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Flag bearers and cheerleaders leading the team on the field at the opening of last Friday's game in Royse City Posey, Lacy Haren, Nick Stone, Taylor Aycox, Jocelynn Denham and Katie Landwermyer. See page 15 for game
by Burnett

News Briefs

RHS Burger Supper, homecoming tonight

The Rockwall High School Class of 2009 will host its annual Senior Class Hamburgers Supper prior to tonight's homecoming game against Royse City. Hamburger dinners will be available beginning at 5:30 p.m.; cost will be \$6. All RHS and Royse City fans are invited to attend. Pre-game homecoming festivities will start at 7 p.m. Game time is 7:30 p.m. The homecoming dance will be at 8 p.m. Saturday in the main RHS cafeteria.

Saturday event to benefit Warrens

A rummage sale organized to help defray the medical bills and funeral expenses of the late Steve Warren will run from 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday in the parking lot of Keller Williams/Kroger, 2951 Ridge Rd. in Rockwall. All proceeds will benefit the Warren family. Visit www.rockwallcares.com for more information.

RCB seeks musicians

The Rockwall Community Band is seeking musicians for its fall concert season. There are no auditions, but participants must be at least 15 years old. Fall rehearsals will begin Monday, from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., in the Rockwall High School Band Hall, located at 901 Yellowjacket Lane. For more information, contact Gary Sorenson at 972-551-1394 or visit www.therockwallcommunityband.org.

Computer group to meet

The Rockwall Computer Council will meet at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday at the Center, Rockwall City Place, at 108 E. Washington St. Speaker Bob Alston's topics will be "Wireless Internet: Layman's Language" and "PC Things You Didn't Know How to Do." The RCC is open to anyone interested in computers. For details contact Joe Conrad at 972-771-8712.

RPA plans Oct. 3 meeting

The Rockwall Preschool Association will conduct its October general meeting from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. Oct. 3 at the Free Methodist Church on Dalton Road. Patti Foster will speak on "As We Grow - May We Lean into Life." For more information visit www.rockwallpreschoolassociation.com.

Toy drive set for Oct. 3 game

The Rockwall-Heath cheerleaders will conduct their Power of One Toy Drive at the Heath vs. Rockwall varsity game Oct. 3. Drop boxes will be located at all entrance gates, and each donor will receive a free spirit item. Toys will be donated to charity.

Pumpkin Patch opens Oct. 4

The 20th annual Pumpkin Patch fundraiser co-sponsored by the Rockwall County Friends of the Library and the Council of Catholic Women of Our Lady of the Lake Church will open at 9 a.m. Oct. 4. The Patch, located on the grassy area in front of the Brookshire's at the Ridge Road Shopping Center, will be open from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. daily through Oct. 31. Visit the Patch Web site at www.rockwallpumpkinpatch.com.

National Night Out scheduled

National Night Out festivities will begin at 6:30 p.m. Oct. 7 at the Heath City Hall. Activities will include live entertainment, inflatables, giveaways for children and free food, cold drinks and snow cones. The event will run until 9:30 p.m. For more information, call 972-771-6228.

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Royse City approves budget amid turmoil

million budget shortfall and the resulting job council finally approved a budget for the 2009 Oct. meeting on Wednesday, Sept. 3, Mayor Jim members voted to suspend their monthly pay, many to get the budget back on track. With fewer new commercial construction projects City budget fell short of what had previously tions can be attributed to the general economic Royse City has not had a tax increase since 1994. Royse City council members voted to raise the \$0.4945 per \$100 value to \$0.6586 per \$100 le increase, it is "right in line with other cities City Attorney Jason Day. "It is higher than

Rockwall, but not Forney, Terrell, or Greenville, for example." Day also said that since the tax rate has not changed in 14 years, the increase "may be hard to swallow all at once, but it is necessary." The 2009 approved budget can be viewed on Royse City's website www.roysecity.com. Another side affect of the budget issue is employee layoffs. Within the past month 26-27 city employees have been laid off in the water, sewer and parks departments. "In the police and fire departments there have been some administrative layoffs," said Day, "but no sworn officers have been laid off." He said the hope is that within a year, the budget problems will be resolved and any employees that have been laid off can be rehired. In a show of frustration, Mayor Jim Melody walked out of Wednesday's council meeting amid a flurry of public comments and reactions to the budget crisis. Day said, "despite the rumors, Melody has not resigned and plans to serve his term out. There are just a multitude of factors that have contributed to this budget problem. It's frustrating, but yes, we are doing everything we can to rectify it."



Today's opening of "My Fair Lady" at the Rockwall Community Playhouse are (left to right) Jeff Medley, Gayle Brewer, Kate Skrabanek, Alex Dodd, Natalie Bidnick, Phil Leach, Vicki Cravens, Monke Monkress, Phil Alford, Donald Cook, David White, Dennis Gullion, Alicia Alford, Al Wall, Brittany Butcher, Mike Cravens,

Christy Brown, David Houck, (front row) Christal Sager, Hope Eidson, Amy Smith, Kathy Lomont, Laura Jennings, Lily Smith, Audrey Danna and Lesa Cates. Performances will be staged September 26, 27 and 28 and October 3, 4, 5, and 10, 11 and 12. The theater is located at 609 E. Rusk. Reservations are available by calling 972-722-3399. Staff Photo by Tim Burnett

News You Won't Find Anywhere Else!

County Commissioners approve 2009 budget in 4-1 vote

by Kathy Williams

In a 4-1 vote, Rockwall County Commissioners passed a proposed budget of approximately \$25 million for the 2009 fiscal year beginning Oct. 1. The lone dissenting vote was cast by Lorie Grinnan, who read a statement outlining her concerns for expenditures that do not seem to be well thought out or fiscally responsible in the face of an increasingly difficult economy.

The commissioners unanimously approved a tax rate of 3.375 per \$100 valuation, which is an increase of 2.5 cents over 2008.

In her statement, Grinnan reminded the commissioners that during planning workshops, a 5-10% decrease in department expenditures was discussed, but was not reflected in the final proposed budget. She cited travel allowances as an item that could have been reduced, as travel history shows the amount budgeted has not been used.

She said, "the method embraced by the Court in the past is to allow the fund balance to build up based on generous budgets and department heads consistently under-spending these amounts. Each area needs to be scrubbed, and next year we need to employ a professional (CPA) to build a budget from the ground up."

The budget includes a \$500,000 expenditure for a veterans memorial to be located adjacent to the new county library and future justice center. County Commissioner David Magness said donations would also be sought to fund the project. Magness said the project has been in discussion for a couple of years between the county, veterans groups and the city. He said once the county has received a concept plan for the design of the justice

center, work can begin designing a memorial. "We will need to see the design of the building, the landscaping, how the streets will run, before we start on the memorial," he said. "Because of the site, we need to do things in order."

In her comments to the court, Grinnan expressed concern that the project seems rushed and not well thought out. She said that, while she is a very strong supporter of veterans and doesn't want to come across as against a memorial honoring their service, she stated, "I strongly believe that Rockwall should have a veterans memorial. However, the Court has thrown \$500,000 at the project with no budget, no cost estimate, and no plan in place to garner donations and federal grants. This is an ill-planned line item, with the main objective to get this up and finished within the next year."

"I believe our citizens and veterans will be best served with a fully coordinated plan. The amount of this single item is almost one cent of the proposed tax increase."

Magness said once the county is ready to move on the memorial, a committee of veterans, interested citizens, and city and county officials may be put together to help with the design. He said it could be a "true county-wide experience to pay tribute to our veterans. This will be a timeless monument that honors our veterans for their service and those who gave the ultimate sacrifice."

Other highlights on the budget include renovations to the county services building on Whitmore Road. The \$2 million amount is a combined total for the purchase of the building and renovations. The center is expected to provide record storage, maintenance, and house two Justice of the Peace offices.

The budget also includes \$30 million for the previously mentioned justice center, which will be built adjacent to the library at the corner of T.L. Townsend and I-30. Once completed, the county expects to close several smaller satellite offices and locate those services in the new center, thus saving taxpayers money by not paying rent.

In other business, the commissioners unanimously approved a receipt of a \$140 thousand donation to the Friends of the Rockwall Public Library. Librarian Kathy Melston explained to the commissioners that the donation would be used to purchase new books and that the donation would be earmarked for capital projects.

Saturday rummage sale to benefit Warren family

A rummage sale organized to help defray the expenses of the late Steve Warren will take place Saturday, Oct. 4, from 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the home of Keller Williams and Kroger, 2951 Ridge Rd. Rummage sale items will include furniture, dishes, stereo equipment and numerous other items.

All proceeds will benefit the Warren family. "Please join us as we work together to raise funeral and funeral expenses for our friend and colleague, Steve Warren, who was diagnosed with cancer approximately eight weeks ago and died on Sept. 6. Because of a pre-existing health insurance,"

Warren died Sept. 6 and is survived by his wife, Kathy. For more information about him and his family, visit www.rockwallcountynews.com.

Diabetes education course

The Texas AgriLife Extension Service will offer a diabetes education program, "Do Well, Be Well with Diabetes," for people with Type 2 diabetes learn to understand and manage their condition. The program begins at 2 p.m. Oct. 7 at the County Extension Office, 101 E. Washington, Rockwall. Call Emily Nichols, (972) 204-7660 to register.

Low-cost animal shot clinic
Rockwall Animal Services will host a low-cost animal shot clinic from 5 p.m. Oct. 11 at the veterinary office, 2001 S. Rockwall. Cats will be on a leash, all cats in carriers. Rabies shots will be \$24 for three years. Other basic shots will be \$8 each. Registration also will be offered. For more details, call (972) 204-7660.

RARTA plans Oct. 13 meeting
The Rockwall Area Retired Teachers Association will hold its regular monthly meeting, 7 p.m. Oct. 13 for its regular monthly meeting. Lunch will be provided. The program, "Update and Status of Schools." The meeting, open to all retired school teachers, will take place in the RISD Administration Building, 1050 Williams St.

VNA hospice training schedule
The Visiting Nurse Association of Texas will be offering training for hospice volunteers Oct. 15. Other sessions are on Oct. 22, 23, 29 and 30. Sessions will run from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church in Kaufman. To register, contact Beverly Harris at 972-962-7500, 1-800-368-7222 or [vnatexas.org](http://www.vnatexas.org).

Rock the Cure 5K Walk scheduled
The second annual Rock the Cure 5K Walk will be held on Saturday, Oct. 11 at Harry Myers Park. To register, visit www.rockthecure.com/site/reg/register.aspx?fid=RJ2VDK7. The event will begin at 7 a.m. Proceeds from the event will benefit the G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation.

Flowerpot decorating class
A free come-and-go class will be offered from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Oct. 11 at Covington's Nursery Landscape Co., 5518 Liberty Grove Rd., in Rowlett. The class will focus on decorating flowerpots. Children and their parents will work together to decorate flowerpots (pot per child while supplies last) and plant pansies. For more details, call 972-475-5888.

Decorating with pumpkins
A free class offering ideas for planting in and decorating with pumpkins will begin at 1 p.m. Oct. 18 at Covington's Nursery Landscape Co., 5518 Liberty Grove Rd., in Rowlett. For more details, call 972-475-5888.

Blankets needed for soldiers
The Soldiers' Angels Organization Sewing Team is seeking donations of store-bought fleeces or quilts should be personalized with blue buttons, embroidery or appliques. To contribute, please contact Diane Jusa at 972-998-9892. Deadline for donations is Oct. 31. Email: dianejusa@yahoo.com or call 972-998-9892. Deadline for donations is Oct. 31.

Center to host Senior Health Fair
The 7th Annual Senior Health Fair will take place on Oct. 5 at The Center. Refreshments will be served. Flu and pneumonia shots will be given away and flu and pneumonia shots will be given away.

Planting for the Holidays
A free class on beautifying the home for the holidays and foundation plantings - perennials and annuals - will be held on Oct. 8 at Covington's Nursery Landscape Co., 5518 Liberty Grove Rd., in Rowlett. For more details call 972-475-5888.

