. The Lady Broncos (7-8) went ahead by as many as three points before Rockwall (5-7) rallied to tie the score 19-19 on a kill by Ashton Atwell. RHS couldn't hold its serve again, and lost the game 25-22.

The Lady Jackets led 17-13 in the second game, but five consecutive points gave Boyd an 18-17 lead. RHS scored the next point to tie the game, but a run of six points carried the Lady Broncos to a 25-19 victory.

Rockwall never led a game. It was tied 4-4. Lady Broncos then won consecutive points on the way to winning 25-11.

Wilson said, "We show flashes tonight, but we set in."

The coach is still looking for consistent back-line coverage. None of those players has experience before this season.

"We played four specialists (Allie Welch, Brenna Mason, Allie Cecil). It's almost to have that many from."

Good news for the Lady Jackets was the return of Broussard and Brooke from injuries. However, said senior McKenna, a knee injury will keep her out of the season.

Yellowjackets open season at Midland

Who:

Rockwall Yellowjackets vs. Midland Bulldogs

When:

Friday, Aug. 28, 7:30 p.m.

Where:

Grande Communications Stadium, Midland

Records: It is the first game this season for each team.

Injuries: Rockwall head coach Scott Smith said his team made it through Friday's scrimmage against Denison without a serious injury. In fact, the Jackets will have nose tackle Walter Garrett, who missed the scrimmage, back for the Midland game. The Bulldogs will be without a backup wide receiver who suffered a broken collarbone.

History: The teams have met only once - in 2007, when the Jackets won at Midland 40-7.

Notes: The game is part of ASCO Midland Football Madness, a three-day event that features five high school games. Each of the 10 participating schools selects a player to receive a scholarship. This is the fourth consecutive year that RHS has been part of it. Smith arranged the trip after he came to Rockwall from a job as the head coach of Odessa Permian, a rival to both Midland and Midland Lee.

Leading the Jackets is quarterback Adam Dingwell, who has been an All-District performer each of the last two seasons - at tight end as a sophomore, and a punter last year.

Rockwall's only other returning All-District 10-4A players are running back Josh Broach, voted the Offensive Sophomore of the Year in 2008, and wide receiver Will Beasley, who received Honorable Mention.

In preseason 5A rankings, the Bulldogs were rated as high as 14th in the state (by texashsfootball.com). The same web site ranked Rockwall 31st among 4A schools.

"Our questions are defensive," Smith said. "We need to find out who's going to be at inside linebacker. That's what non-district games are for."

Rockwall's coaching staff scouted Midland by reviewing videotape from its scrimmage Friday in Artesia, N.M. There, the Bulldogs met El Paso Coronado, the team they defeated in last year's Bi-District playoffs.

Smith said, "Last year when we went out there to play Midland Lee, we didn't have any tape, so this is an improvement."

"We don't know how good El Paso Coronado is, but we do know

Rockwall Yellowjackets' schedule

Friday, Aug. 28 - Varsity volleyball: at Frisco Varsity Tournament, Frisco Wakeland, 6:30 p.m.

Varsity football: at Midland, Grande Communications Stadium, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, Aug. 29 - Cross country: at Greenhill Relays, Norbuck Park, Dallas

Monday, Aug. 31 - Volleyball: home vs. Mesquite Horn, JV and freshman A 5:30 p.m., varsity and freshman B 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, Aug. 31 - Freshman football: home vs. Rowlett, Wilkerson-Sanders Stadium, B 5:30 p.m., A 7 p.m.

JV football: at Rowlett, White 5:30 p.m., Orange 7 p.m.

Varsity volleyball: at Santa Fe Varsity Tournament

JV volleyball: at Garland JV Tournament

that Midland offensively hasn't changed. They run a two-by-two (two wide receivers on each side) and a Pro set. Defensively, they used to be in a five-man front but they've gone to a 4-1."

Head coach Craig Yanzer's Bulldogs feature wide receiver/defensive back Antwon Goodley. Quarterback Josh Bolger played just part-time last season, but still threw for 11 touchdowns.

Midland's offense averaged 35 points per game, but their porous defense allowed 30. It won't help that defensive tackle Ricky Pena, who led the team in tackles last year, didn't return this season.

After beating Coronado in '08, Midland lost the next Arlington Bowie to finish the season 8-4.

Last year, the Yellowjackets were 4-6 overall, and fifth with 3-4 in district games. For the first time in three seasons, not reach the playoffs. Rockwall is expected to be a playoff team this year.

Editor's Note: Results of Friday's game will be published Tuesday, September 1 edition of the Rockwall County News.

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Looking to repeat last year's success, Heath opens season at Carrollton's Hawk Invitation

By Matt McGlen

Hoping to pick up where they left off last year, the Rockwall-Heath cross country teams will open their season Aug. 28 at the Hawk Invitational at the McInnis Sports Complex in Carrollton.

"We're doing good so far," said Heath coach Libby Holley. "It is still pretty early but we will be great in the end."

The Hawks were great at the end of last season, as both the boys and girls teams qualified for regionals after cracking the top three at the District 10-4A meet last spring. The boys took third while the girls wound up second at district, with the girls team then just missing a trip to the state finals by finishing fourth at the regional meet.

Leading the girls will be Jackie Myers while Carlos Zaldivar as the boys' top runner.

Among the newcomers to the team that could make an impression is freshman Molly Nelson, who also plays on the Lady Hawks JV varsity volleyball team.

Holly sees more success for the both Hawks teams in 2009. "I believe we will repeat with both teams going back to the top."

Varsity Girls: Jackie Myers, Maria Zaldivar, Andrea Lenica Morales, Aimee Arceneaux, Molly Nelson and Aly Varsity Boys: Carlos Zaldivar, Jesus Carrillo, Sam Stone, E.J. Danny Burbulys, Jacob Glastad and Mitchell Howell.

Rockwall Christian traveling to Watauga for season opener

Who: Rockwall Christian Academy Warriors vs. Watauga Harvest Christian Saints

When: Friday, Aug. 28, 7:30 p.m.

Where: Callahan Field, Watauga

Records: It is the first game this season for each team.

Injuries: RCA All-State linebacker Cody Wallace can't play defense because of a recurring shoulder injury, but the Warriors can't keep him off the field. Wallace will kickoff and punt in Friday's game. First-year head coach Caleb Palmer has instructed Wallace that he can't even try to make a tackle in kick coverage. "Everybody else will be ready to play," Palmer said. There were no reports of injuries for the Watauga school.

History: Rockwall Christian defeated Harvest Christian 53-0 last

season, but most of the players who provided that offense from RCA.

What to expect: The Warriors open the season with junior Eastin, last year's backup, at quarterback. Stephan Turner, transfer from South Garland, will take some snaps at quarterback also will help RCA as a slot and wide receiver, running back and defensive back.

This season's featured running back will be senior Sherman Charlie Wilson, the Warriors' "T," or slot back, is expected to be a leading pass receiver.

While they were putting in a new multiple offense during practices, the Warriors did not scrimmage an opponent.

Palmer said, "We were doing a lot of live drills and hitting drills. We ran a lot of plays in game conditions at game speed, but you can't get up for not getting to pop the pads."

RCA will have plenty of chances to "pop the pads" Friday at Harvest Christian. The Saints last year gained more than three of their yardage on the ground.

"I think they primarily will run the ball. We'll see some of Pro set I. That will really test us up front," Palmer said.

Each team has a new head coach who was an assistant at his last season. The Warriors, who finished 8-6 and reached the Division IV state semifinals, but Harvest Christian was 2-9.

"They have several skill kids who worried me defensively about them getting outside. From what I know from last year, they are well coached," Palmer said.

Mann is welcoming back the entire 2008 offensive line, including 270-pound Connor Weeks. He'll help protect returning quarterback Hayden Howard. Nathan Groover was the Saints' rushing leader last year, with 672 yards and six touchdowns. Cody Huett was the receiver on the run-first team with just 20 catches and two touchdowns.

Palmer is optimistic. He said, "At this point, we're extremely excited. Things are coming together offensively. Our guys have really responded in the last week on all our reads."

Rockwall Christian Warriors' schedule
Friday, Aug. 28 - Varsity football: at Watauga Heritage Center, 7:30 p.m.

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Rockwall County Sports

Rockwall-Heath volleyball sweeps Royse City at Lewisville ISD tournament

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Quality of play was a little ragged at times, there was a district-like intensity when Rockwall-Heath City went head-to-head at the Lewisville ISD pre-season volleyball tournament Aug. 22 at Heath High School.

"I was very satisfied with the quality of play," said Heath coach Maggie Younger after the Lady Hawks swept the Lady Bulldogs 25-19, 25-17, 25-17 in the championship game of the Red bracket, which put Heath 13th overall out of 24 mostly 5A teams.

Younger, who enters her fourth year as the head varsity coach of the Lady Hawks. "Today we played very consistent volleyball. I feel we are right on target."

The team finished 1-7 for the year, finished two games out of the fourth and final District 10-4A playoff berth last year to a 12-14-1 record.

Meanwhile, finished with a 17-16 overall mark and wound up tied for that fourth berth last year when they lost to Smith, necessitating a one-game playoff for the last spot in the Bi-district tournament. The Lady Bulldogs beat Smith but then lost in the opening round of the postseason to 9-4A champion Frisco.

Rockwall-Heath not only lost its entire starting lineup from last year, but also head coach Trent Tharp. Tharp, who coached the Lady Bulldogs to within one game of the state tournament in 2007, RC's last in 3A before moving up to 4A, has been replaced by Robyn Hill, a very successful coach in her own right.

Hill coached for 10 years at Bonham where she amassed seven District 9-3A championships while also coaching the Lady Bulldogs.

"I'm very young," said Hill, whose Lady Bulldogs fell to 2-8 on the year. "And we are still learning to be consistent." But I feel better about the direction I am going to take them."

The Lady Bulldogs led 13-11 in the first game, which was marred slightly by some curious scorekeeping that kept the game tied at 13-13 and take points occasionally at random, before Heath took advantage of a couple of good plays to break the tie. As several unforced errors on RC's to run off a 10-4 streak to close out the contest.

In the second game, it looked like the Lady Hawks would win easily as they moved to a 11-6 lead on senior Eilts.

The Lady Bulldogs rallied all the way back to take the lead, 14-13, on a kill by freshman Tori Green. The game was never more than a point apart from that point until Heath went on a 5-1 finishing tear, capped off by another Eilts' kill off a nice short set from Morgan Hawkins to give the Lady Hawks a 2-0 game lead.

In the third game, Heath broke away from a 6-6 tie by putting together a 13-3 streak to lead 19-9 after a Carpenter block.

The Lady Bulldogs got no closer than nine points the rest of the way with Rachel Hilton ending the game on match point.