Crafters needed for PTA fair
Both applications are being accepted for the Rockwall PTA's annual holiday arts and crafts fair set for 9 a.m. Oct. 11 at the RHS gym. Proceeds from the event will benefit various charities. For more details, call Liz Tarter at 972-772-8662 or www.rockwallpta.com.

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RCB seeks musicians for fall season

The Rockwall Community Band is seeking musicians for its fall concert season.

There are no auditions for the group, which was formed in 2002 with a handful of dedicated musicians, but participants must be at least 15 years old. Fall rehearsals will begin Monday, from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., in the Rockwall High School Band Hall, located at 901 Yellowjacket Lane.

When the band was formed, its founders dreamed of providing an opportunity for amateur and professional musicians to come together to create a dedicated ensemble. Today, the RCB has grown to more than 50 members, providing a fun, social environment for musicians to practice and perform their art.

The all-volunteer organization is an ensemble of diverse ages, talents and professions, including woodwind and percussion instruments. Mike McGill is band director. Lewis Phelps is the associate director.

For more information, contact Gary Sorenson at 972-551-1394 or visit www.therockwallcommunityband.org.

Election Corner

Nov. 4 General Election
Rockwall County

- **Deadline to register to vote in this election is Oct. 6.** To be eligible to vote in Texas, an individual must be a U.S. citizen; be a resident of the county; be at least 18 years old (individuals may register at 17 years, 10 months); not be a convicted felon (unless a person's sentence is completed, including probation); not be declared mentally incapacitated by a court of law. **An individual must be registered at least 30 days prior to an election to be eligible to vote.**
- Applications to register to vote or for ballots by mail can be downloaded at <http://www.rockwallcountytx.com> or call the Rockwall County Elections Office. Applications should be mailed to 107 E. Kaufman, Rockwall, TX 75087.
- Voter registration cards also are available at most post offices, libraries and high schools.
- Individuals who have registered who don't have a current voter registration certificate (bright orange card) should contact the Rockwall County Elections Office, 972-204-6200.
- Individuals only are eligible to vote in the percent in which they reside if they are registered in that precinct.
- Individuals who were registered to vote but have moved from another Texas county to Rockwall County will need to register locally before being allowed to vote in Rockwall County. Registration must be completed by the Oct. 6 deadline. Registered voters who move from one county to another may be eligible to vote in the new county of residence if they still are registered in their old county of residence. Voting can be accomplished through a Limited Ballot in the new county of residence. Limited Ballot voters are entitled to vote on all state races and any district offices that are in common between the old and new counties, but such voting only can take place during the Early Voting Period (Oct. 20 through Oct. 31). Call the Elections Office for more details.
- Individuals who have moved from city to city within Rockwall County will need to change their voter registration prior to being allowed to vote in their new precinct. This change must be completed prior to the Oct. 6 deadline.
- Individuals who moved from one address in a city to another address in the same city also will need to change their voter registration prior to being allowed to vote in their new precinct. This change must be completed prior to the Oct. 6 deadline.
- All updates changing name or address must be done by mail or in person. Faxes cannot be accepted.
- Sample ballots for the Nov. 4 general election will be available in October by logging onto <http://www.rockwallcountytx.com>.
- Early voting will run Oct. 20 through Oct. 31. Watch *The Rockwall County News* each week for updated election information, as well as early voting and Election Day voting locations and hours.

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Vaughns to celebrate golden anniversary

Clyde and Elwyn Vaughn of Rockwall will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary at a Saturday reception at the First Baptist Church in Rockwall.

The two were married Sept. 27, 1958, in the Bonham First Church of the Nazarene in Bonham by the Rev. Leon Martin.

The Vaughns were residents of Allen for many years. He is a retired AT&T engineer, and she is retired from the real estate appraisal industry. They have two children – Steve Vaughn of Greenville and Sherri Duggan of Rockwall – and four grandchildren.

The reception will run from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Friends and invited to attend.

PHR mammograms cost \$75 in October

Presbyterian Hospital of Rockwall will offer reduced-price mammograms throughout the month of October.

The value of a normal screening mammogram can cost as much as \$250, according to a PHR press release, but in honor of Breast Cancer Awareness Month the hospital will offer mammograms for \$75. The cost will include the screening mammogram and the radiologist's fee.

Mammograms are X-rays of the breast used to see lumps and other breast tissue changes.

The mammography unit at PHR produces optimal images with faster exposure times using the least amount of radiation, according to the press release. The result is less discomfort and a lower probability of retesting required because of motion blur. "Soft touch" mammography pads also are used to make the procedure more comfortable for clients.

"We are totally committed to women's health care and the fight against breast disease," said David Whittington, director of PHR's radiology department.

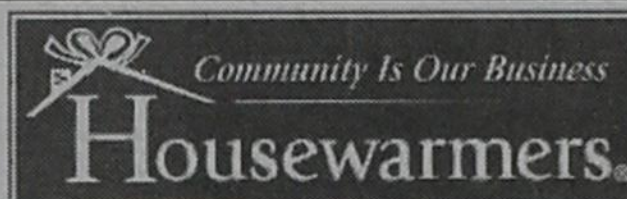
Breast cancer is the most common form of cancer among women, but the survival rates are increasing because of early detection and new technology.

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Carton, Blake set wedding date

Rockwall are pleased to announce the wedding of their daughter, Katie, to David and Lara Turner of Rowlett. Katie is a graduate of Rockwall High School and Texas Tech University. She is employed by the Rockwall ISD and TAMU-Commerce. David, also a graduate of Rockwall High School, is employed with TAMU-Commerce. The wedding in Rockwall is planned.



The Fulton School Zooland

Students at The Fulton School replaced their thinking caps with zoo keeper hats as they opened Zooland to their fellow students Monday, Sept. 22. Each student chose and researched a zoo animal, then gave a speech to zoo visitors (parents and fellow students) about their animal. From left to right: Connor Bryant, hammerhead shark; Jasmine Cloud, monkey; Tuti Huertas, lion; Kayden Steen, polar bear; Hunter Jeffrey, leopard seal; and Hayden Davenport, penguin. Head zoo keeper is Kathy Williams.

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Five area residents earn TAMU degrees

Five Rockwall County residents were among the 1,764 Texas A&M University students who graduated during summer commencement ceremonies conducted at College Station.

According to a university press release, local students receiving degrees included:

- Joshua Daniel Wooten of Rockwall, bachelor's degree, ag leadership and development
- Allison Clair Finley of Rockwall, bachelor's degree, civil engineering
- Sondra Lee Himmelreich of Rockwall, bachelor's degree, marketing
- Patricia Helen Illingworth of Royse City, bachelor's degree, English
- Joseph Russell Laughlin of Rockwall, bachelor's degree in human resources development.

Amy Parks earns TBED recognition

Amy Parks-Heath Elementary has been tapped to receive the Texas Business & Education Coalition's Honor Roll Award, 2008.

The award is given for "sustained academic excellence," according to a press release from the school, and recognizes schools that have demonstrated three years of consistently high performances in all subjects compared to other schools serving similar student populations.

School officials will receive the award on Nov. 10 in San Antonio.



Rockwall Young Life Opens New School Year

Rockwall Young Life started the new school year in a tasty way with more than 50 students attending the first meeting at Culver's. The evening ended digging into "Rockwall's Largest Banana Split." The "split" was 20 feet long. Photo courtesy of Sue Almond

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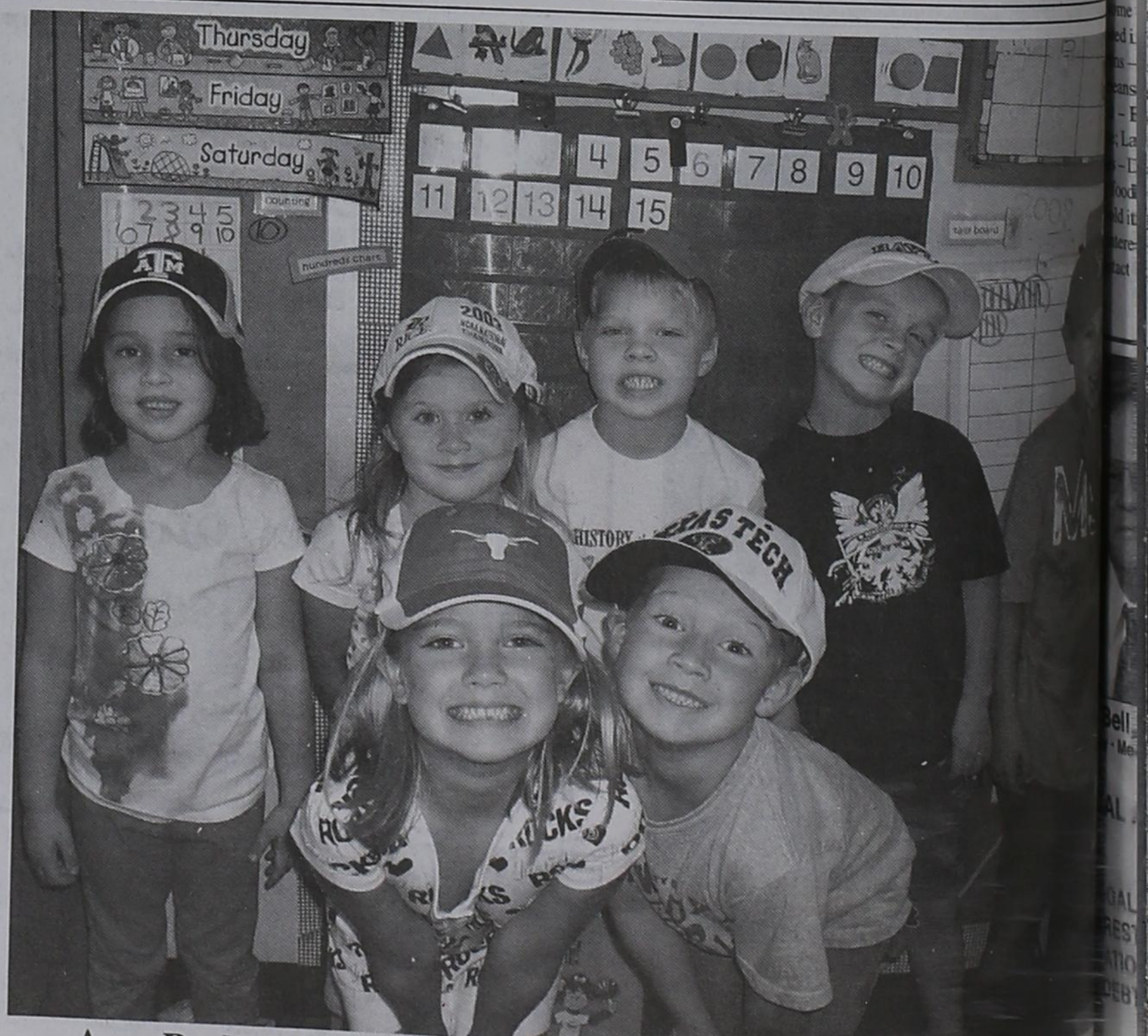
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The Fulton School Annual Fund Kickoff

The Fulton School began its Annual Fund Kick Off with a dinner in the home of Deseri and Kevin Kelley of Heath. The special academic programs, technology, and math and science at the school. At the dinner are (left to right) Fulton School Board member Davenport, Fulton Co-founder Suzie Nash, John Seeligson, and Heath Mayor Pro-tem Karen Lewis. Photo courtesy of The Fulton School



Amy Parks Elementary students celebrate "Hats Off to College Day"

Students in Jill McMahan's kindergarten class at Amy Parks-Heath Elementary School celebrated "Hats off to College Day" set aside to learn about the benefits of higher education. Future scholars are (bottom left to right) Taylor Barrow, Colton Hanlon, Cassie Gaumont, Tommy Washburn, Lane Seaman, and Austin Harkrider. Photo courtesy of Mary Thacker



The Planning Committee has met for the last time and all is ready for the 20th Anniversary Grand Opening at 9 a.m., in the assembly area of Brookshire's parking lot. The Friends of the Library and the Council of Catholic Women have prepared fall menus, the mums will arrive soon, and the lawn art is ready to be chosen. Committee members include (left) Plagens, Teddie Degelia, Becky Achenbach, (standing) Jim Baird, Barbara Coleson, George Humes, Addelle Worth, Sherri Mueller, and Marvis Kisselburgh. (right) Plagens

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Grandparents' Day

Elementary School third grader, Rylee James, and her mother, Amy Thompson, enjoyed lunch together at the school to celebrate Grandparents' Day. (Photo by Meg Smith)

Age Christian Academy helps with relief

Age Christian Academy has been designated as a community center for hurricane-relief contributions. The center is open between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. Monday through Friday. Donations include canned food (anything that doesn't require water or heat), non-perishables, antibiotics, ointment, hydrogen peroxide, gauze, gloves, clothing, and other necessities. The center is open from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday. For more information, call 214-212-6516.

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Rockwall County Obituaries

George Joseph Jachimiec

Memorial services for George Joseph Jachimiec of Rockwall are set for 3 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 27, 2008, in the Rest Haven Funeral Home-Rockwall Chapel.

He died Sept. 20.

Born to Joseph and Rose Jachimiec in Chicago, Ill., on July 23, 1938, he was an avid stamp collector as a child and attended DePaul University. He began his career at IBM as a computer technician. He continued his career in computers as vice president of sales for DPA Inc. in Dallas. He founded his own computer brokerage company, Computer Clearing Corp., in 1973, which thrived for the next 20 years. He then followed his love of the outdoors and moved to East Texas in 1986 and founded East Texas Real Estate and G&S Builders, where he enjoyed his new passion, building and selling luxury lake homes.

He enjoyed boating, playing racquetball and tennis, spending time with family and friends, and exploring the back roads and small towns of Texas with his wife.

Survivors include his wife of 35 years, Shirley; daughters, Jenny Capritta, Julie Doran and Janet Eastham; step-children, Tracey Groth, Brian Withrow, Karen Skews and Kenny Withrow; grandchildren, Kyle, Eric, Madison, Jeremy, Caron, Cory, Allen, Clare, Zoey, Nikalina, Sophie, Ashleigh, Kelsey and Mary; many friends and colleagues; and his beloved furry friend, Zen.



On God's Word

by Timothy W. Burnett
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Believing ... Hebrews 11... Abraham

In Hebrews 11, Old Testament believers who got the most attention were Abraham, Moses and the Lord Jesus. There are many scriptural examples where God emphasized certain people. This was, in no way, meant to downplay other's mentioned. It simply draws the readers' attention for special reasons.

Starting with Abraham, we turn to Hebrews 11:8-12 and 17-19. "By faith Abraham, when he was called to go out into a place which he should after receive for an inheritance, obeyed. And he went out, not knowing where he was going" (verse 8). This one verse teaches something simply amazing, which is, to believe is directly related to obedience.

We have the English translation of earlier translations of God's word packaged nicely in the Bible. Although there are some bad translations, we have enough information to at least get the underlying essence of the meaning with a little Biblical research and rightly dividing the information by allowing it to interpret itself.

We learned in an earlier column that believing can be mentally agreeing with the information, and it can involve acting on information from others. God gave Abraham information and a command to leave his father and travel to a far away land.

Please understand that God works people according to where they are in their spiritual lives. Abraham already had a heart to believe God because of his parents and family. Abraham would have grown for years learning to be meek to God's word and humble under His mighty arm.

During his travels, Abraham was willing to live in strange areas because his mental eyes were fixed on "a city that has foundations, whose builder and maker is God" (verses 9-10). Not only did he believe God's commandment to move away to a far away place on earth, but he did so while understanding the promise of a true and everlasting city made and built by God Himself.

Abraham's believing rubbed off on his lovely wife Sara. It says, "Through faith also Sara herself received strength to conceive seed, and was delivered of a child when she was past age, because she judged Him faithful Who had

promised" (verse 11). Over the years, when I read the context of how she laughed in her heart when she promised child (see Genesis 18:1-15). She and it was not common for women of old age to become. She said in her heart, "After I am so old, how could I have a child?" (verse 12)? Conception is more than praise from people.

Yet we see in Hebrews 11:11, that God sees the focus on Sara's honest joking laughter about her years of being old. Nor does God emphasize her faith resulting in the birth of their child, but who gave the promise, to be faithful to back up the promise.

Sara's spontaneous heartfelt reply of laughter had no effect on her faith in God's ability to back up her promise. Let's keep this in mind. When people laugh or smile, it's usually unbelievably like the gospel of Jesus Christ who do not have a heart to believe. God searches the heart.

Hebrews 11:17-19 covers another example of how he showed a willingness to offer up his son as a sacrifice. Of course, God did ultimately back his word. His son Jesus Christ who, through his mother, was

Rockwall County Religious

One Ministry, Many Hats: First Christian Church Holds Ministry Fair

First Christian Church Rockwall will celebrate its church's ministries on Sunday, September 28. The theme of the event is *One Ministry, Many Hats*. All ministries will serve brunch at each table as they share their activities. Visitors are welcome!

First Christian Church is located at 3375 Ridge Road, Rockwall, Texas 75087. Morning worship services are at 8:30 am and at 9:45 am and a nursery is available for all. For more information, call church office at 972-771-5526.

Lake Pointe Church offers free class

Encounter practical ways to get out of debt with a God-honoring way during "Financial Freedom" on October 4, at 8:30 am in room W300.

This class features Gary Shepherd, Director of Fitness. Lake Pointe Church is located at 701 E. Lake Pointe. For more information, visit lakepointe.org.

Local Support Group for parents/caregivers of young children meets on Tuesday, October 7.

The R.E.A.C.H. Ministry at Lake Pointe Church is for all parents or caregivers who have a special child. R.E.A.C.H. stands for:

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The purpose of the support group is to assess the any type of challenge to determine the most appropriate environment in which to teach the child, and to provide needed support and resources.

The group is open to all parents or caregivers with a young adult. The October 7 meeting begins at 6:30 am at Lake Pointe's Rockwall Campus. Childcare is available for children ages 6 months to 12 years. The deadline for registration is Monday, October 6. Register online at lakepointe.org or call Akers, 469-698-2310.

Woodcreek Bible Church to have Unity

Woodcreek Bible Church is gearing up for bid for Reformation Day. Though not a typical Halloween party, the church is celebrating a major event in Protestant church history on October 31 as its commemoration date. Medieval costumes, though all comers are welcome. Crafts, contests, and live music, bounce houses, and more. For more information, visit woodcreekbible.org or 214-543-9836. Woodcreek Bible Church is located at W. Hwy 66 in Royse City.

Chisholm Baptist Church Hosts Men's Retreat

Don't miss an awesome opportunity to gather with other men of the Baptist Church as they join together to relax, enjoy fellowship in Christian faith, and find inspiration in God's word.

The outing begins on Friday, October 3, with dinner at Chisholm Ranch from 5:30 pm - 6:30 pm, followed by a casual time of personal sharing and fellowship. The cost is \$100 per person.

This is a great opportunity for men of all ages to refresh their spirituality, or simply listen to the hearts of other men. You need to bring a strong appetite, something to eat, a Bible, and an open heart. If you enjoy good food, fellowship, and an open heart, this is an event you don't want to miss.

Amenities: We will be sleeping in a bunkhouse. Bunkhouse facilities are available, so bring your own sleeping bag or sheets (coverlets are provided), so bring your own towel, soap, and other toiletries to shower.

Activities / Other items to bring: Volleyball, basketball, or wear sports attire if you wish to play; Pickin' and Grinnin' instrument if you play one, small cooler for snacks and drinks.

The event concludes on Saturday morning at 11 am. Registration is 8 am and program at 9:30 am.

Directions to Sabine Creek Ranch from Rockwall: Head south on Hwy 78 towards Quinlan. Travel 1.6 miles East beyond FM 544 onto Sabine Creek Road. Travel approximately 1.4 miles to the Ranch. If you have any questions about the retreat, call Donagan, 214-226-8944, chisholmbaptistchurch.org

Laughlin named to TAMU honor roll

Joseph Russell Laughlin, a recent graduate of Texas A&M University at College Station, was named to the summer 2008 Dean's Honor Roll, according to a university press release.

Laughlin, a Rockwall resident, earned a bachelor's degree in human resources development.

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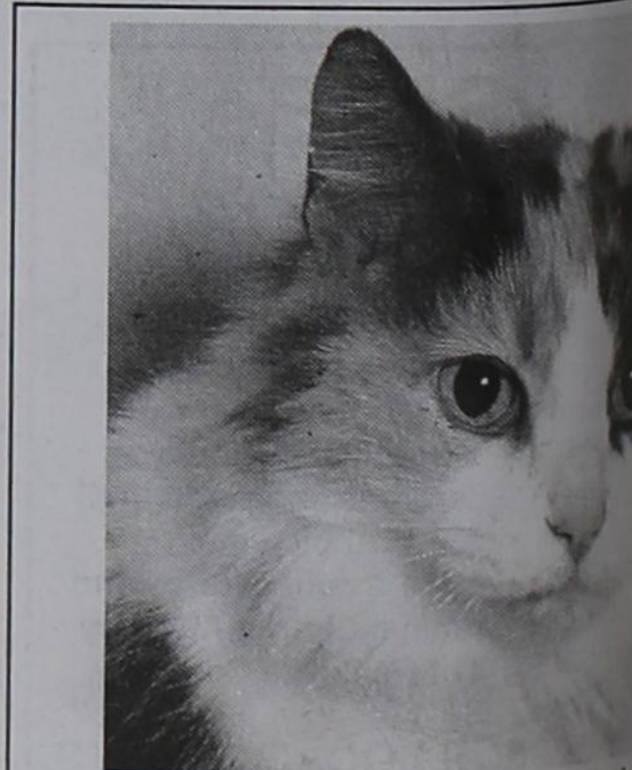
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Eliza is a longhaired dilute calico with a lovely personality. She is about five years old and once lived in a household with well-meaning caregivers who had too many cats. When she died, Eliza and eight other cats fended for themselves until they were rescued in May 2007. The other cats have found homes, but Eliza is still waiting. She is a quiet cat who needs to be in a home with adults and older children. She gets along well with dogs. It is unknown whether she likes dogs. Eliza enjoys being brushed. She is one of the many felines available for adoption through Friends Community Cat Alliance. Adoptions are held from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturdays at PetSmart, 931 E. I-75, Rockwall, Texas. For more information, visit feralfriends.org or call 972-771-5526.

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Rockwall Relay for Life Choir

American Cancer Society's Relay for Life Summit took place Sept. 12-14 at Dallas' Sheraton. Rockwall County was well represented by its Relay for Life Choir. The choir, under the direction of Isiak Holiday of the First United Methodist Church of Rockwall, sang "The Shepherd's Psalm" and "I Believe I Can Fly" and led about 1,200 convention volunteers in singing "This Little Light of Mine." The Relay for Life Choir is the first of its kind in the U.S. As a result of its successes, many Relay groups are planning their Ceremonies of Hope.

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Rockwall County Entertainment

"Rockin' on the Docks"

Emerald City Band brought the crowd to their feet at last week's "Rockin' on the Docks" event at the Harbor.

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Rockwall rocks the docks at first annual event

by Cody Giles

The Harbor at Rockwall was home to the first "Rockin' on the Docks" on Saturday, Sept. 20. The event, which was sponsored by the Rockwall Chamber of Commerce, and planned and scheduled in correlation with the City of Rockwall, was an attempt to bring the families and the community closer together with fun and the sound of music.

"I think this event is going to be awesome for the city, and for the Chamber and the community. It's one of those draws, the Harbor itself. The bands are awesome," according to Cheryl Dunlop, a member of the Rockwall Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors.

The bands began to play at 11 a.m. with Mistral as the opening act, followed by country band, The Keith Davis Band. At 4 p.m., Green River Ordinance took the stage followed by Sleeperstar who commanded the audience with its strong lyrics and crowd-friendly interactive "ooh-ooh-ooh's." Emerald City Band wrapped up the event at 11 p.m. with renditions of fans' favorites that caused the crowd to get off their feet and get their blood pumping.