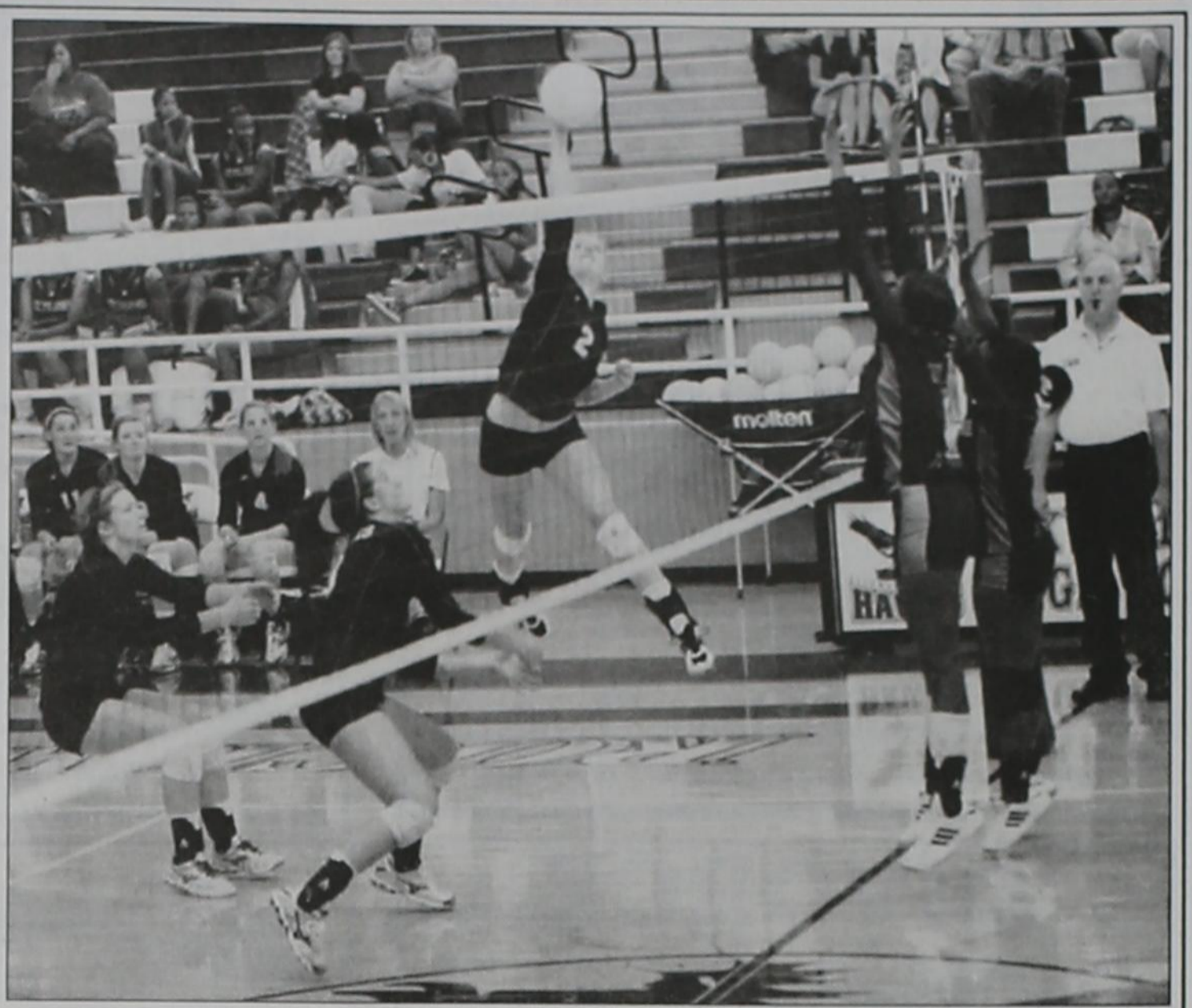
"We finished 13th in a 5A tournament," said Younger. "I can't complain about the performance. They made a great effort forward in the tournament."

Hill, who has just one player with any varsity experience as well as two freshmen on her roster, she expects to make some adjustments that need to be made.

"I'm a much faster game (3A compared to 4A)," said Hill. "Behind every big hitter is another one and you have to be ready."

The Lady Bulldogs continue their preseason at Emory Rains Aug. 25 and at South Garland Aug. 28 while competing in non-district foes South Garland and Skyline Aug. 28.

The team will compete in the Royse City ISD tournament Aug. 29.



Heath junior Ciara Ryan-Todd (center) goes up for a spike while two of her teammates prepare for a possible return shot against South Garland in non-district volleyball action August 25 at RHHS. Photo by Carl McClung

Heritage Christian hits the road to Tomball

Who: Heritage Christian Academy Eagles vs. Tomball Rosehill Christian School Eagles
When: Friday, Aug. 28, 7:30 p.m.
Where: Rosehill Christian School Football Field, Tomball
Records: It is the first game this season for each team.
Injuries: HCA played a little shorthanded in Friday's scrimmage against Arlington Fellowship Academy, but could have everyone back for the opening game.
History: The Rockwall-based Eagles defeated the South Texas Eagles 71-24 last season.
What to expect: It's a brand-new cast of starters for Heritage Christian. However, the game last season that might have given us the best sneak preview of this year's team was the victory over Rosehill.

In that game, backup quarterback Austin Pettit ran for a touchdown and threw a pass to Sam Prater for an extra point. Aaron Mateer scored 10 points on conversion kicks, for a total of 17 points from those 2008 starters. Note that in six-man football, a run or pass conversion counts as one point and a conversion kick is two points.

It's a young HCA team, especially compared with last year's veteran group that went to two TAPPS Division I 6-Man state titles (and was last year's runner-up). Prater is the only senior; Pettit and Mateer are both part of an emerging junior class.

Returning to lead head coach Len Shelby's Rosehill team is quarterback/wide receiver Shane Mylius. He scored two of the Eagles' four touchdowns against HCA last year.

Heritage Christian finished last season 10-3. Rosehill Christian was 3-6.

Heritage Christian Eagles' schedule

Friday, Aug. 28 - Varsity football: at Tomball Rosehill Christian School, 7:30 p.m.
Varsity volleyball: at Carrollton Christian Tournament
Saturday, Aug. 29 - Varsity volleyball: at Carrollton Christian Tournament
Monday, Aug. 31 - Middle school volleyball: home vs. Garland Christian, 4:30 p.m.
Thursday, Sept. 3 - Volleyball: home vs. First Baptist, JV 5 p.m. and varsity 6 p.m.

Lady Eagles fall to Garland Christian

Heritage Christian won the first game, but then dropped three in a row in a home varsity volleyball loss to Garland Christian Thursday, Aug. 20.

HCA (2-4) took a close 25-23 victory in game one, but then lost 25-21, 25-14 and 25-19 to the Lady Swordsmen (4-1).

Fulton Falcons meet The Winston of Dallas in six-man football season opener tonight

Looking to improve on last season's 1-9 record, the Fulton School Falcons open their 2009 six-man football season Aug. 28 at 7 p.m. on the road against The Winston School of Dallas.

The same two teams met last in the 2008 season opener with Winston, which finished last year with a 2-7 record, beating Fulton 54-6 at Rockwall-Heath.

The Falcons will be led by Brett Steffen, a first team All-District defensive end last year, who has been converted to quarterback from his tight end position.

Under the guidance of coach Matt Burgoy, who serves as the Head of School as well as teaching at Fulton, the Falcons notched their first win in the school's short two-year history by downing Parkview Christian 53-38.

That win got the Falcons into the playoffs where they were eliminated in the first round by Heritage Classical Academy of Amarillo, 64-6.

Look Who's Reading the Rockwall County News!

Students in Karen Folleras' fifth grade class at Amy Parks like to keep up with the local news by reading their favorite hometown newspaper, The Rockwall County News. Pictured at back are Connor Lester, Victor Rivera, Grant Degner, Carsen Lee, Max Amick, Nicole Deel, McKenzie Iles, Allisen Lau, J.C. Hohenshelt and Patrick Sinclair; middle row, Emily Miller, Macy Jackson, Anne-Marie Thacker, Cami Duffey, Sumer Eason, Tyler Kremenski and Dan Crawford, principal; and, at front, Folleras, Luke Marek, Reed Lewis, Huter Leeuw, Ian Larsen, Matthew Belmonte, the fish and Tanner Schroeder. Photo courtesy Mary Thacker

Sports Notes

- Swim team tryouts set**
Rockwall club swim team, RACE (Rockwall Aquatics Center of Excellence) will have tryouts weekdays this week and Monday in the morning after school. For more details visit the team Web site at www.race-swim.org.
- RCISD season ticket sales under way**
Reserved seating ticket sales for the Royse City ISD will begin at 4 p.m. today at the RCISD administrative office.
- RTU plans Labor Day Mixer**
Tennis Unlimited will conduct its annual Labor Day Mixer on noon Sept. 5 at Rockwall-Heath High. Pre-registered members is \$10; cost for guests is \$15. Registration due on the day of the mixer will be \$15 for members. Participants will play in a round-robin format with a net for three hours. To register visit rahmanzadeh1@sbcglobal.net.
- Hunters' ed course slated**
Hunting education course will be offered for individuals ages 12 and older from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. Sept. 8 in the Myers Community Center. Instruction in Texas hunting regulations, ethics, firearm and safety and other topics will be covered. Cost for this Rockwall sponsored program will be \$15 for Rockwall residents.
- Fly fishing course scheduled**
Fly fishing will be offered from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sept. 12 at the Rockwall Parks & Recreation Department. Participants will learn how to cast with a fly rod, knots and discuss the different types of flies and where they are used. Instructed by members of the Dallas Fly Fishing Association is sponsored by the Rockwall Parks & Rec Department. Ages 12-15 must be accompanied by an adult. For more details call 972-771-1774.
- Shoot, Pass & Kick competition planned**
Shoot, Pass & Kick competition will begin at 2 p.m. Sept. 12 at the Rockwall Field at Dobbs. Participation will be free; girls and boys separately in age divisions 8-9, 10-11, 12-13 and 14-18. Champions may advance to the team competition at a Dallas event. Each participant must bring a copy of his/her birth certificate. Soft-soled sneakers will be allowed, no cleats. For more details call the Rockwall Parks & Rec Department at 972-771-1774.
- Hot Shot contest set Sept. 26**
Rockwall's Parks & Recreation Department will host a Basketball Shooting Contest beginning at 9 a.m. Sept. 26 at the Rockwall ISD Education Center gym. The event will be open to ages 8 and older; cost will be \$3 for Rockwall residents, \$5 for non-residents.
- RHHS seniors to host golf tourney**
The 2010 of Rockwall-Heath High will host a Senior Pride Tournament and Silent Auction/Dinner on Sept. 26 at Buffalo Creek Club. The tourney will open with a shotgun start at 1 p.m., followed by the dinner and auction at the Buffalo Creek Pavilion. For dinner or dinner reservations, contact Don Allen at dkaac@aol.com. Contact Dolly DeLaGarza at dollydlg@sbcglobal.net for the silent auction.

Utley Middle School Wolves' schedule

Thursday, Sept. 3 - 7th grade volleyball: home vs. Lovejoy, C 5:30 p.m., B 6:30 p.m., A 7:30 p.m.

Williams Middle School Wildcats' schedule

Thursday, Sept. 3 - 7th grade volleyball: home vs. Wylie Burnett, C 5:30 p.m., B 6:30 p.m., A 7:30 p.m.
8th grade volleyball: at Wylie Burnett, C 5:30 p.m., B 6:30 p.m., A 7:30 p.m.

RHHS senior plan Sept. 26 golf tourney

The Rockwall-Heath High School Class of 2010 will host a Senior Pride Golf Tournament and Silent Auction/Dinner on Sept. 26 at Buffalo Creek Golf Club.

The tournament will begin with a 1 p.m. shotgun start.

Tournament fees are \$400 per team of four.

Team sponsorship fees range from \$500 to \$5,000 and include numerous perks, including hole sponsorship, recognition in the RHHS prom program, tickets to the dinner/silent auction and banner advertisement.

Following the tourney, the class will host a dinner and silent auction at the Buffalo Creek Pavilion. The event will be catered by Dickey's BBQ.

Non-golfers are welcome to attend the dinner and auction at a cost of \$25 per person. Reservations should be made by Sept. 18.

Anyone interested in helping the class out with this fundraiser by sponsoring a golf hole or donating an item should contact Dolly DeLaGarza at dollydlg@sbcglobal.net. For more details on the tournament or to make dinner reservations contact Don Allen at dkaacom@aol.com.

Proceeds from the tournament and auction will benefit the senior prom and after-prom party.

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The City Council of the McLendon-Chisholm meeting at 6:30 p.m. on September 8, 2009, at 1248 S. Hwy 205, McLendon-Chisholm, Texas, to consider adopting a proposed tax year 2009. The proposed rate is \$0.0975 per \$100

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COUNTY OF ROCKWALL - Draft # 2 Budget

In compliance with Chapters 111.006, 111.007 and 111.0075 of the Local Government Code, the Commissioners Court of Rockwall County, Texas does hereby give notice that a public hearing on the proposed FY2009 County Budget will be held on the 8th day of September 2009, in the Commissioners Courtroom on the third floor of the Historic Courthouse, 101 E. Rusk St., Rockwall, Texas at 9:00 a.m.