The fans, young and old, set up lawn chairs and blankets and made themselves comfortable while the bands played.

"I think it's great for Rockwall. We came out here every single Thursday

all summer long to participate in the Rockwall concert right here on the water and hear the music. I don't know better than that," April Murphree, Rockwall resident, said.

While others were watching the bands put on their show, they had set up booths along the walkway in order to attract a taste or view what Rockwall had to offer.

Among the long list of businesses present to the Rockwall were 24-Hour Fitness, Hog City Deli, Bella Beaded Designs & Pottery, and Bank of America.

Dunlop said this year was a start for what should be an event for the community, and that increased participation will make it even better next year.

"I think it's great for the community, and I love the people here. It's perfect weather, it's a good family event. It's a good experience and I'm glad to be a part of it," Summers, a promoter working with an event sponsor, said.

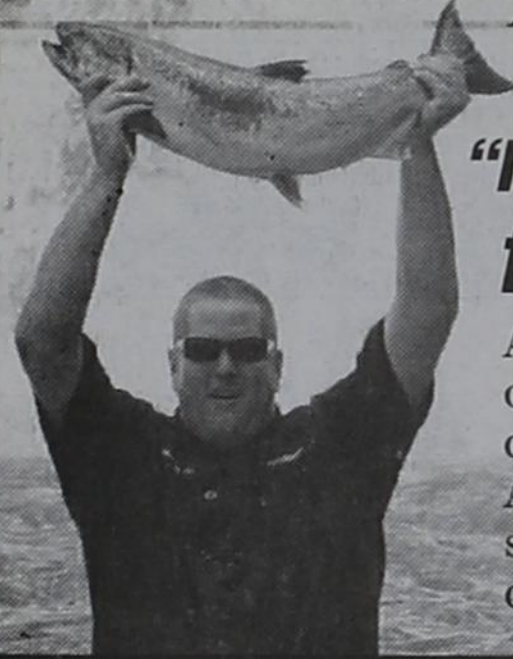
The Chamber and City hope that this annual event will be a destination point for people from surrounding cities.

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Lake Ray Hubbard to host weekend regatta

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Open to boats with fixed keels ranging from 20 feet to 40 feet in length, the event typically draws 35 to 40 boats and about 200 sailors.

The competition's biggest prize is the George Griffith Trophy, which is awarded annually to the winner of the largest sailing class in the event.

The late Griffith was a member of the Rush Creek Yacht Club who not only was a sailboat racer, but also an advocate for and a contributor to race management. He donated his time to running sailboat races not only for his peers, but also for other

clubs and collegiate sailing teams.

The three-day event will open Friday with a corporate sponsor competitors briefing and "friendly Calcutta," followed by a corporate sponsor race. Regatta registration will take place from 4 p.m. to 9 p.m. At 6 p.m., the welcome reception, complete with heavy hors d'oeuvres, will be conducted, followed by the competitors' briefing and racing seminar.

Breakfast at 7:30 a.m. will open

Saturday's events, followed by an

hour-long late registration period at 8 a.m. At 10 a.m., the warning signal for First Start will be given, then return to the club for lunch. One additional long-distance race will be conducted after lunch. The evening will close with dinner and a party.

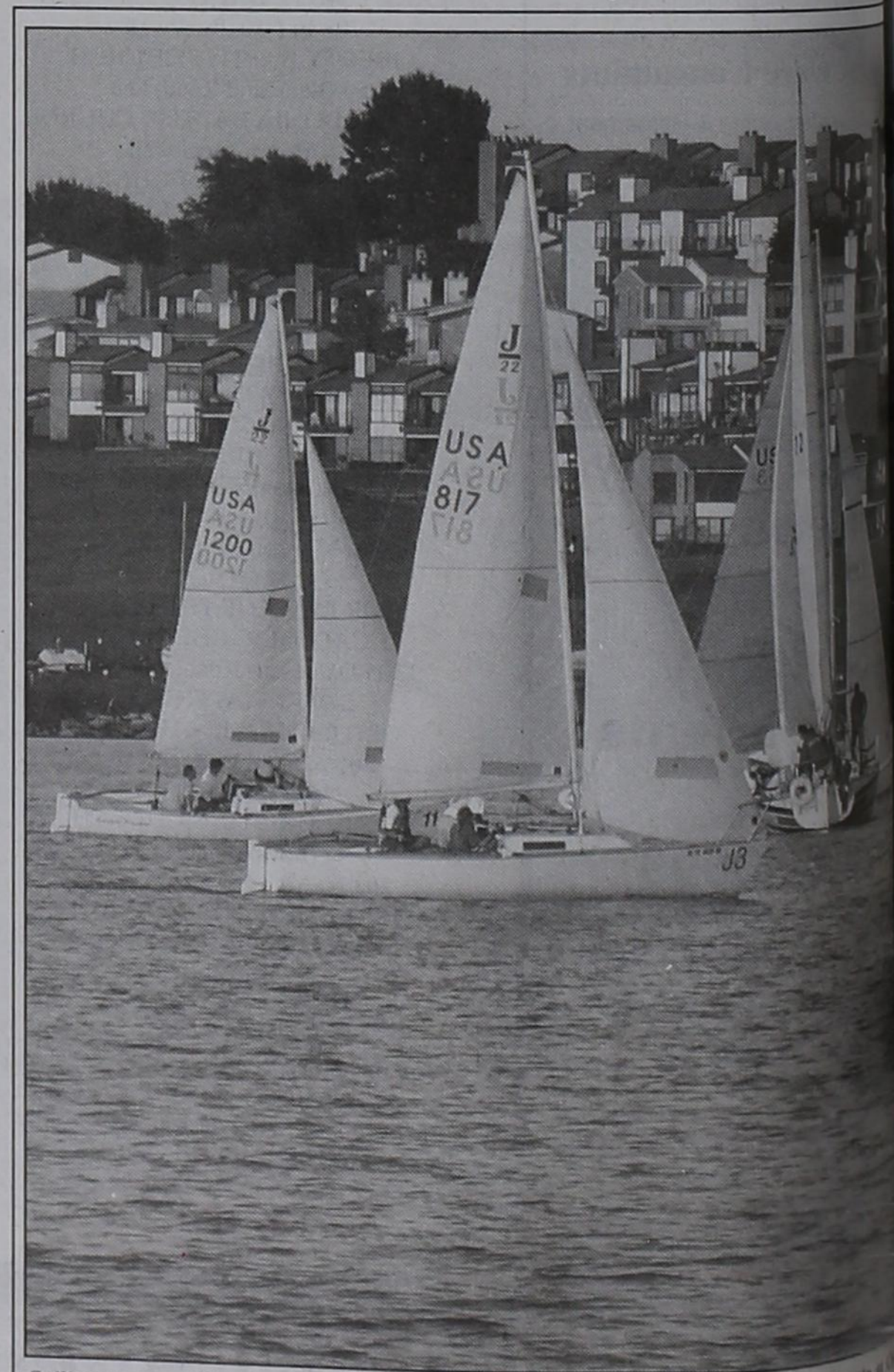
On Sunday, breakfast will again open the day at 7:30 a.m., followed by the 9:55 a.m. warning signal for First Start, with two races scheduled. Awards will be presented at

1:30 p.m.

Proceeds from the regatta will include the entire sponsorship.

To register for the regatta, visit regattanet.com.

Registrants can also purchase line shopping bags, meals, and regatta merchandise on Saturday and Sunday.



Sailing teams will compete this weekend in the 15th Annual George Griffith Regatta at the Landing Yacht Club. Photo courtesy of Dan Malak

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ACROSS

- once popular "Festival" in Austin
- TX coast bird
- TX-born Woody Harrelson film: "She ___ Me"
- birds at Bentsen State Park
- Mr. Houston
- rock from magma
- TXism: "___ dog won't hunt"
- more?"
- TX Audie's "Hell and Back"
- TXism: "he couldn't drive a ___ into a snow bank"
- TX Charley Pride tune: "Where ___ Put Her Memory?"
- TXism: "thing-___ (gadget)"
- site where JFK was shot (2 wds.)
- pefix meaning "not"
- Jimmy's QB with Miami Dolphins
- TX King Vidor film: "___ in the Sun"
- TX Tommy Lee Jones film: "Back ___"
- in '93: "Troy Aikman ___ Off" golf event
- Pacific Ocean country
- UT beat this team in '73 Cotton Bowl
- Rangers league (abbr.)
- Davy Crockett's home state (abbr.)

DOWN

- shocked
- in Hardeman Co. on hwy. 287
- TX Garner's "The ___ of the Book About Men"
- strong beers
- TXism: "___ cahoots with"
- TXism: "___ a horse on a merry-go-round"
- TXism: "it's ___ bout"
- actress Adams in "Racquet" with TX Lynda Day George
- TX Gary Morris tune: "___ Is All It Takes"
- TXism: "___ the wheat from the chaff" (pick the best)
- "New Deal" president (init.)
- public teacher org.
- sadistic
- microscope mirrors support
- Blue Bell relies on Brenham area ___ farms
- cow sound
- a popular beer in TX
- wood chopper
- Houston NFL team ('60-'96)
- Uvalde is on ___ hws. 90 & 83
- TXism: "tear jerker" (___ movie)
- book: "Little ___ of the Texas Revolution"
- TXism: "he sold me a ___ goods"
- "Texas, ___ indivisible..."
- fishin' line float
- "very" south of the border
- "got my heart ___ on it"
- hammock might be tied ___
- TX stage robber Sam Bass would buy each passenger ___
- British air military
- "___ old cow-hand..."
- electricity conductor
- praise highly
- "let us ___"
- TX Swayze born on ___ 18 (abbr.)
- TX Trini Lopez sang "La ___"
- UT grad Lou Diamond '94 film "___ City"

Rockwall County Community News

What's Happening ...

The school band will host a Cici's pizza night on the first Friday of every month. When ordering, tell the clerk at the store you are participating for the RHHS band. Anyone can attend and a portion of sales will be given to the band. For more information please contact Sandra Nelson at 972-771-6228.

For the George Griffith Regatta. The event has been held for 15th year. It is a fundraiser for larger sailboats on Lake Ray Hubbard for the regatta. Open to boats with fixed keels ranging from 20 to 40 feet. Please register for the George Griffith Regatta at <https://www.rockwalltx.com/ubs/rcyc.html>. George Griffith was a member of the class whose life ended too early. He was not only a member but an advocate for and a contributor to race management. The regatta is held on Friday, Sept. 26 through Sunday, Sept. 28 with proceeds from the regatta, including the entry fees, going directly to Rockwall Helping Hands.

The 2008 State Fair is Fair Day for Rockwall Independent Schools. We encourage all students to have a fun and State Fair of Texas. The State Fair this year has many fun activities and food. The State Fair this year has many fun activities and food. The State Fair this year has many fun activities and food. The State Fair this year has many fun activities and food.

The Texas Business and Education Coalition (TBEC) recognizes schools in Texas. The TBEC Award is given for sustained excellence in the state of Texas. It recognizes schools who have achieved consistent high performance in all subjects serving similar student populations. Texas has elementary schools and less than 4% of the schools in the state. This award is because of the unified effort of the schools in working with the teachers and staff at Amy Parks-Heath Elementary. The award is given to the children for all the hard work they do at Amy Parks-Heath Elementary.

The school will have Cici's pizza night from 5-9 p.m. on the first Friday of every month. The money taken in that night will be given back to the school to support the Pullen Panthers!

The school will hold a meeting at 7 p.m. Oct. 6 in the meetings are held on the first Monday of each month. All HBO presidents should attend or send a representative. The agenda includes HBO by-laws and UIL discussions. The HBO provides funds and assistance to all participation in all RHHS activities. The HBO helps with UIL and provides college scholarships for students. The \$10 fee includes membership with the club supporting all your student's activities. The school will have Cici's pizza night on Oct. 7 for Heath's National Night Out. Festivities will be held from 5-9 p.m. and include live entertainment, inflatables, food, cold drinks and snow cones. Location is at the Park Pavilion behind Heath City Hall. For more information contact cityhall@heathtx.com or call 972-771-6228.

There is no cost.

If you are a parent of a Cain student and would like to receive daily email announcements and messages from the school, please send an email with your child's name and grade to cainconnection@rockwallisd.org

Heath City Council Special Meeting will take place at 8 a.m. Sept. 26 at Heath City Hall, 200 Laurence Drive. Scheduled on the agenda is approval of the budget and fee schedule, false alarm ordinance and to award a contract for road construction in Cove Ridge. Please call 972-771-6228 for further information.

GARAGE SALE!! The RHHS Class of 2009 will hold a garage sale from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 27 in the parking lot in front of the school. Donations will be accepted from 4-10 p.m. the night before. Food will be available for purchase. All proceeds will benefit senior class activities. Contact Laurie Anderson 972-771-0310 or 214-728-0825.

City of Heath Department of Public Safety extends registration period for new Citizens' Academy

There's still time to sign up for the new Heath Department of Public Safety Citizens' Academy. The start date for the 12-week program, to be held at 6:30 p.m. on Mondays, has been delayed until Oct. 6, so get your application in today. This exciting program offers a view into the inner workings of public safety in Heath through classroom instruction and hands-on experience with public safety equipment and vehicles. Academy participants must be 18 years of age or older, a high school graduate or equivalent education, and have a valid Texas Driver's License. The application process includes a background check. For more information or an application, please contact Officer Burton at 972-961-4900 or bburton@heathtx.com.

RC's FunFest set for Oct. 18

Royse City's 19th Annual FunFest observance will unfold in the Downtown Main Street area on Oct. 18.

Billed as "a day of family fun," the event will include a Fun Run beginning at 7:45 a.m., a 9 a.m. parade and a myriad of other activities - Kids Korner, vendor and food booths, Hoop Shot Contest, dunking booth, Doggy Contest, a children's pageant, a pie-eating contest, a Hula Hoop contest and a karaoke contest.

Parade, contest and vendor's booth applications are available through the chamber by calling 972-636-5000.

Farmers Market continues

The popular Farmers Market on the Rockwall Downtown Square will resume this Saturday, Sept. 20, after a week off for the Aspasian Arts and Crafts Fair. Vendors will be on hand to sell their homegrown treats from 8 a.m. to noon.

Friends of Downtown Rockwall and the City of Rockwall sponsor the market. In addition to the fresh vegetables, fruit, herbs and canned goods that have been offered, shoppers can now buy Texas honey from Round Rock Honey Company, and flavored dried pasta from The Pasta People.

Vendor spaces are still available for rent. A 10'x10' space is available for \$10 and can be rented by contacting Friends of Downtown Rockwall at 972-772-6789 or downtown@rockwall.com.

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The RHHS Starstepper Drill Team is selling custom designed embroidered Heath Hawk Flip Flops. What a cool way to show that Hawk pride! You can order yours now from any Starstepper Drill Team Member or by contacting Tonja Bridges at tonja@netportusa.com or Anita Smith at anita-smith@threeoil.com.

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Minter Mortgage Matters

Secrets of Credit Scoring Revealed

Nothing has had a more dramatic affect on mortgage lending in the last 20 years as the use of credit scoring in determining a borrower's ability to qualify for a mortgage. For better or for worse, the score is considered a reliable indicator of a credit risk. That being understood, wouldn't it be nice to know how credit scores are calculated and how they can be improved?

I thought that Fair Isaac, the inventor of a prevalent credit-scoring model, might be a good place to start to get some reliable and useful information. Wrong.

Here are some non-answers to questions taken directly from a FAIR ISAAC publication:

- QUESTION: If derogatory information is removed, how much will the score increase?
- ANSWER: "... it is not possible to estimate how much the score will change ..."
- QUESTION: What would happen to the score if an applicant were to pay off his or her balances and/or close some accounts?
- ANSWER: "It is not possible to ensure that credit scores would increase in this case."
- QUESTION: Do inquiries affect the credit bureau score?
- ANSWER: "... inquiries may or may not be a factor in the score ..."
- QUESTION: Get the picture? Oddly enough, these answers are not really evasive. The truth is, there are 60 different factors that are used in determining credit score. The mathematical formula utilized is very complex, so it's extremely difficult to predict how isolated factors will affect a particular score. Generally, the borrowers with the highest credit scores probably hold these things in common.
- They use credit sparingly.
- They always pay on time.
- Their credit accounts have not been recently opened.
- They have not been in pursuit of new credit.

How would you like to have the answers to these questions?

- How can using more credit raise my score?
- How can paying off collection accounts lower my score?
- When does opening new accounts raise my score and when does it lower them?
- Which accounts should I pay off to raise my score the most?

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Opposes Richman article

We have been a Rockwall dedicated resident for over 20 years. I am disgusted with the Subject article you included in your issue (08). It has lowered my opinion of your paper to a very low level. I would like to publish an article that sounds like it came from a socialist newspaper like Joseph Lenin.

I realize all aspects of Freedom of Speech but the Rockwall County News responsible not to publish hate speech. A man criticized the majority of what men have done for this Country which enables individuals like this the ability to speak garbage.

It is obvious to the reader that accusations are made against our Country and others that have called America a human rights; Pearl Harbor, defending England, France, and the United States. I wonder what Mr. Richman has ever done for this Country than to criticized individuals and policies that give him a mouth in such a repugnant manner.

It is obvious that Mr. Richman needs a history lesson on our Country and others that have called America a human rights; Pearl Harbor, defending England, France, and the United States. For a God fearing Country like ours, human rights are a responsibility that demands action on our part to defend our Country and such hateful situations. To do otherwise is to be a hypocrite to our own beliefs and what has made this Country the greatest in the world.

I am very disappointed that the Rockwall County News has published a slanted opinionated anti-American article such as this. My family are shocked that you would include such a hateful article in your paper.

You let Mr. Richman use your paper to vent his venom against our Country and the people that have made it great. Steve Ramage

Publisher's Note: We appreciate and respect the letters of our readers. The Rockwall County News is a publication of political candidates. His article clearly did not reflect a Leninist ideology. It contained no expressions of hate. It did, however, offer a different perspective to the current political dialogue, as well as questioning our government. There is a big difference between our government as Thomas Jefferson emphasized, it is the duty of the government if we are to maintain and secure our liberties.



Stubborn ignorance

by Walter E. Williams

Here's what the U.S. Constitution says: "All bills for raising Revenue shall originate in the House of Representatives; but the Senate may propose or concur with Amendments as on other Bills." How many times have we heard politicians, pundits and guardians of our news media say that President Bush cut taxes, or Obama is going to raise taxes?

The fact of the matter is that presidents have no power to raise or lower taxes. They can propose tax measures or veto them but it is Congress that has the ultimate power to raise or lower taxes since they can, with a two-thirds vote, override a presidential veto.

The same principle applies to spending. Presidents cannot be held responsible for budget deficits or surpluses. A president cannot spend a dime that Congress does not first appropriate. Given these plain facts, are politicians, pundits and media people — who persist in talking about a president cutting or raising taxes, or creating a budget deficit — ignorant, stupid or deceptive?

Did President Clinton create more jobs, or did President Bush? Let's look at it. In 1996, I landed a job at Grove City College teaching a course with one of its faculty members, Professor Dirk Mateer. I would like someone to tell me how President Clinton created that job for me. Did he call the college president and say, "Hire Williams?"

Did he give Grove City College, a private college, resources to hire me? He surely didn't call me up and say, "Williams, there's a job waiting for you at Grove City College." So what precisely do people mean when they say this president or that president created jobs? You might argue, "You're right when it comes to a president creating jobs, but Congress can create jobs through appropriating money for infrastructure such as highways and bridges."

That's true in one sense and false in another. You can see this by asking, "Where does Congress get the money to create the jobs?" They won't get it from the Tooth Fairy or Santa Claus; they must get the money from taxpayers. That means if Congress collects \$100 from a taxpayer for highway construction, he cannot use that \$100 for some other expenditure that would have created

a job. If Congress borrows the money for highway construction, it causes interest rates to be higher and therefore less job-creating investment. The bottom line is that Congress can only shift employment or unemployment but cannot create net new jobs.

Many politicians and pundits claim that the credit crunch and high mortgage foreclosure rate is an example of market failure and want government to step in to bail out creditors and borrowers at the expense of taxpayers who prudently managed their affairs. These financial problems are not market failures but government failure.

The Community Reinvestment Act of 1977 is a federal law that intimidated lenders into offering credit throughout their entire market and discouraged them from restricting their credit services to low-risk markets, a practice sometimes called redlining. The Federal Reserve Bank, keeping interest rates artificially low, gave buyers and builders incentive to buy and build, thereby producing the housing bubble.

Lenders were willing to make creative interest-only loans, often high-risk "no doc" and "liar loans," in order to allow people to buy more housing than they could afford. Of course, with the expectation that housing prices will continue to rise, it was no problem for lenders and borrowers but housing prices began to fall, leaving some people with negative home equity and banks in trouble.

The credit crunch and foreclosure problems are failures of government policy. In fact, what we see now is a market correction to foolhardy government policy. Congress' move to bailout lenders and borrowers who made poor decisions will simply create incentives for people to make unwise decisions in the future. English philosopher Herbert Spencer said, "The ultimate result of shielding men from the effects of folly is to fill the world with fools."

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America ... communist China?

by Congressman Ron Paul

Whenever a Great Bipartisan Consensus is announced, it assures everyone that the wondrous actions of our wise leaders are for our own good, you can know with absolute certainty that they will strike.

The events of the past week are no exception. The bailout package that is about to be rammed down our throats is just economically foolish. It is downright sinister. It is a violation of the Constitution, which our leaders should never again violate.

It promises the American people a never-ending nightmare of liabilities they will have to shoulder. Two weeks ago, the bailout of Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac was announced. It was a bailout of the financiers, the banks, the communists in China! "This is welfare for the rich," the bailout was for the rich. It's bailing out the financiers, the banks, the communists in China!

That describes the current bailout package to a T. And it is unavoidable.

The claim that the market caused all this is so staggeringly stupid that politicians and the media could pretend to believe it. But it is conventional wisdom, with the desired result that those who understand sound, Austrian economics — are being silenced.

The Federal Reserve System is actually positioning itself as the culprit, in this mess!

- The Treasury Secretary is authorized to purchase mortgage-related assets at any one time. That means \$700 billion, very beginning of what will hit us.

- Financial institutions are "designated as financial agents" under this is the New Deal to end all New Deals.

- Then there's this: "Decisions by the Secretary pursuant to this Act are non-reviewable and committed to agency discretion. The Secretary can buy up whatever junk debt he wants to buy, and be subject to no one in the process."

There goes your country. Even some so-called free-market economists are calling for a bailout. Sad, yes. Necessary? Don't make me laugh.

Our one-party system is complicit in yet another crime against the people. The two major party candidates for president indicated their strong support for bailouts of this kind. This is a big choice we're supposedly presented with this November. With a backlash brewing, they're not quite sure what they're doing, really.

Although the present bailout package is almost certainly a political atrocity we'll witness in connection with the bailout, Congress may vote as soon as tomorrow. With a Republican majority, support for the bailout at an anemic seven percent, some members are afraid to vote for it. Call them! Let them hear from you. You will never vote for anyone who supports this atrocity.

The issue boils down to this: do we care about freedom, responsibility and accountability? Do we care that our government has been bought and paid for? Do we care that average Americans are being looted in order to subsidize the fattest of cats on Wall Street? Do we care?

When the chips are down, will we stand up and fight, even if it means up against every stripe of fashionable opinion in politics and the media? Times like these have a way of telling us what kind of a country we are, and what kind of country we shall be.

About the First Amendment

Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances. — The First Amendment to the Constitution

The First Amendment was written because at America's birth, the colonists demanded a guarantee of their basic freedoms.

Our blueprint for personal freedom and the hallmark of our nation's identity is the First Amendment, religious minorities, and the government might well establish a national religion, or the press could not criticize government, and citizens could not demand change. It's well worth defending and we intend to do so.