In compliance with Chapter 152.013 of the Local Government Code, the Commissioners Court hereby gives notice that the following salary / compensation increases are proposed for Elected Officials of Rockwall County. The proposed increases in salaries and / or allowances shown below, if approved, will become effective October 1, 2009.

| Elected Officials | FY2009 | FY2010 (Proposed) | Proposed Incr / (Decr) |
|---|--------|-------------------|------------------------|
| County Commissioner #1 Longevity | 1,980 | 2,160 | 180 |
| County Commissioner #4 Longevity | 600 | 720 | 120 |
| County Sheriff Longevity | 840 | 960 | 120 |
| County Clerk Longevity | 960 | 1,080 | 120 |
| County Tax Assessor / Collector Longevity | 2,160 | 2,340 | 180 |
| Justice of Peace #1 & #4 Longevity | 2,160 | 2,340 | 180 |
| Justice of Peace #2 & #3 Longevity | 1,080 | 1,800 | 720 |
| Constable #1 & #4 Longevity | 960 | 1,080 | 120 |
| Constable #2 & #3 Longevity Pay | 720 | 840 | 120 |
| District Clerk Longevity | 2,880 | 3,060 | 180 |

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- Public Notice -

The City of Rockwall Planning and Zoning Commission will hold a public hearing on **Tuesday, September 15, 2009** at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at Rockwall City Hall, 385 South Goliad, Rockwall, Texas, and the Rockwall City Council will hold a public hearing on **Monday, September 21, 2009** at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at Rockwall City Hall, 385 South Goliad, Rockwall, Texas, to consider the following items:

P2009-018: Proposed Residential Replat
Hold a public hearing and consider a request by Jon Heinley for approval of a residential replat of Lot 15, Block D, Lake Ridge Park Addition, being 0.42-acre zoned (SF-10) Single Family Residential district and located at 1926 South Lakeshore Drive, specifically to replat the existing drainage and utility easement in the rear of the property, and take any action necessary.

Z2009-016: Proposed Zoning Change
Hold a public hearing and consider approval of a City-initiated request for a change in zoning from (PD-14) Planned Development No. 14 District to (C) Commercial district, for approximately 56.78-acres comprised of Lot 1, Block C and Lots 5, 6 and 9, Block A, Rockwall Business Park East Addition, generally located south of IH-30, west of SH 205 and along the north and south sides of Ralph Hall Pkwy, and take any action necessary.

Z2009-017: Proposed Zoning Change
Hold a public hearing and consider approval of a City-initiated request for a change in zoning from (PD-35) Planned Development No. 35 District to (LI) Light Industrial district, for a 2.343-acre property known as Tract 15-1, Abstract 99, A. Hanna Survey, and located at 1535 IH-30, and take any action necessary.

Z2009-018: Amendment to PD-70
Hold a public hearing and consider a request by Jed Dolson of Stone Creek Balance, Ltd, for proposed amendments to (PD-70) Planned Development No. 70 District (Ord. 07-13), being 395-acres overall and generally known as the Stone Creek development, located along the east side of SH 205, south side of FM 552, west side of Hayes Rd and north side of Quail Run Rd, and take any action necessary.

Z2009-019: Proposed Automotive Repair, Minor (SUP)
Hold a public hearing and consider a request by Dwayne Zinn of Cross Engineering Consultants for approval of a Specific Use Permit (SUP) to allow for "Automotive Repair, Minor" within (PD-49) Planned Development No. 49 District, specifically a 4,922-sf Christian Brothers Automotive on Lot 2, Block A, Wal-Mart Rockwall Addition, being 1,003-acres and situated along the north side of SH 66 (W Rusk) east of North Lakeshore Dr, and take any action necessary.

All interested parties are encouraged to attend. Please contact the City of Rockwall Planning and Zoning staff at (972) 771-7745 with any questions.

- Public Notice -

The City of Rockwall City Council will hold a public hearing on **Tuesday, September 8, 2009** at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at Rockwall City Hall, 385 South Goliad, Rockwall, Texas, to consider the following items:

Z2009-008: Proposed Zoning Change for Lake Rockwall Estates
Hold a public hearing and consider a City-initiated request for a change in zoning from Agricultural district to (PD) Planned Development district on approximately 329.53-acres known as "Lake Rockwall Estates," located along the south side of Tubbs Road, east side of Horizon Road (FM 3097), and north side of County Line Road, and take any action necessary.

All interested parties are encouraged to attend. Please contact the City of Rockwall Planning and Zoning staff at (972) 771-7745 with any questions.

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Partial view of another page with various advertisements including photos and text.



Gordon, Christopher Kersey and Jack Gordon (left to right) pray as part of the Backpack First Presbyterian Church of Rockwall. Pastor Cheryl Taylor officiated during the Sunday service, which was held in anticipation of the first day of the 2009-2010 school year. Courtesy of Mary Thacker/Rockwall County News



Debbie Roberts, Tommie Smith, Shannon Sharp and Caryl Everett from Rockwall ISD volunteer to unpack school supplies recently at Helping Hands. The donated supplies will be distributed to low-income children in Rockwall County. Helping Hands, a non-profit critical assistance agency, thanks RISD for their assistance. For more information about Helping Hands and their current needs, please call 972-771-HELP. Courtesy Photo/Rockwall County News

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Royse City ISD's Creative Convocation Gets Staff Ready for a Great Start

Royse City ISD teachers and staff were entertained and inspired at the district convocation on Tuesday, Aug. 18. Superintendent Randy Hancock welcomed employees back to school and commenced the day with a ventriloquist act entitled "Finance for Dummies." With Hancock as ventriloquist and Chief Financial Officer Jimmy Butler playing the role of the puppet, the two cracked jokes yet also gave staff a brief update on district finances and staff salaries.

District employees were then treated to a commercial break to kick-off the Payroll Deduction Campaign for the Royse City ISD Education Foundation. A parody on the Geico money eyes, Vernon Elementary

School Principal Paula Walker and Butler starred in the production, touting the message, "That's the money you could be giving to the Royse City ISD Education Foundation!" This first year of fundraising for the foundation gives supporters the opportunity to become Founding Donors, an honor that will only be available this first year. Those who pledge \$250 or above will be listed as a Founding Donor, a designation that will become a part of the foundation's history and noted in its publications, on the web site and on a monument to be dedicated in recognition of the donors.

Also included in the day's activity were the funny and moving messages

brought to the staff by Angie Homan, District Elementary of the Year, and Chandra Caffee, District Secondary Teacher of the Year. Homan entertained with classroom stories demonstrating different hats an elementary teacher must wear during a school day. Caffee also treated the assembly to a song. Homan concluded with a message of the day we are exhausted. Yet, no matter how many us or how often the state tries to make our job about number one, we know that it is about children who will grow up and one day communities, our country, and our world. And WE get to be a part in that. And that is why we do what we do. I hope you will be a part of it - my hat is off to you."

Caffee spoke with passion about how a teacher's actions imprint memories upon their students and fellow staff. "Every time that we come into contact with a child-kindergarten up to leave an imprint on that student... the bus ride to school, the front door, the front office, the cafeteria, the classroom. I with whom a child comes into contact leaves some impression on that child. From your voice, your vibe, the smells, the colors, the pictures, the words on the wall, or a lack of anything in the room are imprinting each student."

So I leave you with this question to ponder - What impression are you leaving?"

Superintendent Hancock closed the morning session with the "Miracle of the Moment." He said, "There are moments in life that come along that are important - that may create a memory that just truly make a difference. Maybe they make a difference to you... and sometimes both. But they are times that pay attention to and take notice of before they have come and gone."

He described the different types of moments: Ta-Dah Moments, Jerry, Elaine, George & Kramer Moments (The show about Curved Moments and Spilled Pea Moments).

"We often get caught up with the destination or the goal at the end of the journey, the Ta-Dah moments; we all know these-a fit the birth of a child. The list is long for certain. Then there's the Moments that actually turn out to be something memorable to you. The Curve Ball Moments are the moments or times in life that you don't understand. And, the Spilled Pea Moments are when you make mistakes, when we should admit the mistake, take responsibility and learn something."

In the end, Hancock proposed, it's not the tangible things - the buildings, the test scores. What matters is the life we live and the relationships we develop, the students we nurture and the memories we make. He concluded, "Moments change lives - they change the course and the destiny of others. May we never forget the opportunity to work with our students - and may we always remember the ability that comes with the job."

"Wavelength - Communication through Comedy," was the theme of the afternoon. The Wavelength performers filled the afternoon with laughter, using humor, laughter and improvisation to entertain and inspire the teachers.

"This is my thirtieth year to teach and that was by far the best convocation I've ever attended. It was very upbeat and humorous and informative. Mr. Hancock has such a positive attitude about the district and that attitude is very contagious. Everyone seemed to have a great time. A huge thank you to everyone who helped organize the day. This is a great school district," said Caroline Jenkins, second grade teacher at Scott Elementary School.

Melissa Kethley, a district coach said of the event, "I am so grateful to be here at RCISD. I loved the convocation yesterday. It was so engaging and entertaining. I especially loved the ventriloquist act. They were hilarious. The entire day was well organized and fun. I am so excited to be here at RC. Coming to a district convocation is always intimidating, but I have felt right at home since my first day. Thank you!"

Lisa Pogue, a GT Specialist at Scott Elementary added, "Mr. Hancock is the best superintendent! I appreciate his genuine personality. He is so creative with his presentations that you never get bored. Royse City ISD is going places under his direction."

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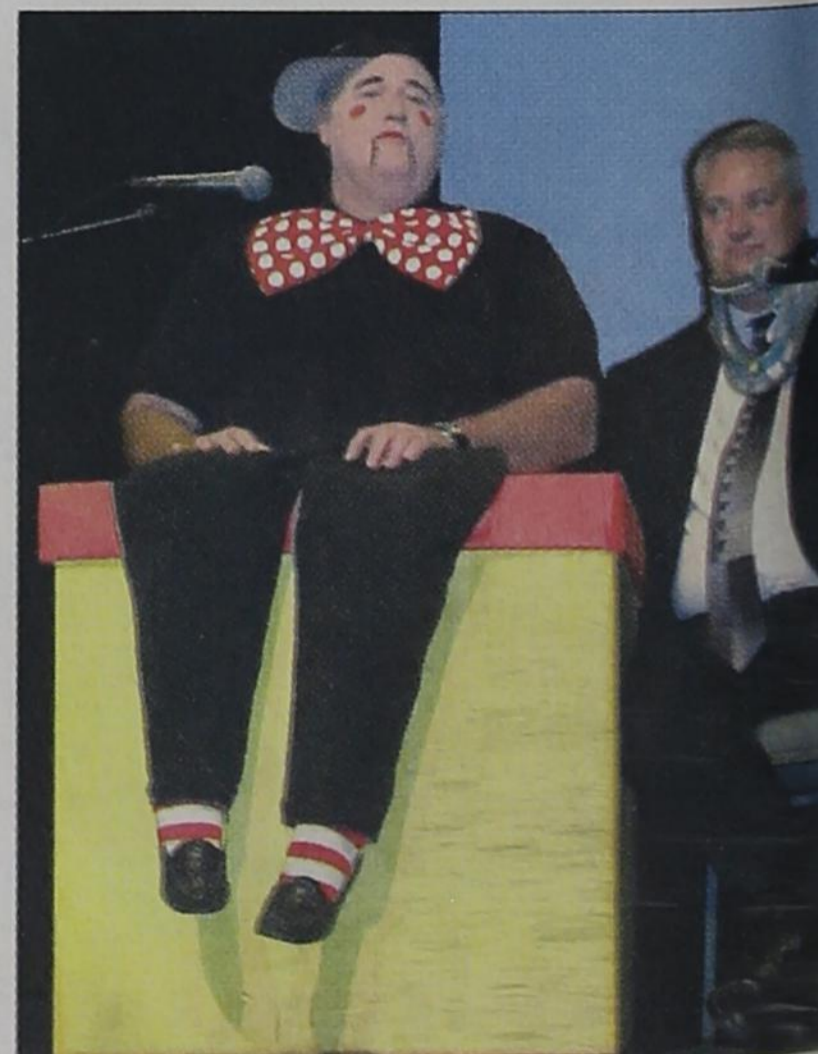
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Royse City ISD CFO Jimmy Butler (left) and Superintendent Randy Hancock created a fun atmosphere to give staff a financial update of district finances and staff salaries at the district convocation.

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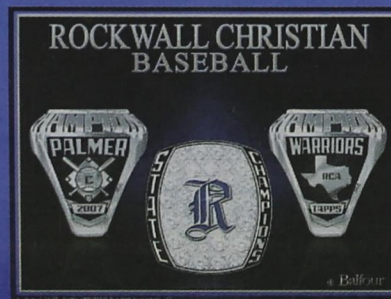
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| 5 | Thu, Oct 1, 09 | at Dallas Lakehill |
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The Fulton School Cheerleaders

(Back row left to right) Katie Burgy, Laine Ellison, Anna Borgen, (Front row left to right) Isabella Cerritos, Kamryn Burns and Mary Jane Lenamond.

Staff Photo by Kathy Williams

The Fulton School Falcons look to build on last year's success

by Matt McGillen

It's the little things.

Having secured the first win as well as the first playoff berth in the Fulton school's short football history, head coach Matt Burgy and the Falcons are aiming even higher this season.

"Our goal, of course," said Burgy, who coaches all the varsity sports at the 132-student school while also teaching and serving as Fulton's chief administrator, "is to win a state championship."

While that goal may not come to fruition in this, just the non-secular private school's third year to field a team, the Falcons do look to be much improved over last year's 1-9 season which ended with a 64-6 first round playoff loss to Amarillo Heritage Classic.

With all but one of their starters back, the Falcons, one of the smallest TAPPS schools in the state with just 15 boys in grades 9-12, should add to their career win total of one, a 53-38 win over Waco Parkview last season.

"We will be bigger, faster and stronger" said Burgy, former captain of the lacrosse team at his alma mater, Stephen F. Austin. "We should do pretty well. We have everybody back but Adam."

Adam, of course, is Adam Gilbreath, the Falcons' best all around athlete last season.

Gilbreath, Fulton's 2008 QB, was named first team All-District utility back and punter last season. He also won two individual state track championships last spring.

"I'll miss him," said Burgy, who also coaches basketball and track.

Taking over at quarterback will be junior Brett Steffen (please see related story). Steffen was a first team All-District selection as a tight end last season. Also expected to make an impact offensively is running back Milan Rahbah.

The Falcons, with a nine-man roster, should also be better on the defensive side of the ball, where they surrendered 55 points a game a year ago.

Unlike his big school, 11-man head coach counterparts, who have sometimes 15 or more paid assistants, Burgy pretty much does it all with just the help of two or three volunteer coaches.

Yet, according to the 33-year-old Burgy, he wouldn't really want it any other way.

"That would be nice," he said with regard to having several paid helpers. "I like Fulton. I have a great opportunity to build my own program the way I want to."

And there are those other little things.

"It's just a wonderful environment. The kids are great," said Burgy, whose wife Moira is also a teacher at Fulton. His daughter is in the fifth grade there as well. "We are a Fulton family. We are all there."

Originally started as a Montessori school in 1987, Fulton switched to a college prep curriculum about six years ago and now draws its students from four counties.

"We are just a big family," said Burgy. "We'll welcome whoever shows up here with open arms."

The Falcons open the season on that road Aug. 28 at 7 p.m. at Dallas' The Winston School.



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and Matt McGillen for the look at Rockwall County football team representatives featured on the cover of our 2009 Rockwall County Football Guide. We must also express our appreciation to our county football coaches for assisting with arrangements for the photograph.

The players representing individual schools are (left to right):

Adam Dingwell (Rockwall High School)

Cody Wallace (Rockwall Christian Academy)

Ryan Fedric (Royse City High School)

Brett Steffen (The Fulton School)

Austin Pettit (Heritage Christian Academy)

Austin Woods (Rockwall-Heath High School)

We express our thanks also to Mike Moore for suggesting the idea for the cover and Rockwall-Heath High School Coach Mickey Moss for arranging the use of the Hawks practice field for the setting.

The 2009 Rockwall County football season begins this week, and it's bound to bring out the best in our young athletes, their coaches and their fans.

The 2009 Rockwall County Guide

In early spring our advertising sales coordinator Mike Moore got my attention one afternoon, reminding me that we should start making plans for a pre-season football guide. Of course I agreed with Mike's suggestion, and his enthusiasm for this project has inspired all of us at the Rockwall County News during these past several months of preparation.

In addition to Mike's contributions with ideas for the cover and content suggestions, we especially appreciate editor Kathy Williams for her tireless and persistent efforts in coordinating the content and photographs of our county schools' bands, cheerleaders and drill teams. When we had our planning session, Kathy's recommendation for including photos of the bands, cheerleaders and drill teams was eagerly encouraged.

regarding "who goes first." We value every school in this county, there is no particular each school is our favorite.

We finally decided on the alphabetical order, based on the formal name of each school.

This 2009 Rockwall County Football Guide is the prelude to another exciting school year and sets the stage for an improved sports package for our readers. Beginning September 1, our Tuesday edition will bring our subscribers the very latest in sports.

By publishing twice weekly, we are now able to give our readers timely news and sports on Tuesdays and Fridays. Our Tuesday edition will report sports events from the previous Thursday through Saturday. Our subscribers won't have to wait until Friday to see the results from the previous week's sporting events.

Yes, it's a bit more work on our part, but it is the right thing to do. Rockwall County is one of the fastest growing and most dynamic counties in Texas, some say in the United States. Being a part of that is exhilarating, and a tremendous challenge to those of us dedicated to publishing a hometown newspaper that lives up to the expectations of its readers and advertisers.

Now, we emphasize to our readers that this football guide, and your newspaper, could not survive economically without the generous support of its advertisers. They are the backbone of our publishing success ... and we urge you to spend your money with those who support your newspaper.

And for those businesses unable to participate in this year's football guide, we express our appreciation for your consideration, and invite you to make your space reservations now for the 2010 Rockwall County Football Guide.

I wish to express my personal gratitude to my family for their support and encouragement. To my wife Pat for her love, understanding and help, to our sons Timothy and James and his wife Gail, our daughter Kimberly, her husband Allen and our grandchildren Alyssa, Cailee, Whitney and Lindsey. It is their prayers and love which sustain me.

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faces rebuilding with high spirits

by Lary Bump

Heritage Christian Academy faced a huge challenge after last football season.

The team that finished 11-3 and the state runner-up in TAPPS 6-Man Division I was losing six seniors who had played most of the minutes on offense and on defense.

Then, during the off-season, the Read family moved away, taking with them son Colton, who had been expected to replace his brother, Zach Read, as HCA quarterback. Micah Griffey, who played some for the 2008 Eagles, transferred to Rockwall High School to play basketball.

The final blow came just before fall practice began, when Travis Arterburn transferred to Dallas Christian. Head coach Robert Huckabee had been planning to use Arterburn, a junior cousin of former RHS players Trevor and Aaron Arterburn, as the Eagles' featured running back.

"The group that graduated were sophomores when we won the state championship (in 2006)," Huckabee said. "Several of them started then, or played a significant amount of time. Last year, we had a lot of experience. In six-man, you play on both sides of the ball, so when you lose an experienced group you lose them across the board.

"The group we have now has been in the program, but doesn't have much game experience. We'll have a decent team, but we'll have to get a lot of experience."

This year's team will be extremely young. Most of HCA's seniors are girls, so Huckabee expected only one senior out for football.

He's Sam Prater, whose brother Kevin was a four-year starter for the Eagles, last year as a running back. Huckabee said, "Sam has put a lot into the program, but he has had health issues that have kept him from playing."

That puts most of the burden on this year's juniors. Austin Pettit, who's expected to be this year's quarterback, said a core group of "six or seven" juniors would lead the team.

"There are a lot of unknowns, who's going to start and play where," Huckabee said.

Positions are somewhat interchangeable anyway in six-man football, where quickness is more important than size. Do the math and you'll see that it's more difficult for six players to cover an 80-yard field than for 11 to stop offenses on a 100-yard field.

"From middle school, everybody has to be able to catch the ball. Even if you're on the line, you still run patterns," Huckabee said. "In our program, we try to create the quickness and conditioning we need. You have to be in better shape because six-man is a high-scoring game. There are more full-speed, wide-open hits.

"The best six will play, even if that means the same six on offense and defense."

Two players Huckabee expects to play big roles are junior Aaron Mateer and sophomore Caleb Cathey.

"Aaron was our kicker as a sophomore. He did a great job and that's a critical part of the game, but he'll play a position. He won't just kick." In six-man football, conversion kicks are worth two points and field goals four.

Huckabee continued, "Even as a sophomore, we expect Caleb to step up. He played some as a freshman. He has the potential to be one of our better defensive players, but he'll play both sides. He likes to hit.

"Last year's seniors did a lot to build the program and build a tradition. We want to carry on the heritage."



Coach Robert Huckabee

Coach Huckabee's hats come in handy

by Lary Bump

Robert Huckabee wears a lot of hats at Heritage Christian Academy, not just the typical ball cap of a head football coach.

In addition to coaching, he's the assistant headmaster and Student Activities director at HCA. Those positions enable him to know virtually all of the students at the school with fewer than 100 high school students.

That has been particularly true with the football players.

Huckabee said, "I started out coaching middle school with Butch Jones, who still coaches. "I grew up with that group." Huckabee moved up with his first middle-school players to coach the varsity. He has been on that job eight years.

He has had the greatest success the last four years - during which the Eagles have one state TAPPS 6-Man Division I title, two runner-up finishes and one other semifinal berth.

Huckabee has been recognized as a leader in his field. He was selected as the Texas delegate to the NFL Youth Football Coaching Summit in Canton, Ohio, in July.

This year's HCA coaching staff will receive a boost from new offensive coordinator Don McEvoy, who coached previously at Metropolitan Christian School in Dallas.

"He's a colleague," Huckabee said. "We've butted heads for years."

HCA football in its Golden Age

The last four years have been The Golden Age for Heritage Christian Academy football.

The Eagles have flown into the playoffs in each of those seasons, reaching at least the TAPPS 6-Man Division I quarterfinals each time. They've played in three state championship games, and won the title in the glorious year of 2006.

That year, Heritage Christian defeated Greenville Christian 79-46 in the championship game. Last season's championship game was tied at halftime before TAPPS District 2-I rival Greenville broke away for a 72-48 victory.

HCA is on the longest extended run of success in its football history. However, the program has been strong almost since it began in 1997, 2 years after Heritage Christian opened.

In '98, the Eagles reached the Texas Christian Athletic League regional finals. HCA went to the TCAL finals (but lost) in both 2001 and '02 before moving to TAPPS competition.

That history hasn't gone unnoticed.

Said head coach Robert Huckabee, the TAPPS 2A Coach of the Year for 2006-07, "We'll be one of the top-ranked teams this year, based on our history."

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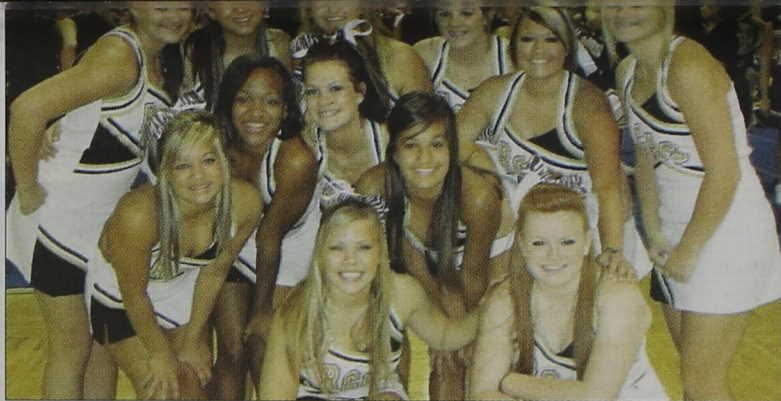
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Royse City High School Cheerleaders

(Back row left to right) Shelby Brown, Haley Chandler, Keely Hardy, Whitney Odell, Chelsea Cherry, Chelsea Jones, (Middle row left to right) Rebecca Zernick, Jocelynn Denham, Caytie Cornelius, Kambria Buentello, (Bottom row left to right) Jayci Nelson and Savanna Brown.

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Royse City High School Golden Debs

(Clockwise from bottom left) Catherine Finney, Cassandra Sanchez, Hannah Campbell, Taylyn Fischer, Kortney Smith, Shelby Shields, Haleigh Brundidge, Hailee Williams, Brooke Taylor, Dominique Turner, Carley Tanner, Taylor Williams, Monica Roman, Chermaine McKinney, Leslynn Odell, Lauren Smoot, Jada Muhammad, Rhiannon Gibson, Kimberlin Agee, Cassie Dignazio, Cristin Finney, (Middle row) Officers Jennifer Lehfeldt, Dani Sanders, Myrando Alonzo and Britney Mayes.

Photo Courtesy of Chandra Caffee



Royse City High School Mighty Bulldog Band

2009-2010 Drum Majors are Malary Brandow (left) and Madison Snodgrass (right). The Mighty Bulldog Band is under the direction of Dean Bouras.

Photo Courtesy of David Wells

Ryan Fedric: 'You got to deal with what comes at you'

by Matt McGillen

Practically every new season brings massive changes in a high school football team's makeup. And the 2009 Roysce City Bulldogs are no exception.