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Katrina hits Wall Street

by Bill O'Reilly

Once again the federal government has left Americans in a precarious state as a terrible storm is passing through the U.S. economy. Like Hurricane Katrina, some folks thought the government could keep them from harm, but, as in New Orleans, things have gotten out of control quickly as bad housing loans have shredded the economy.

Christopher Cox, the head of the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC), knew for perhaps a year that some large financial and insurance companies were buying risky housing loans, hoping to make a quick buck on consumers paying mortgage interest. But instead of issuing strict warnings against such irresponsible business moves, Cox sat in his Washington office and fiddled.

Unlike Cox, most investors in companies like AIG and Merrill Lynch did not know that bad loans were becoming part of their portfolios; they had no idea their so-called "blue chip" stocks were really Las Vegas type situations. And Cox did not tell them.

Congressman Barney Frank also sat by as mortgage brokers Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac made bad loans even though Frank, as head of the House Banking Committee, certainly knew the score. Instead of demanding responsible business practices from Fannie and Freddie, Frank continued to pound the table to extend even more credit to "low income" families. The mortgage companies were happy to accommodate him giving big money to folks with little collateral.

So now the U.S. economy has imploded along with President Bush's legacy. He appointed Christopher Cox, and it is on his watch that millions of Americans are suffering economically. This is certainly not the way the president wanted

to go out.

In the movie "Wall Street," Michael Douglas tells the audience that "greed, for lack of a better word, is good." Of course, that is false. Greed leads to chaos, always. And now we have it.

Capitalism is the best economic system on earth because it allows people to work hard and reach their potential. But like everything else, capitalism can be perverted. Bad guys can game the system.

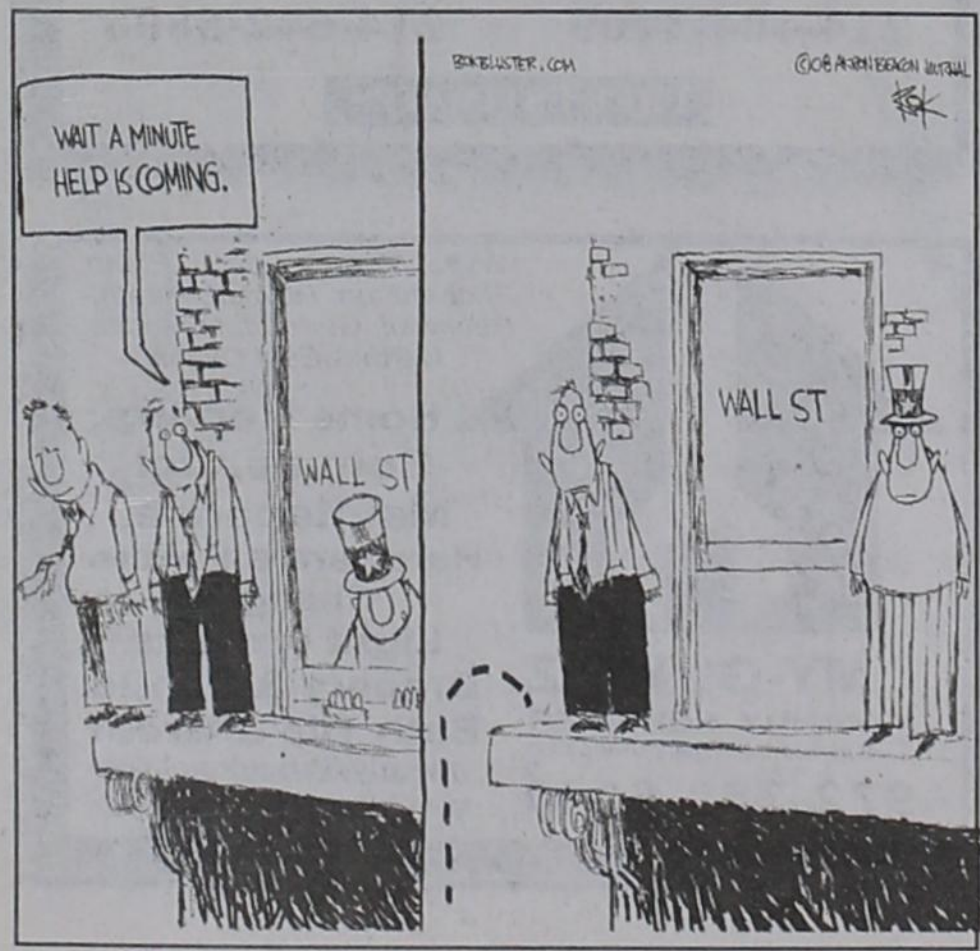
That's why the federal government set up the SEC and other alleged safeguards — to protect the folks from corporate criminals and incompetents. It is simply wrong for a CEO to bankrupt a company and walk away with a multi-million-dollar severance package. But that has happened at Merrill Lynch and many other badly mismanaged companies.

Greedheads aside, there is a thing called "economic justice." If Americans lose faith in capitalism, if they think the system is rigged, then the United States will enter a steep decline.

That could happen this time around. Poor leaders like Cox and Frank are just a small part of a corrupt system that is now harming honest Americans. Whoever the next president is must put an end to this.

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Entertainment Briefs

VFD to host chili cook-off, auction

The McLendon-Chisholm Volunteer Fire Department will host its annual Chili Cook-Off & Auction on Oct. 4. Contestants will cook up chili, beans, cornbread and desserts, and judging will begin at 5 p.m. Dinner will begin following judging. Chili will cost \$5; proceeds will benefit the VFD. The event also will include live music, door prizes and children's activities.

CASA sets Round Up for Oct. 4

Lone Star CASA will host its 12th annual Round Up beginning at 6:30 p.m. Oct. 4 at the Rush Creek Yacht Club in Heath. Dining, entertainment and live and silent auctions will be included in the evening's events. Tickets cost \$50; proceeds benefit CASA. For more information, call 972-772-5858 or e-mail director@lonestarcasa.org.

Brown Bag Lecture Series continues

The Rockwall County Historical Foundation will continue its Brown Bag Lecture Series at noon on Oct. 10 in the Historic Courthouse on the Square. The program will feature the popular "Talking Tombstones," a dramatic presentation in which Rockwall County Citizens "come back to life." The program is free and family-friendly.

October Lunch Basket scheduled

The Friends of the Library will host its October Lunch Basket at 11 a.m. on Oct. 14 at the Rotary Hall. Linda Wills will present "Books to Keep You Reading All Night." Lunch, catered by Jose Molina, will cost \$15. Reservations required by 5 p.m. Oct. 10; contact Leigh Plagens at 972-771-8976 or eplagens65@aol.com.

Monster Mash Party set for seniors

The Monster Mash Party for seniors will be back by popular demand from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. Oct. 17. The event at The Center will include a costume contest, games and other activities. Drinks and snacks will be provided.

Fall Festival slated Oct. 18

Covington's Nursery Landscape Co., 5518 Liberty Grove Rd. in Rowlett, will host a free Fall Festival from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. The family event will offer hayrides, a hay maze, a pumpkin patch, petting zoo and a painted pumpkin gallery. Participants should bring canned food items for the Rowlett Needy Children's Fund pantry. For details call 972-475-5888.

RC FunFest set Oct. 18

Roysse City's 19th Annual FunFest observance will take place Oct. 18 in the Downtown Main Street area. The "day of family fun" will include a Fun Run, parade, Kids Korner, vendor and food booths, hoop shooting contest, dunking booth, dog contest, children's pageant, pie-eating contest, Hula-Hoop contest and a karaoke contest. For more information on the event, call 972-636-5000.

Oct. 19 is Night on the Nile

The Rockwall County Alliance for the Arts Gala, A Night on the Nile, will run from 5 p.m. to 11 p.m. Oct. 19 at the Hilton Bella Harbor. The event will include cocktails, dinner, auctions of artwork, dancing and a Dancing with the Stars-type competition featuring local celebrities. Contact Kathy Miller at 972-771-8603 or visit www.rockwallalliancegala.com for more details.

Bridge tournament set Oct. 29

A bridge tournament open to individuals ages 50 and older will take place at 10 a.m. Oct. 29 at The Center. The event will feature Chicago-style scoring; first-, second- and third-place finishers will receive prizes. Drinks and snacks will be provided. Each participant must have a partner to play. Fee is \$3.

Halloween Extravaganza at The Harbor

This year's Halloween Extravaganza will take place at The Harbor from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Oct. 31. Live music, carnival games, concessions, face painting and bounce houses will be offered, and a costume contest will take place on the main stage. For more information visit www.rockwall.com/parks or call 972-771-7740.

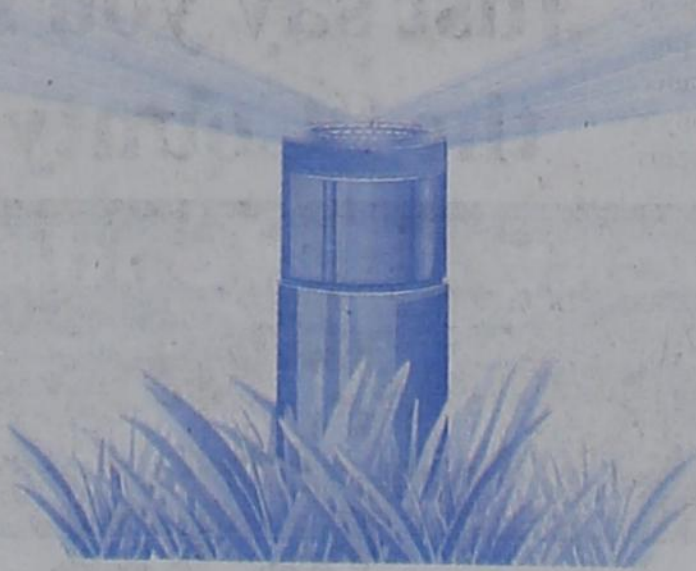


The K-3 and K-4 classes at Heritage Christian Academy enjoy the cooler weather with a fall picnic. The youngsters had hot dogs and cookies for lunch, then worked off their energy in a bounce house. The K-3 teacher is Suwanne Higley. Staff photo by Kathy Williams



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Rockwall County Sports

Christian shuts down McLean 46-0

Heritage Christian Academy's football team shut down McLean 46-0 in a game played last Friday at the Rockwall High School practice field. The game was preceded by a middle school contest at 5 p.m.

Another senior, Kevin Prater, also rushed for two touchdowns. Senior Josh Peschell caught two touchdown passes and contributed a safety. Sophomore Aaron Mateer converted 4 of 5 extra-point kicks.

After three weeks on the road, HCA (3-1) will return home Friday to play Tyler Street Christian Academy at 7:30 p.m. on the Rockwall High School practice field. The game will be preceded by a middle school contest at 5 p.m.

HCA 14 26 6-46
McLean 0 0 0-0
Individual scoring

HCA - Kevin Prater 1 run (kick failed)

HCA - Prater 2 run (Aaron Mateer kick)

HCA - Josh Points 44 run (Mateer kick)

HCA - Safety, Josh Peschell

HCA - Points 19 run (Mateer kick)

HCA - Peschell 44 pass from Zach Read (Mateer kick)

HCA - Peschell 21 pass from Points (no conversion attempt)

Individual statistics

Rushing - HCA: Josh Points 6-66, Kevin Prater 5-17, Zach Read 2-4;

MHS: Graham 12-35, Bohlar 10-4, McNear 1-1, Cadra 2-minus 3, Crockett 1-minus 11,

Passing - HCA: Zach Read 3-5-0-62, Josh Peschell 1-1-0-38, Josh Points 1-1-0- 21; MHS: McNear 0-1-1-0.

Receiving - HCA: Josh Peschell 3-81, Josh Points 2-40; McLean: none.



Heritage Christian Academy Josh Points (31) follows the ball into his hands during last Friday's game against McLean at Wichita Falls Notre Dame. Photo by William Crowe

All four Williams football teams win against Cooper

The Williams Middle School seventh grade A team's 18-0 victory at home gave the Wildcats a sweep of four football games against Wiley Cooper Tuesday night

The eighth grade A and B teams will be at home next Tuesday against Lovejoy, with seventh A and B playing at Lovejoy.