With the departure of 35 seniors, including the most prolific passer in school history, the Bulldogs could be hard pressed to repeat last year's 7-4 overall record that included a trip to the playoffs.

But for multi-talented senior Ryan Fedric, the solution is a simple one.

"You got to deal with what comes at you," Fedric said.

An example of that occurred early last season when Fedric was struggling to find playing time with all the talented players ahead of him on the depth chart.

"He was fighting for his life just to get on the field," Roysce City head coach Greg Strahm said. "But once he did, Ryan kind of just blossomed right before our eyes through practice and hard work and concentrating. Then what was evident was the heart and soul and desire."

The tenacious Fedric ended up the year as the Bulldogs' second-leading rusher with 512 yards and five touchdowns. He also wound up third in the receiving department with 326 yards and three more scores.

And this season, with the graduation of former All-State quarterback Richard Morrison, Fedric may even get some snaps behind center.

"He's our utility player," said Strahm about the 5-8, 170-pound senior. "We can put him in anywhere and get a positive result."

Which is a role that Fedric embraces.

"They can put me wherever they need me and I'll do my best," Fedric said.

Which is an attitude Strahm embraces.

"A coach loves to hear that," Strahm said.

Fedric, who hopes to go on and play another four years of football in college somewhere, also sees the big picture that his coaches are trying to get the entire team to embrace.

"Once everybody is on the same page, it's smooth sailing," Fedric said. "And it's also the most fun."

An incident during spring football showed that not all the Bulldogs were on the same page. Some of them may not have even been reading the same book.

"Things were terrible," said Fedric. "But then everybody came together and stopping pointing fingers and blaming everyone else. After that, it was a completely different atmosphere."

Part of which, according to Strahm, was Fedric's influence.

"He'll get his peers to perform," Strahm said. "Being a leader by example is what Ryan is. He says the right things and does the right things. It's not just lip service."

All the Bulldogs are working hard to get ready for the season opener Sept. 4 at Atlanta, but still fresh for Fedric was the final game of last season, a disappointing 41-24 loss to Dennison in the first round of the playoffs.

"It was really hard," said Fedric. "It seemed like we were prepared."

As for this season, with all the questions that remain, Fedric once again has a simple solution.

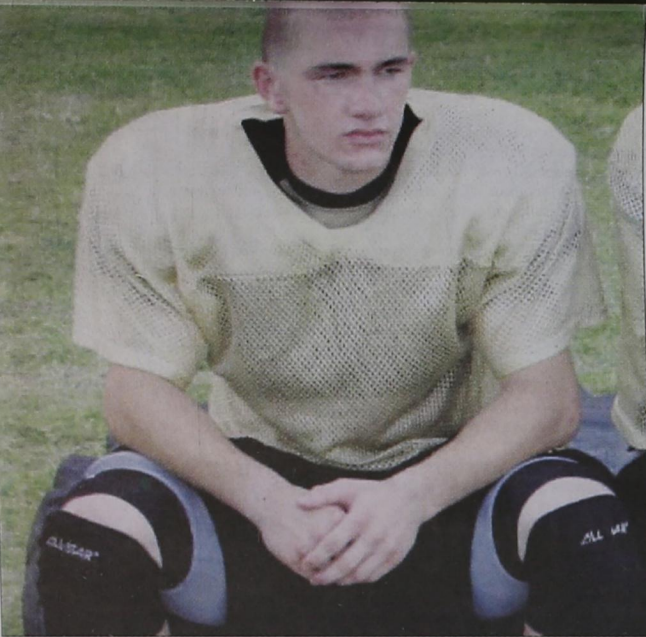
"Winning," he said.

And you know his coach loves to hear that.

Roysce City 2009 Football

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| Varsity Sept. 4 | Fri | Atlanta | Away | 7:30 PM |
| Sept. 11 | Fri | Frisco Wakeland | Home | 7:30 PM |
| Sept. 18 | Fri | Mt. Pleasant | Away | 7:30 PM |
| Sept. 25 | Fri | Rockwall (Homecoming) | Home | 7:30 PM |
| Oct. 2 | Fri | Richardson Pearce | Away | 7:30 PM |
| Oct. 9 | Fri | Greenville | Home | 7:30 PM |
| Oct. 16 | Fri | Rockwall - Heath | Away | 7:30 PM |
| Oct. 23 | Fri | Highland Park | Home | 7:30 PM |
| Oct. 30 | Fri | Carrollton Newman Smith (Parents NI) | Home | 7:30 PM |
| Nov. 7 | Sat | Carrollton RL Turner | Away | 3:30 PM |

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Ryan Fedric was the Roysce City Bulldogs' second leading rusher and third leading receiver last year.

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become HCA's leader

Austin Pettit is being thrust into the spotlight at Heritage Christian Academy.

As one of the most experienced players returning to HCA's football team, the junior is expected to lead. That role becomes even more important because he's also expected to be the team's quarterback.

Pettit is not a spotlight kind of guy. He isn't likely to be a rah-rah or get-in-your-face leader.

What he can do is lead by example in his own quiet way.

"Austin has a chance to step up and be the quarterback. He doesn't have a lot of reps at quarterback. He helped us mostly defensively and played some receiver last year," said head coach Robert Huckabee.

Pettit said a personal highlight for him last year was playing defensive end in the state championship game.

He's being counted on more as a passing quarterback than his predecessor, Zach Read, had to be.

Huckabee said, "The last four years we had a first-team running back (including Josh Points in 2008). Someone will be stepping into that role to carry on the tradition."

With new offensive coordinator Don McEvoy, the Eagles will be altering their offense to make it a more passing-oriented attack.

Huckabee explained, "We've been playing what they call in 6-man a Jaybird offense. It's an unbalanced line with an I backfield offset to the left. We have run it several years as our main formation. It's a power running formation. This year we've run a Shotgun and a Spread in practice. We'll implement some of what Coach McEvoy ran at Metropolitan School in Dallas. That should be a big help for us."

There are question marks at running back and a number of positions for the Eagles. The question with Pettit will be how well he adapts to his new role.

"I'll try to be ready for it," he said. "When you play quarterback, leadership is the most important thing."

Pettit has quiet confidence in himself and in his teammates.

He said, "We're a young team but we've been together for a while, some of us since second grade. At our off-season workouts, we had six or eight guys every day."

At those workouts, Pettit could develop rapport with his pass receivers.

Conditioning isn't likely to be a problem for him and HCA's other players.

Pettit said, "Growing up, I played some 11-man football. I like six-man better because there's more scoring. It's faster, more fun. Everyone plays everything. We condition a lot."

The Eagles' new quarterback is a good athlete. He pitches and plays first base for HCA's baseball team, and regularly shoots between 75 and 80 on the golf course at The Shores Country Club.

Eagles fans are hoping Pettit's athletic skills translate into leadership skills on the football field.



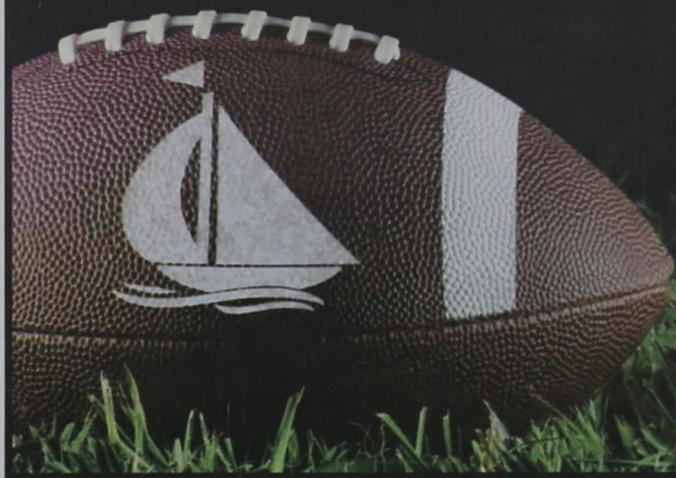
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That's because the school doesn't have a home field of its own. Instead, it has played at different venues in the Rockwall area.

This season's "home" games include three at Rockwall High School and two at Hobart Wisdom Field, plus a scrimmage at RISE.

Regardless of where the Eagles play, "It's Friday night Texas football," head coach Robert Huckabee said.

The team runs on to the field through an inflatable Eagle. Cheerleaders encourage the team and its fans. The rhythm dancers perform at halftime.

Huckabee said, "The elementary kids, we call them our Scream Team, take part in at least one varsity game."

"We have a booster club, and volunteers who do the chains, the announcing, the scoring and statistics."

It's a small family at the school with fewer than 100 students in high school, but it's a family atmosphere.

| Date | Opponent | Site | Time | Score |
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| Fri, Aug. 21 | Fellowship Academy (scrim.) | RISE | 6:00 | N/A |
| Fri, Aug. 28 | at Tomball Rose Hill Christian | Tomball Rose Hill | 7:30 | W, 71-24 |
| Fri, Sep. 4 | Calvert | Hobart Wisdom | 7:30 | L, 69-21 |
| Sat, Sep. 12 | at Bulverde Bracken Christian | Temple | 7:00 | W, 86-44 W, 56-8 |
| Fri, Sep. 18 | Tyler King's Academy | Rockwall HS | 7:30 | DNP |
| Sat, Sep. 26 | at Dallas Tyler Street Christian | First Baptist | 2:00 | W, 60-13 |
| Fri, Oct. 2 | Open | | | |
| Fri, Oct. 9 | Fellowship Academy (HC) | Hobart Wisdom | 7:30 | DNP |
| Fri, Oct. 16 | at Lakehill Prep* | Warrior Field | 7:30 | W, 68-24 |
| Fri, Oct. 23 | The Covenant School* | Rockwall HS | 7:30 | W, 58-20 |
| Fri, Oct. 30 | Waxahachie Advantage | Rockwall HS | 7:30 | W, 66-48 |
| Sat, Nov. 7 | at Greenville Christian* | Green. Christian | 2:00 | L, 70-40 L, 72-48 |

*TAPPS District 2-1 6-Man games



Heritage Christian Academy Cheerleaders

(Back row left to right) Hailee Johnson, Cate Walker, Whitney Walker, Kenzie Koke, Coach Robin Thacker, Olivia Sweeney, Mascot Monica Whitmire, (Front row left to right) Alyssa Mount, Lauren Pettit, Amber Points, Sarah Watson, Jenna Huckabee and Taylor Duggan.

Photo Courtesy of Gae Sweeney



Heritage Christian Academy Rhythm Dancers

(Back row left to right) Ashley Faris, Amy Adams, Taylor Duggan, Anabel Burke, (Front row left to right) Victoria Engel, Lana Whittington, Olivia Sweeney, Sarah Watson and Jennifer Gray. Not pictured are Nicki Evans and Payton Oliver.

Photo Courtesy of Gae Sweeney

can't be filled on or off the football field

by Matt McGillen

With the graduation of three of his most important offensive and defensive players, second-year Roysce City head football coach Greg Strahm knows he has some big holes to try and fill as his Bulldogs prepare for their 2009 season opener Sept. 4 at Atlanta.

Fresh off a 7-4 record and a trip to the playoffs in his first year at the top, Strahm must come up with someone to take the place of former All-State quarterback Richard Morrison.

Morrison, who signed with the University of Arizona, threw for 2,472 yards and 22 touchdowns and also ran for 586 yards. In addition, the elusive Morrison's best pass blocker, lineman Brock Wempa, has also moved on to college.

Linebacker Oscar Hernandez, the Bulldogs' leading tackler with 117 stops, also graduated.

"Those three holes are not replaceable," said Strahm, who lost 35 players total to graduation. "But we have some very good young kids that we are excited about."

And while eventually the memories of Bulldogs past will be replaced with the exploits of Bulldogs present, it is away from the football field, however, where the biggest hole will never be filled for the former Kansas State linebacker who has been coaching for 22 years but only the last two as a head coach.

"I found out my dad had liver cancer the Thursday before our first game last season," Strahm said, adding that the illness prevented the elder Strahm from traveling to Texas from his home in Kansas. "And he passed away in April. He never got the chance to see me be a head coach."

It is a painful memory for Strahm, perhaps especially when compared with his memory of winning a high school state football championship as a player at Hiawatha High School in Kansas. With his dad as his head coach.

"It was a tough year emotionally," said Strahm.

This season could be a tough one on the field, too. After a trio of non-district games against Atlanta, Frisco Wakeland and Mt. Pleasant, the Bulldogs open up District 10-4 action by hosting their recently renewed I-30 freeway rival Rockwall for homecoming.

After a four-decade hiatus due to playing in different divisions, Rockwall and Roysce City met last year

at Rockwall's homecoming, with the Morrison-led Bulldogs rallying for three fourth-quarter scores on the way to a stunning 32-20 upset.

"It was special last year," Strahm said. "It was a highlight to beat them at their place for their homecoming. But every game is important so we can't focus on just one game."

Also on the Bulldogs' district schedule are 2008 10-4A playoff teams Highland Park, Richardson Pearce and Rockwall-Heath.

Strahm is looking at a trio pair of players to step into Morrison's position, if not his 4.52 second, 40-yard dash shoes: senior backup QB Dyllan Duncan, senior wide receiver/running back Ryan Fedric and senior defensive back Preston Corbin.

While Duncan comes with very little experience (completing 4-of-7 passes for 66 yards and one score), Fedric and Corbin come with even less, having never even attempted a pass.

"It should be interesting," said Strahm. "Each one of them is different in what they bring to the table."

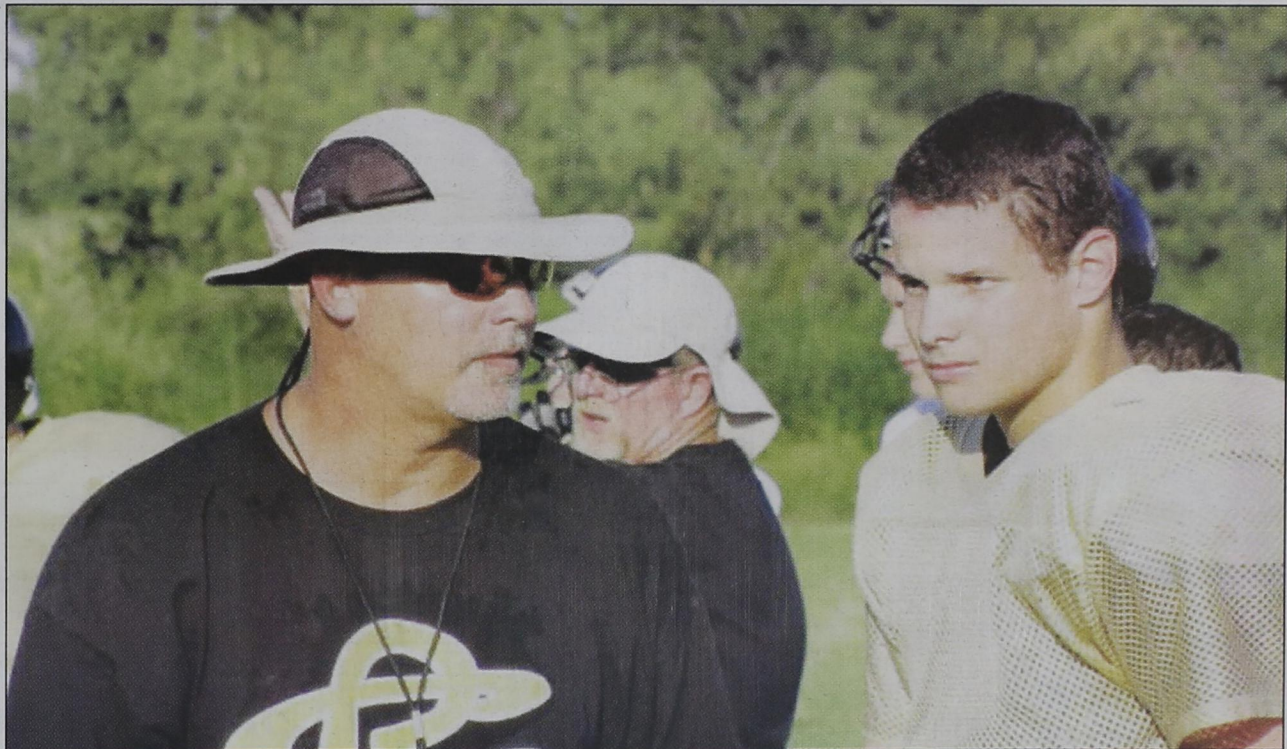
One way or the other, the multi-talented Fedric (please see related story), will likely be called upon to shoulder a large part of the offensive load. The 5-8, 170-pounder was second on the team in rushing with 512 yards and five scores and third in receiving with 24 receptions for 326 yards and three touchdowns.

Senior Lewis Mapps is the only other returning player with over 100 yards rushing (21 carries for 105 yards) while senior Devin Bryant leads the other returning receivers with 16 catches for 249 yards and five TDs.

On the defensive side of the ball, not one of the top dozen RC-tacklers return.

Still, despite the huge turnover and the uphill battle he and his team likely face, Strahm said he thinks that he's still in the right place.

"What a great atmosphere for high school football," he said. "And we've got athletes that really care. What makes it (Texas) so special is the quality of the players. I left Kansas 22 years ago because I wanted to coach in Texas. And I never went back."



Second-year Roysce City head coach Greg Strahm shares some advice with junior quarterback Dyllan Duncan during practice Aug. 18. Duncan will be one of three players trying to take the place of departed All-State QB Richard Morrison. The 2008 Bulldogs went 7-4 and advanced to the playoffs.

Photo by Matt McGillen



High School Highsteppers

(Back row left to right) Erin Shaw, Savannah Jones, Kristina Starnes, Stephanie Gardner, Brianna Franklin, Cailee O'Connor, Rebecca Powell, Maegan Chennault, Karee Turner,

(Middle row left to right) Haley Mullet, Ashley Lindemann, Victoria Pulley, Amanda Davis, Kirsten Peek, Emily Jurgensmeyer, Sydney Norris, Amanda Brooks, Katelyn Redding, (Front row left to right) Tori Chavez, Officer Dana Brewer, 1st Lt. April Fahlsing, Captain Taelah Wooten, Officer Taylor Short, Officer Katie Cooper and Abigail Scallan.

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Rockwall-Heath High School Mighty Hawk Band

2009-2010 Drum Majors are Clay Singletary, Emily Davis and Jake Prentice. The Mighty Hawk Band is under the direction of Benjamin Davis.

Photo Courtesy of Malette Reed



Christian Academy season success

by Lary Bump

Gone are two first-team All-State performers, wide receiver Jordan Ogle and lineman Roland Hickman. So are quarterback Gus Renaud, running back Xavier Vanzant and head coach Robert Clyde.

Still, Rockwall Christian Academy's new head coach – Caleb Palmer, moving up from defensive coordinator – expects big things to follow up on last season's 8-6 record and berth in the TAPPS Division IV state semifinals.

Palmer said, "We lost a good group, but we return several core players. With the core players returning, we've mixed in a few and we should be pretty decent."

That core begins on defense.

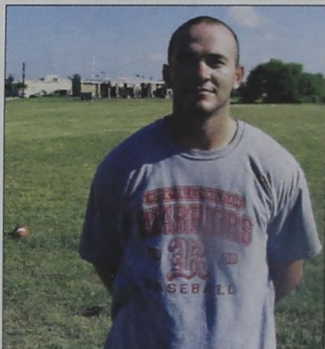
"Our strength as a team would have to be that we're returning two of our three starting linebackers," Palmer said.

One of them is middle linebacker Cody Wallace, a first-team All-State selection in each of the last two years. He backed up Hickman's 28 sacks with 14 of his own. Sherman Peoples, who also has started at cornerback, will be playing alongside Wallace at linebacker.

The secondary also could be an area of strength. Safety Shawn Harned has started for three years, and will be joined again by Charlie Wilson.

They will fit into Rockwall Christian's base 3-3 stack defense. It allows Wallace to roam to either side from behind the nose tackle. In Palmer's scheme, the defense easily turns into a 5-2 or 4-3 look.

On the three-man defensive line, John Edwards has been a two-way performer at tackle.



Coach Caleb Palmer

Several RCA Warriors play both on offense and defense.

That's a necessity for a team that opened fall practice with 15 players and expected to have a roster of 20-25 players.

Palmer said, "We're playing ironman football. Some will play offense, defense, kickoffs and kickoff returns. Our kids have the hardest work ethic. For them to play into the fourth quarter is nothing."

That work ethic allowed RCA, smaller in size and numbers, to come within 28-20 during the district season against state runner-up Frisco Legacy Christian.

Peoples and Wallace also will play running back, and Wilson is expected to be one of the Warriors' top pass receivers.

"Peoples will be the feature running back as it sits right now," Palmer said. "He's a kid who's tough to bring down. He's put in a lot of work."

Other key offensive players should be senior quarterback Aaron Eastin and junior offensive lineman Ryan Lee.

Palmer said, "Eastin did not get a whole lot of snaps last year, but we're expecting a lot out of him. Ryan Lee is our returning right tackle who will move to guard. He is the anchor of our offensive line."

It could be an uphill struggle. The returning Warriors accounted for just 149 yards rushing and 147 receiving. Still, Palmer is optimistic.

"Definitely our goal is to get back in the playoffs. The two teams that played for the state championship (Legacy and Richardson Canyon Creek Christian Academy) are in our district, and both of those teams are pretty good this year. We will face the best competition in the state before we get to the playoff run."

Defensive-minded Coach Palmer plans offensive changes

Caleb Palmer, Rockwall Christian Academy's first-year head coach, served the last three years as the Warriors' defensive coordinator.

That doesn't mean Palmer, RCA Class of '01, doesn't have ideas about offense.

"Being a defensive coordinator can make you a better offensive coordinator," he said. "I've been working on my offense. I've taken notes on things that for me were tough to adjust to when we'd go against them."

Palmer plans changes from former head coach Robert Clyde's offense.

"The last three years, we ran what Coach Clyde called a Run and Shoot. We'll run almost everything out of a Shotgun one-back Spread. We want to establish that we run the ball here like we used to."

Palmer coached the Warriors' baseball team to the TAPPS 2A state championship in 2007, but he hasn't yet been part of a state football championship as a player or assistant coach at RCA.

He expects to be able to use the relationships he developed with players as their position coach to his advantage as Rockwall Christian's head coach. "I think I can find a balance to where I don't have to be a jerk but I'm not their best friend. I'm their head coach."

Linebacker Cody Wallace said the transition should be easy.

"All that changed was that he went from defensive coordinator to head coach. It's the same thing to me. We have a really good connection. He's a lot of the tradition of that school. He believes in the program, and he knows the program. He's the same guy with a new name. Instead of Coach C, he's the head coach."

All-State linebacker Cody Wallace inspires Warriors

Cody Wallace isn't sure he'll be playing college football next year. He wasn't even sure he'd be playing this season until just days before Rockwall Christian Academy's fall practices began.

One thing is certain. When Wallace is on the field, he is a menace to opposing ballcarriers, quarterbacks and blockers.

Playing much of the time with just one sound shoulder, the senior has piled up more than 200 tackles and been named first-team All-State in each of his two seasons for the Warriors. In 2008, Wallace had 163 tackles and 56 assists for a total of 219. Included were 14 tackles for a loss to go with 18 sacks, 11 quarterback hurries, four fumbles forced and one recovered.

When not chasing down opponents on defense, he played some fullback (17 carries, 127 yards for a 7.5-yard average and two touchdowns) and returned four kickoffs for a 53.5-yard average.

Wallace's rise to the top of RCA football has been the kind of inspirational story on which Christian schools thrive.

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As a freshman, he played at North Mesquite. After that year, he transferred to RCA. Wallace said, "A lot of things made me decide. I had a cousin, Brad Boyd, who played at Rockwall Christian. He was in his senior year. There were things I didn't like at North Mesquite. I wanted to get a better life with God."

Without elaborating, Rick Farquhar said, "Cody's not the same person he was when he came here. He had some problems at North Mesquite." Farquhar is Wallace's uncle and a volunteer assistant coach for the Warriors.

The only question, the one that caused Wallace to consider not playing this season, is how much he can be physically able to be on the field.

"I tore my right rotator cuff, and I've had surgery on this one," he said, pointing to his left shoulder. "There wasn't a game when I didn't play in pain. When you've got 10 other guys counting on you, that gives me bigger responsibility."

Wallace is an excellent athlete who has been a state champion in the 100-meter dash and plays for RCA's baseball team.

There is no question about his football ability. Without boasting, he said, "I just get out there and play. I'm really quick with excellent speed side to side."