Heritage Christian Academy power hitter, Baye Cheek (16) slams the ball toward the Texoma defense during Tuesday's action packed game in the RISE at Rockwall. Also in the play are Roxanne Lamarre (12) and McKenzie Koke (8). Texoma won 19-25, 21-25 and 21-25. Staff photo by Tim Burnett

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Hawks finish non-district schedule 3-0 by rolling past Hillcrest Panther

by Matt McGillen

With the non-district portion of its schedule now just a blur in the rear view mirror for Rockwall-Heath – including sweeping aside the Hillcrest Panthers 35-17 at Wilkerson-Sanders Stadium Sept. 19 – it's time for the undefeated

Hawks to negotiate the potential curves and hazards of District 10-4A.

"We're not going to do anything different," said first-year Heath coach Mickey Moss. "We're just trying to execute and get better;

we're just going to keep working hard."

Using their starters for only two-and-a-half quarters, the Hawks (3-0) blew out to a 35-3 lead against Hillcrest (1-2) and never looked back.

As usual, Kendial Lawrence figured large for the Hawks, collecting 129 yards on 13 carries and scoring three times before he and most of the rest of the first team offense took a seat with about seven minutes left in the third quarter.

The 5-10, 180-pound senior running back increased his touchdown total to 10 for the year by scoring on runs of 37, 10 and 10 yards.

Lawrence's 37-yard scoring run came on the first offensive snap for the Hawks following a fumble recovery by Heath linebacker George Bamfo to put the Hawks up 7-0 with 3:36 left in the first quarter.

The Panthers came back with a 25-yard field goal by Jovanny Franco, before Heath scored 28 unanswered points to take a commanding 35-3 lead. Lawrence scored from 10 yards out to make it 14-3 on a drive that was kept alive when Heath center Justin Powers recovered a fumble by teammate Matt Bielski that resulted in a total gain of 18 yards.

Bielski made up for his miscue later in the second period when he hauled in a 53-yard touchdown pass from quarterback Drew Hollingshead to make the score 21-3.

Hollingshead finished the game 12-of-23 for 172 yards and has yet to be picked off in 55 attempts for this year.

After an interception by Darius Jones – the Hawks' first of the year – Lawrence added another 10-yard score to send the Hawks into halftime with a 28-3 margin.

Heath then went 49 yards in just five plays on their first possession in the third period, with Everitt Gilbert sweeping left end from 15 yards out to push the advantage to 35-3 and end the scoring for Heath with 9:16 left in the quarter.

Gilbert, whose TD run was the first rushing touchdown not to be scored by Lawrence this year, finished with 35 yards on three carries and also had five receptions for 95 yards including

a 41-yard catch. Bielski wound up with 79 yards on four receptions.

"Everitt is a really talented player," Moss said. "Between him and Kendial and then with Matt Bielski, we have some real talent. Everitt is very good out in space."

After Hillcrest scored to cut the deficit to 35-10, Hawk fans got a glimpse of the future, when junior quarterback Kevin Rodgers and junior running back Jesse Irokwe provided the bulk of the offense for the remainder of the game.

Irokwe gained 53 yards on ten carries, including running the ball nine times in ten plays on the last Heath possession that burned up the final 6:51 of the game.

Rodgers completed 2-of-5 passes for 25 yards.

The Hawks' swarming defense held the Panthers to just 37 rushing yards and forced four turnovers, including Charlie Wilson's leaping interception early in the final period.

Heath travels to Greenville Sept. 26 to open district play against the Lions (1-2). Greenville keeps the ball on the ground almost exclusively, as quarterback Dennis Dalton has attempted just 22 passes for the year, completing seven for 53 yards total, an average of only 18 yards a game. He has run for 247 yards on 56 carries.

Hillcrest	3	0	7	7	17
Heath	7	21	7	0	35

Heath – Kendial Lawrence 37 run (Howes kick)

Hill – Jovanny Franco 25 field goal

Heath – Lawrence – 10 run (Howes kick)

Heath – Matt Bielski 53 pass from Drew Hollingshead (Howes kick)

Heath – Lawrence 10 run (Howes kick)

Heath – Everitt Gilbert 15 run (Howes kick)



Senior wide receiver Matt Bielski (8) rushes to the ball for a reception for the Heath Hawks during last Friday's game against Hillcrest. Staff photo by Carl McClung

Lady Bulldogs remain perfect in district by outlasting Lady Hawks in tiebreaker

by Matt McGillen

As the daughter of the Roysse City Bulldogs head football coach, Skyler Strahm apparently knows a little bit about hitting herself.

The 5-10 senior pounded home 12 kills while serving eight aces to help lead the Lady Bulldogs to a stunning 18-25, 30-28, 15-25, 25-19, 15-12 comeback win over the Rockwall-Heath Lady Hawks in District 10-4A volleyball action Sept. 23 at Rockwall-Heath high school.

The win keeps the Lady Bulldogs, who swept Carrollton Turner 25-10, 25-13, 25-20 Sept. 19, perfect in district play, as they improved to 4-0 and are 13-8 overall. Roysse City currently sits tied for first place with Richardson Pearce.

The Lady Hawks, meanwhile, dropped another heartbreaking five-game match to tumble to 1-3 in district and to 8-10 for the year.

"Tonight was a good growing experience for the girls," said Roysse City coach Trent Sharp. "Once we got our passing going, our offense carried us. But in the games we lost, they (Heath) served us off the floor."

In perhaps their finest overall effort of the season, the Lady Hawks cruised to an easier-than expected 25-18 first game win over Roysse City, which came within one game of the state 3A tournament last year.

The second game proved more difficult, but the Lady Hawks were serving at double game point, 24-22, and a chance to take a two-games-to-none lead over the Lady Bulldogs.

"It's really tough to come back

from 0-2 mentally," Sharp said.

Somehow, the Lady Bulldogs fought off three game points, and after serving at game-point three times themselves, finally put the game away, 30-28, on Strahm's thunderous spike to tie the match at a game apiece.

But just when it looked like the momentum had shifted back to Roysse City, as they jumped to 6-2 lead in game three, the Lady Hawks regrouped and went on a 12-1 tear, finished off by Jordan Hill's ace and Rachel Shorts two kills to put Heath up 14-7.

The Lady Hawks held their advantage, and again served at game point three times before Hill's dink off a short set by Morgan Hawkins ended the game and put Heath up 2-1.

Roysse City, however, came right back in game four to build a slender 13-11 advantage before Strahm ripped off three aces in a row to push the score to 17-11. Heath never got close than six points the rest of the way, evening the games at two each and setting up the tiebreaker.

In the fifth and deciding game, neither team led by more than two points and the score was tied eight times, the last time at 12-12 following an exchange of kills by Jordan and Strahm.

But a long hit by Heath and a service winner by Strahm brought the score to match point, where it ended moments later on a block by Roysse City sophomore Taylor Jordan.

The loss overshadowed a great performance by Hill, who had 16

kills, and puts the Lady Hawks in a must-win situation for most of the rest of their district matches if they are to have any hopes of earning a playoff berth.

"We're still learning what we need to do to win," said Heath coach Maggie Younger. "We have to care of the ones (matches) we can take care of."

Short finished with nine kills for the Lady Hawks while Katie Peisen and Caley Carpenter each added six. Audrey Cavendish topped Heath with five aces.

For Roysse City, Fayrina Merrick had 11 kills and 10 digs while 6-2 Kellie Wyrick had seven kills for the Lady Bulldogs. Setter Autumn Landers had 33 assists and 12 digs and Taylor finished with five kills and 17 digs.

Strahm, whose father Greg coaches the Roysse City football team, also had five blocks and 13 digs.

Both teams resume their district play on Sept. 26, with Heath traveling to Greenville while Roysse City takes to the road to meet Rockwall.

Cain Mustang A and B teams win over Cooper

Trailing 6-0 at the half after allowing an interception return for a touchdown, the Cain Mustangs A team reeled off 20 unanswered points in the last two quarters for a 20-6 win over the Cooper Patriots Sept. 16 at Rockwall-Heath High School.

Quarterback Hunter Hopkins tied the game early in the third period on a 12-yard run that capped off a 58-yard drive before Jeff Irokwe scored from four yards after the Mustangs (1-1) drove 44 yards in nine plays to put Cain ahead to stay 12-6.

Hayden Moore's two point conversion made it 14-6, and Jeremy Armstrong delivered the clincher, scooping up a Cooper fumble and racing 47 yards for the Mustang's final points.

Cain's Anthony Villa ended any Cooper comeback hopes by intercepting a pass in the end zone and returning it 35 yards. In the B game, the Mustangs slipped by Cooper 6-2, scoring its only touchdown when Edyn Barnes took the opening kickoff back 72 yards for a score.

After the Cain defense stopped Cooper at the Mustangs' five-yard line late in the second quarter, Cain promptly fumbled the ball in its own end zone, recovering it for a Patriot safety. Cooper drove deep into the Mustangs' end of the field again late in the fourth quarter, only to be stopped four times inside the 10-yard line.



Senior Hailey Horton (5) dives to keep the ball in play for the Lady Hawks team during match against the Roysse City Lady Bulldogs. Also in the play is Katie Peisen (11). Staff photo by Carl McClung

The A and B teams have a bye next week before returning to action against Ford Middle School at Rockwall-Heath., with the B team scheduled to begin at 6 and the A team at 7:30.

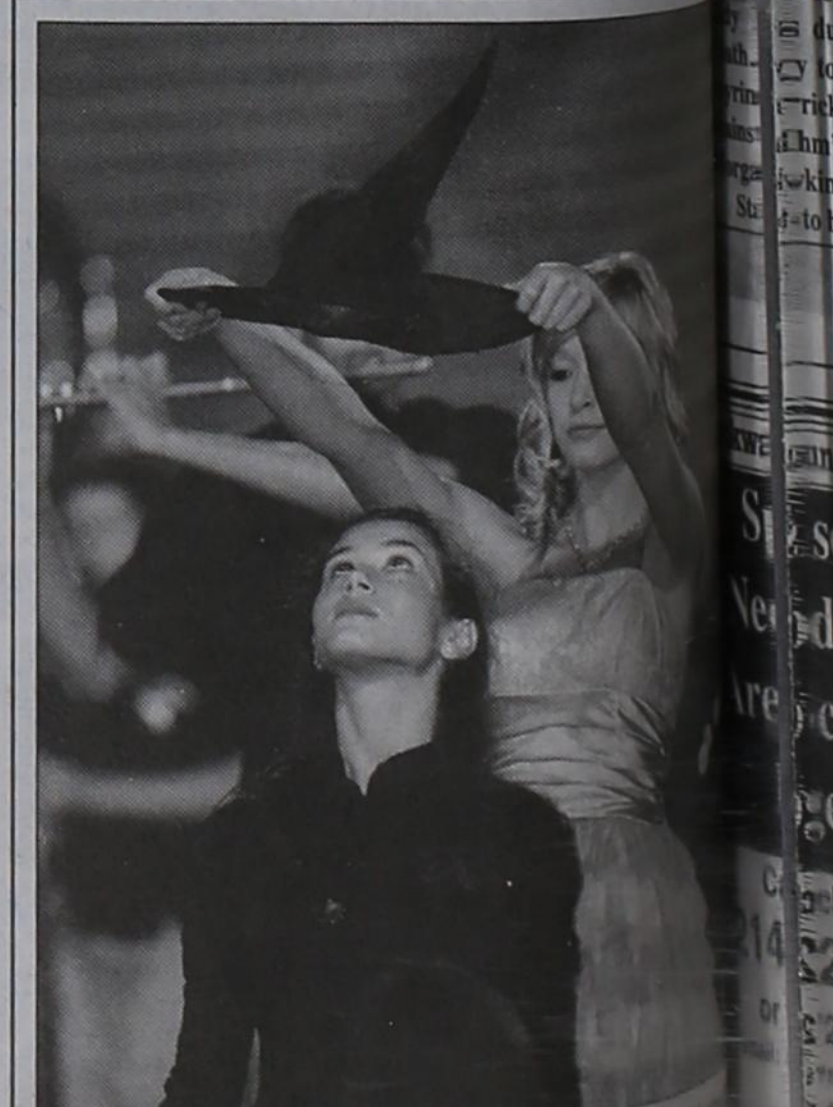
Cain v-ball teams improve to 2-0, win over Cooper

All six Cain volleyball teams improve to 2-0 with wins over Cooper Middle School Once again winning five of six matches via sweep, the Cain Middle School volleyball teams remained undefeated following their matches with Wylie's Cooper Middle School Sept. 18.