RCA's new head coach, Caleb Palmer, has been the Warriors' defensive coordinator. He said of Wallace, "He has the best game speed and he hits hard. He'll also play some running back and slot receiver and return kicks this year."

His history of shoulder injuries and relatively small size (6'1", 200 pounds) aren't likely to bring NCAA Division I scholarship offers. Wallace isn't sure he wants to endure pain by continuing to play football in college.

He also plans to attend Southwestern Assemblies of God University, an NAIA school in Waxahachie. There he would be reunited with his best friend from HCA, graduated senior Jordan Ogle, the TAPPS 2A Athlete of the Year for 2008-09.

If Wallace is physically and mentally ready to play college football, there's a scholarship waiting for him at Southwestern. If not, he still could study to become a coach with an inspirational story to tell.

RCA varsity schedule, 2009

| Day, date | Opponent | Place | Time | '08 Result |
|---------------|--------------------------------|-------------------|------|------------|
| Fri, Aug. 28 | at Watauga Harvest Christian | Callahan Field | 7:30 | W, 53-10 |
| Fri, Sept. 4 | at Muenster Sacred Heart | Tiger Field | 7:30 | L, 40-33 |
| Fri, Sept. 11 | Fort Worth Calvary Christian | Fort Worth | 7:30 | L, 18-41 |
| Fri, Sept. 18 | Colleyville Covenant Christian | Dobbs Field | 7:30 | L, 73-49 |
| Fri, Sept. 25 | Dallas Home School AA | Dobbs Field | 7:30 | W, 47-20 |
| Fri, Oct. 2 | Open | | | |
| Fri, Oct. 9 | at McKinney Christian* | Mustang Field | 7:30 | W, 45-14 |
| Fri, Oct. 16 | Richardson Canyon Creek* | Dobbs Field | 7:30 | L, 41-21 |
| | | | | L, 28-20 |
| Fri, Oct. 23 | Frisco Legacy Christian* | Dobbs Field | 7:30 | L, 47-16 |
| Fri, Oct. 30 | A+ Academy | Dobbs Field | 7:30 | DNP |
| Fri, Nov. 6 | Irving Highlands* | Highlands Stadium | 7:30 | W, 39-0 |

*-TAPPS IV-District 2 game

The regular-season schedule for Rockwall Christian Academy is a good preparation for the playoffs. That's because the Warriors sees some of the same teams during the regular season that it would meet in postseason play.

RCA goes into this season knowing that the defending TAPPS Division IV champion, Richardson Canyon Creek Christian Academy, and runner-up, Frisco Legacy Christian, are on the schedule. Canyon Creek, a preseason favorite to repeat its title, and Frisco Legacy, which defeated the Warriors in the state semifinals, are TAPPS-IV District 2 opponents.

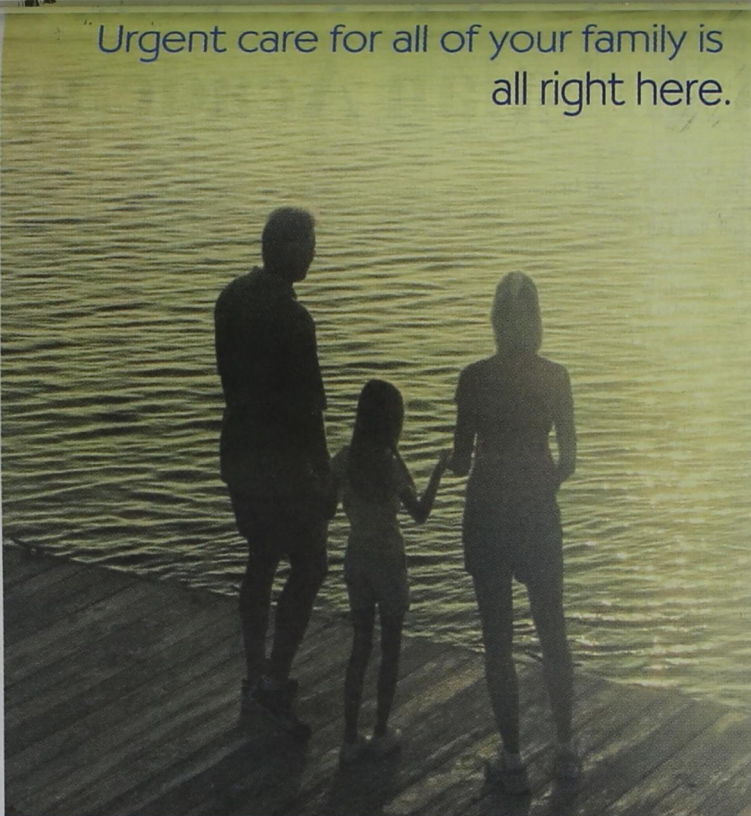
Playing in a five-team district, RCA has six regular-season non-district games. The Warriors also use those games to become battle-hardened for the playoffs.

"In our district, we have to play up against schools that are bigger. We're 2A; they're 3A. In our non-district schedule we play even higher," said head coach Caleb Palmer.

Gone from last year's schedule is Carrollton American Heritage, which the Warriors defeated 25-0. Replacing the Stars, who finished 3-7, is Dallas A+ Academy (0-8 in '08).

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remains the center of attention for RHHS

by Matt McGillen

Like all kids when they first start out playing football, Rockwall-Heath senior Austin Woods dreamt about carrying the football, or better yet, throwing it for touchdowns.

Happily, that's not going to happen for Woods.

Happily?

"Every kid wants to play quarterback or running back, but I learned pretty early that I'd be in the line," said Woods with a laugh. "But it's worked out pretty well for me."

Pretty well, indeed.

At 6-foot-5 and 290 pounds, Woods, who was named to the 4A All-State team as a center following last season, has made a verbal commitment to accept a scholarship to perennial national football power Oklahoma.

The soft spoken Woods made his choice after culling through multiple offers during what was at times an overwhelming recruiting process.

"It just happens so fast," said Woods. "I had all the teams that you see playing on Saturdays on TV calling me. Even though it got to be overwhelming at times it was a great process. Not many kids get the chance to go through what I went through."

And not many kids get a chance to play for their dad in high school. Austin Woods' father, Don Woods, is the Hawks' special teams' coordinator and coaches the Heath running backs.

"I like it a lot, it's a real blessing," said Woods the younger about playing for Woods the elder. Any chance his dad might convert him to running back?

"None," said Woods with zero hesitation.

Given Woods obvious talent and the luxury of attending pretty much any college he wants, taking his game to the next level after he leaves Oklahoma would seem a real possibility.

"Every kid wants to play in the NFL," Woods said. "But you need to get yourself a great degree and set yourself up for whatever happens after football."

But before the NFL or even Oklahoma beckons, Woods still has his senior year at Heath to take care of.

Faced with the loss of virtually all their key offensive and defensive players from last year's amazing 13-1 team, Woods knows it won't be easy to replicate last season's success.

"It's definitely going to be tough," Woods said. "But we had a good spring. Once the season starts I think we are going to surprise some people."

One person who won't be surprised by what ever Woods does is Heath head coach Mickey Moss.

"He's a warrior," said Moss who welcomed about 120 players to the first day of practice Aug. 10. "And he's very athletic for a big boy. And very, very coachable."

As a coach who coached his own son, Austin Moss, who is now playing for Arkansas, Coach Moss also noted the connection between Woods and his father.

"He's a coach's son," Moss said. "And there is a certain osmosis process that happens between a coach and son. He's a very sharp kid"



Six-foot-five, 290-pound senior Austin Woods, who was named to the 2008 All-State team as a junior, anchors the Hawks' offensive line which produced more than 4,500 rushing yards last season for the 13-1 Hawks.

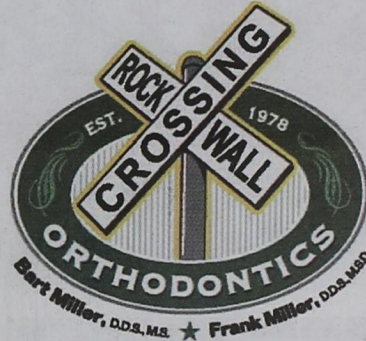
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Rockwall-Heath High School Cheerleaders

(Front row left to right) Katy Ray, Brittany Wenger, Stefanie Cotner, Meredith Moreau, (Second row left to right) Morgan Johnson, Michaela Tomalin, Megan McKenna, Kaleigh Loeffler, (Third row left to right) Rylie Mike-Mayer, Allie Lincoln, Ashley Fladeland, (Back row left to right) Rebecca Eddy, Morgan Iles, Lauren Hartnett, Katelyn Brown and Kayla Hall.

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road to a repeat filled with question marks

What now?

by Matt McGillen

After an unforgettable season that saw an almost perfect intersection of timing and talent, one that carried Rockwall-Heath to a first-ever district title and to within two wins of a berth in the state championship game, the Hawks have so many key players to replace, it's hard to know where to start.

Well, then again, not that hard.

On offense, the Hawks said goodbye to Kendial Lawrence, who will one day be remembered as easily the greatest offensive player in school history, even though this will be just RHHS's fourth year with a varsity program.

Before being injured in Heaths' 4A regional quarterfinal 17-14 win over Ennis – and perhaps costing the Hawks a state championship – Lawrence had rushed for a head-shaking 2,686 yards and scored 46 touchdowns.

Also gone is Everett Gilbert, who was not only the Hawk's second-leading rusher with 1,058 yards but also caught a team-high 55 passes for 755 yards. He also scored a total of 18 TDs.

Likewise departed is the Hawks' second-leading receiver, Matt Bielski, who snared 35 passes for 568 yards and five scores.



Coach Mickey Moss

Gone is quarterback Drew Hollingshead, who completed a sizzling 68 percent of his passes (129-for-189) for 1,839 yards and 13 touchdowns with only one interception.

That's over 4,500 yards of offense and – when you include departed kicker Brad Howes' 66 PATs and eight field goals – 510 points; an astonishing 90 percent of Heath's total from last year.

"We're gonna miss those guys," Heath head coach Mickey Moss said as he prepared his team for the Hawks' non-district season opener Sept. 4 at Sherman.

"Probably the one we'll miss the most is Kendial. After a couple of games (last year) we knew we had to have him touch the ball 30 times. We'll need to be more balanced in the passing game this year."

The Hawks do have a pair of running backs that will get ample chance to show if they can step in for the man called Showtime.

Senior Jesse Irokwe ran for 432 yards and one touchdown last season while sophomore Dorian Lowry had 116 yards and one score.

"Irokwe was a little banged up last year so I don't think people saw the real him," Moss said. "But Jesse looks great. He added about ten pounds this off season. He didn't miss workout all summer. Lowry was just the opposite. He needed to lose about 10 pounds and he looks great."

Taking over at QB will be senior Kevin Rodgers, who completed five of his 10 attempts last year in limited duty as a backup.

"Kevin is looking good," said Moss. "And (sophomore) Javon (Hernandez) could be a real good receiver for us. He's very competitive and confident but not cocky."

On defense, the landscape is almost as barren.

Gone is leading tackler and All-State middle linebacker Austin Moss. Moss' two other linebacking mates, second-leading tackler George Bamfo and third-leading tackler Ryan Mosby, also graduated.

Also gone are standout defensive backs Charlie Wilson and Darius Jones.

In fact, only one of the Hawks' top eight defenders, stat wise, returns, senior Zack Zalinas, who was seventh in tackles. The other seven on the top-eight list accounted for over a whopping 650 stops.

"We lost three D1 linebackers, and some key players in the secondary," Moss said. "The thing we'll miss most was their speed. Come district though, we'll be much improved in the secondary. But in particular the D line is going to have to step up and put more pressure on the quarterback."

The Hawks do return senior David Tanner, who led Heath with 11 sacks.

But more than all the talent the players who graduated took with them, Moss said that there is something else just as important that went with the class of 2009.

"Leadership," Moss said. "There are enough players who played an important role last year who need to step up and take a leadership role."

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| 9/04/09 (Fri) | Sherman | @ Sherman HS | 7:30 p.m. |
| 9/11/09 (Fri) | Arlington Seguin | Wilkerson Sanders Stadium | 7:30 p.m. |
| 9/18/09 (Fri) | Hillcrest | @ Franklin Stadium | 7:30 p.m. |
| 9/25/09 (Fri) | Greenville | Wilkerson Sanders Stadium | 7:30 p.m. |
| 10/02/09 (Fri) | Rockwall HS | Wilkerson Sanders Stadium | 7:30 p.m. |
| 10/09/09 (Fri) | Newman Smith | @ Newman Smith | 7:30 p.m. |
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Rockwall Yellowjackets could be very offensive, in a good way

by Lary Bump

Rockwall's 2008 football season was more like two separate mini-seasons.

The good news for this year is that the second half of '08 was much better than the Yellowjackets' first five games.

Opening the season 1-4, RHS was outscored by an average margin of 26-16. There wasn't much defensive difference as the Jackets went 3-2 thereafter. They gave up 24 points, but the offense exploded with an average of 35 points per game.

That offense has head coach Scott Smith encouraged about this season.

"(Running back) Josh Broach was the (District 10-4A) Sophomore of the Year. We expect big things from him. He's very coachable, and he runs hard."

In Rockwall's spring game, quarterback Adam Dingwell ran for three touchdowns and passed for another. "We'll run him a little bit more," Smith said. "He's healthy this year. He didn't get a full spring in 2008 because he was sick."

Seniors Will Beasley and Luke Wardell lead a strong group of wide receivers who could contribute even more to the offense this season. Smith said, "Our expectation going into the spring was that they would become better blockers on the perimeter. They have to be to allow us to be better."

The coach is confident that there will be better downfield blocking to turn short gains into big plays.

Smith has little question that the up-front blocking will protect Dingwell and open holes for Broach and senior Del Myles.

"We're excited about our offensive line. Payden McBee, Jake Termin and Chris Tanner played a lot last year, and Jacob Roach at tackle is quick and runs well," Smith said.

"We have a sophomore, Cameron Rose, who's about 6'4" and 290 and is one of our better talented kids. He needs to come on, and we think he will come on. He's getting attention from Oklahoma and places like that."

That leaves this question: Can Rockwall's defense hold opponents to fewer points than the Jackets' offense scores.

"With the explosiveness of offenses now, it comes down to 'Can you stop them?' That's why against Highland Park last year we used four outside kicks. That's what has driven me to not spending so much time on punt protection, because we don't want to punt."

The defense and offense both have seven returning starters. The defensive line of Kyle Cotner, Walter Garrett and Robert Hinton returns intact, but the inside linebackers and safeties lack experience.

An additional blow to the defense came just before fall practices began, when senior strong safety Michael Carson, who had transferred into RHS last spring, transferred back out.

Most likely to take Carson's place is sophomore Spencer Edwards, who had limited spring practice because he was playing third base for the Jackets' baseball team. Jeff Hinkson is a versatile defensive back who can play safety or help cornerbacks Rodney Watson and Alonzo Owens.

Despite dropping from 10-5A to 10-4A last season, the Yellowjackets failed to reach the playoffs after two consecutive years in the postseason. Though Smith is optimistic, he doesn't expect an easy path to the playoffs.

"I think it's a very good district every week, and it will be strong again. (Carrollton) Newman Smith has very gifted, very talented athletes, and Greenville should be better," the coach said of two other 10-4A teams that missed last year's playoffs.

"Royse City is our first district game, and they'll come at us with all barrels loaded."

Smith is confident that the Yellowjackets will be ready.



Coach Scott Smith

Smith prepares for what could be final year coaching Jackets

Scott Smith is in his fifth year as the Yellowjackets' head coach. He recorded a 22-20 record over his first four seasons, including two playoff losses. In 14 years as a high school head coach, he has a record of 93-60-4. Smith achieved his greatest success at his alma mater, Highland Park — where his teams were 35-7 in three seasons, including a trip to the state 4A championship game.

Smith also was assistant head coach for two years at Baylor University, where he had played four years as a defensive back under coach Grant Teaff.

New to the Jackets' coaching staff is passing game coordinator David Norris, who will work with defensive backs. Marteis Rogers has left the staff, and now is an assistant to Gary Gaines at Odessa Permian. The remaining coaches are Brandon Washburn (offensive coordinator), Mike Alexander (defensive coordinator), Rusty Brackett (offensive line assistant), Jacob Holder (outside linebackers), Billy Tipps (offensive line), Billy Watkins (kickers), Jack Catlett (defensive line) and Keith Miller.

Smith faces a decision after this season. He has been the Rockwall Independent School District's acting athletic director since Mark Elam left in the spring to become Garland Naaman Forest's head football coach. By January, Smith will have to tell the RISD administration whether he would retain the athletic director's position or stay as the RHS head football coach and athletic coordinator.

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| Fri., 9/18 | Hawks @ Hillcrest (Jackets Open) | Hawks @ Hillcrest |
| Fri., 9/25 | Jackets @ Royse City | Hawks vs. Greenville |
| Fri., 10/2 | Hawks @ Jackets | Hawks @ Jackets |
| Thur., 10/8 | Jackets @ Turner | Jackets @ Turner |
| Fri., 10/9 | Hawks @ Newman-Smith | Hawks @ Newman-Smith |
| Thur., 10/15 | Jackets vs. J.J. Pearce | Jackets vs. J.J. Pearce |
| Fri., 10/16 | Hawks vs. Royse City (HC) | Hawks vs. Royse City |
| Fri., 10/23 | Hawks @ J.J. Pearce | Hawks @ J.J. Pearce |
| Sat., 10/24 | Jackets @ Newman-Smith | Jackets @ Newman-Smith |
| Thur., 10/29 | Hawks vs. Turner | Hawks vs. Turner |
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goal: Jackets in playoffs

Adam Dingwell has a single focus this football season.

Now that he has verbally committed to play at San Diego State, Dingwell now is dedicated to getting the Rockwall Yellowjackets back into the playoffs.

He hasn't always been at RHS, but as the Jackets' senior quarterback, he now is the leader and face of the team.

As a freshman, Dingwell started at quarterback and free safety for Dallas Christian. After that season, he met with Rockwall coach Scott Smith. Dingwell said they agreed that if he transferred to RHS, he would become the QB as a junior.

He began his sophomore season playing free safety and watching the coach's son, Braden Smith, at quarterback leading the Jackets.

In mid-season, Dingwell had a new role, as Rockwall's tight end. He gave Braden Smith another pass-receiving target and played so well in half a season that Dingwell was named to the All-District 10-5A first team.

Last season started slowly for the Jackets, who lost four of their first five games. However, all five of those opponents reached the playoffs – three in 5A, including 5A Division I champion Allen.

The Jackets went 3-2 down the stretch, but fell a game short of reaching the playoffs. Even those two losses showed how Rockwall's offense had matured, with players such as Dingwell, sophomore running back Josh Broach and first-year varsity wide receivers Will Beasley and Luke Wardell developing. The Jackets lost on the road to playoff-bound Richardson Pearce 51-35 and Highland Park 49-39.

With those skill players and a number of offensive linemen coming back, RHS should have an explosive offense this fall. The main reason is the 6'4", 195-pound Dingwell.

Coach Smith said, "If we keep it manageable, the sky's the limit for him. As a receiver, he'll go get the ball, but he's a very, very good quarterback, a very, very good athlete."

Because Dingwell is such a good athlete, with a background at other positions and as a basketball player, San Diego State and other colleges could have looked at him as a defensive back or tight end.

"They recruited me as a quarterback. We started talking last spring. The coaches are awesome. I felt at home there. It's a sweet school. I like everything about it."

To play for San Diego State, Dingwell will have to switch from Rockwall's Spread offense to the Aztec's pro-style offense. He said he thought that would be a better offense for him.

"I wanted to put recruiting behind me and concentrate on this season," he said.

"We're pumped. Last year was a disappointment because we didn't do as well as we wanted. We'll bounce back. It will be fun."

He gave a number of reasons why the 2009 Jackets can be better.

"We're not as young. We had a lot of young kids who stepped up last year. Our team chemistry is a lot better. We're all hanging out before practice, and we have great senior leadership."

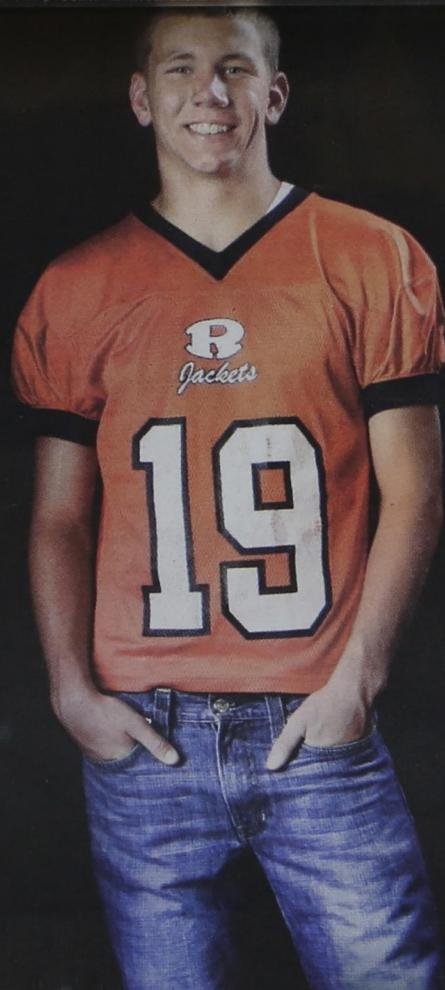
That leadership begins with Adam Dingwell.

RHS varsity football schedule, 2009

| Day, date | Opponent | Place | Time | 2008 result |
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| Fri, Aug. 21 | Denison (scrimmage) | Wilkerson-Sanders Stadium | 7:30 | N/A |
| Fri, Aug. 28 | at Midland | Grande Comm. Stadium | 7:30 | DNP |
| Fri, Sept. 4 | Rowlett | Wilkerson-Sanders Stadium | 7:30 | L, 24-16 |
| Fri, Sept. 11 | at Allen | Allen Eagle Stadium | 7:30 | L, 24-6 |
| Fri, Sept. 18 | Open | | | |
| Fri, Sept. 25 | At Roysie City* | Roysie City ISD Stadium | 7:30 | L, 32-20 |
| Fri, Oct. 2 | Rockwall-Heath* | Wilkerson-Sanders Stadium | 7:30 | L, 38-21 |
| Thu, Oct. 8 | at Carr. R.L. Turner* | Standridge Stadium | 7:00 | W, 42-7 |
| Thu, Oct. 15 | Richardson Pearce* | Wilkerson-Sanders Stadium | 7:00 | L, 51-35 |
| Sat, Oct. 24 | at Carr. N. Smith* | Standridge Stadium | 6:00 | W, 41-6 |
| Fri, Oct. 30 | Highland Park* | Wilkerson-Sanders Stadium | 7:30 | L, 49-39 |
| Fri, Nov. 6 | at Greenville* | T.A. Cotton Ford Stadium | 7:30 | W, 20-7 |

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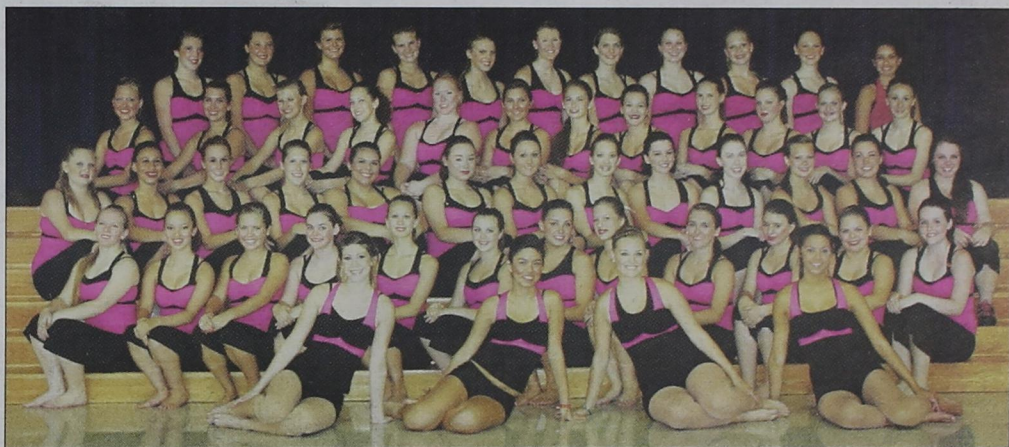
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Rockwall High School Orange Wave Band

2009-2010 Drum Majors are (left to right) Tracey Taylor, Timmy Clark and Callie Mulkey. Twirler is Ashley Pinales. The Orange Wave Band is under the direction of Mike McGill.

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