The eighth grade A team won 27-17, 18-25, 25-14; the B team 25-16, 25-21; and the C team 25-13, 25-14.

The seventh graders meanwhile picked up victories by the A team 25-12, 25-6; the B team 25-12, 25-10' and the C team 25-3, 25-13.

All six teams are now 2-0 for the season. The Mustangs take on Ford Middle School at home Sept. 25 with the C teams starting play at 5:30 followed by the B teams at 6:30 and the A teams at 7:30.



Heath High School Band color guard members perform during last Friday's halftime show in Wilkerson-Sanders Stadium at Rockwall are Lindsay LaRosa as "Elphaba" (left) and Brown as "Glinda." Staff photo by Carl McClung

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Arterberry to leads Bulldogs to dramatic 42-38 comeback win over Tigers

Down 31-21 after the Tigers (2-2) had ripped off 28 consecutive points, Arterberry connected with Justin Jacobs for an eight-yard touchdown to bring the Bulldogs to within 31-28. Ryan Fedric then put RC back in front with a 25-yard run that made the score 35-31.

The Tigers weren't finished, however, as their own mirror-image of Morrison, quarterback Terrell Howard, raced 20 yards for a touchdown to put Mt. Pleasant back on top 38-35 late in the fourth quarter to set the stage for Arterberry's heroics.

Terrell ended the night with 187 yards on 25 carries and four touchdowns. He also completed 15-of-24 passes for 108 yards with an interception.

Seemingly in control at the half 21-3, the Bulldogs gave up 28 unanswered points on a 42-yard fumble recovery by the Tigers' Taboris Hooks and three runs by Howard covering 20, 22 and 12 yards.

The Bulldogs next action will be when they take to the road to renew their rivalry with 1-2 Rockwall Sept. 26. The two teams last met

over forty years ago.

"You can't really compare records because they have taken a big bite with their schedule," Strahm said with regard to the Yellow Jackets. "They have played some very tough teams."

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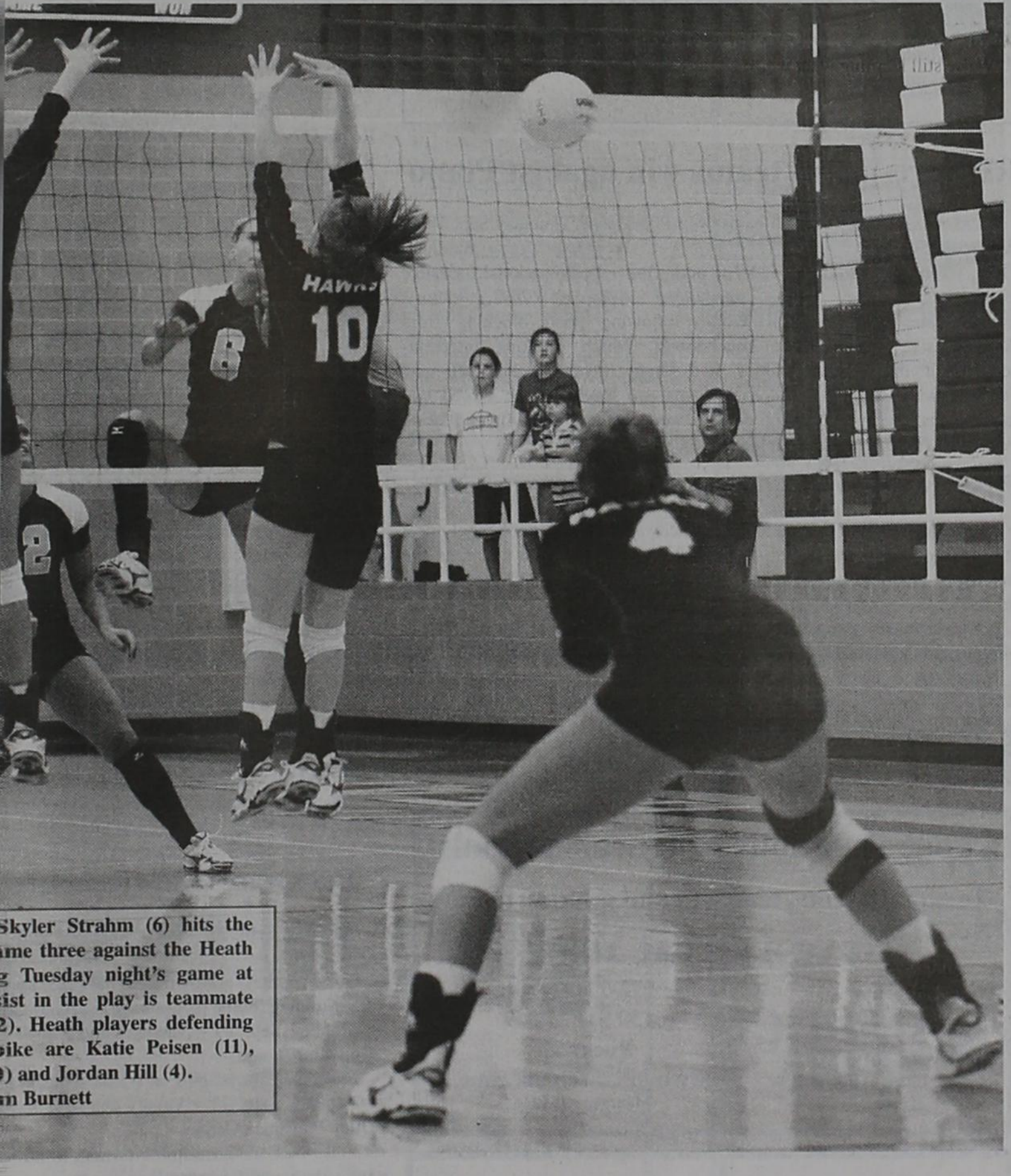
RC - Scotty Arterberry 1 run (Kollin Padon kick)
 MTP - Carlos Martinez 32 FG
 RC - Frank Dave 8 run (kick failed)
 RC - Arterberry 2 run (Dave Pass from Arterberry)

MTP - Terrell Howard 20 run (Martinez kick)
 MTP - Taboris Hooks 42 fumble return (Martinez kick)
 MTP - Howard 22 run (Martinez kick)
 MTP - Howard 12 run (Martinez kick)
 RC - Justin Jacobs 8 pass from Arterberry (Padon kick)
 RC - Fedric 25 run (Padon kick)
 MTP - Howard 20 run (Martinez kick)
 RC - Arterberry 30 run (Padonkick)

	Mt. Pl.	RC
First downs	22	20
Rushes-yds.	41-246	49-274
Passing yards	108	140
Passes	15-24-1	8-16-1
Punts-ave.	2-26.5	3-38
Penalties	8-75	7-70
Fumbles-lost	2-1	1-1
Individual statistics		
Rushing: Mt. Pleasant - Dee Boyd 1-6, Teyin Craddock 9-37, Terrell Howard 25-187, Roman Hurndon 1(-1-), Austin Turner 3-6, Kendrick Walker 1-2, La'Darius Wilkerson 1-9, Royse City - Scotty Arterberry 30-129, Jonathan Burns 2-18, Frank Dave 9-69, Ryan Fedric 7-54, Colton Gardner 1-4.		
Passing: Mt. Pleasant - Howard 15-24-1-108. Royse City - Arterberry 7-15-1-106. Gardner 1-34.		
Receiving: Mt. Pleasant - Boyd 5-26, Craddock 3-25, Hurndon 6-53, Wilkerson 1-4. Royse City - Fedric 1-25, Arterberry 1-34, Justin Jacobs 1-31, Gardner 1-14, JJ Thompson 1-22.		
Who: Royse City Bulldogs vs. Rockwall Yellow Jackets		
When: Sept. 26, 7:30		
Where: Wilkerson-Sanders Stadium		
Records: Royse City 2-1. The Bulldogs are coming off a 42-38 win over Mt. Pleasant. Rockwall 1-2. The Yellow Jackets have lost two in a row, and have yet to score more than two touchdowns in a game.		
When Royse City has the ball: QB Richard Morrison should be back at full strength and is a threat to run or pass. He has completed 47-of-77 passes for 551 yards and four interceptions. He has also run for 121 yards and a score.		
When Rockwall has the ball: QB Adam Dingwell has completed 41-of-74 passes for 438 yards and two scores with two interceptions.		
Injuries: Morrison should be close to 100 percent.		



Royse City Bulldogs senior Scotty Arterberry (4) steps in as quarterback and leads his team to a big win against Mt. Pleasant last Friday in Royse City ISD Stadium. Blocking in the front are Armando Perez (53) and Austin Sharp (60). Staff photo by Amy Smith



Bulldog Skyler Strahm (6) hits the point for the third time Tuesday night's game at Heath. Teammate Merrick (2) is also visible in the play. Heath players defending Strahm's spike are Katie Peisen (11), Hawkins (8) and Jordan Hill (4). Photo by Tim Burnett



Royse City High School senior drum major Ariana McZeal assists in keeping time for the band while watching senior head drum major Sean Smallwood (not pictured). The band featured the theme from "Batman." Staff photo by Tim Burnett

Sports Notes

Speed, agility camp under way
 The Mustangs Track Club began its five-week speed and agility camp at Williams Middle School this week. The camp will run Wednesdays from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. There is no cost for 2008 registered team members; cost is \$50 for non-members. For more information, visit www.Mustangstc.com.

Myers Park site of Family Camp-out
 The Rockwall Parks & Recreation Department and the Texas Parks & Wildlife Department will host an Outdoors Family Camp-out Oct. 11-12 at Myers Park. Registration should be completed by Wednesday, Oct. 1; cost is \$100 per family. For more information visit www.rockwall.com/parks or call 972-771-7740.

Fishing Derby set at Pickens
 A fishing derby will take place from 8 a.m. to noon Oct. 4 at Pickens Lake, Myers Park. Prizes will be given for the biggest, smallest and first fish caught in two age groups: 8-and-under and 9-14. Cost will be \$5 per person. For more information visit www.rockwall.com/parks or call 972-771-7740.

Kayak Paddle Trip at LRH
 A half-day kayak trip on the east shore of Lake Ray Hubbard will be offered from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. Oct. 4. The \$40 fee includes use of all necessary equipment and a guided tour. Open to individuals ages 8 and older, participants will meet at the Hwy. 66 boat ramp. For details visit www.rockwall.com/parks or call 972-771-7740.

Fitness 180 Bootcamp scheduled
 A five-week outdoor program offering conditioning will begin Oct. 6 at The Harbor. The program will run from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Cost is \$299 for new recruits, \$199 for alumni. Participants must be 18 or older. For information or to register contact Julie Matusz at 214-727-9696 or visit www.fitness180online.com.

Hope & Hearts Run/Walk set Oct. 11
 The Missing GRACE Foundation will host the Payton's Hope & Hearts 5K Run/Walk on Oct. 11 in Garland's Audubon Park. Missing GRACE is a nonprofit that offers resources and support for families who have experienced a pregnancy loss, infant loss, infertility or adoption. For details, visit www.hopeandheartsrn.org/texas.

Dodge ball tourney set Oct. 18
 The Great Pumpkin Halloween Dodge Ball Tournament, open to individuals ages 14 and up, will begin at 1 p.m. Oct. 18 at the Rockwall ISD Education Center Gym. Each team of six players will compete in a double-elimination bracket. Cost to enter will be \$25 per team. For details visit www.rockwall.com/parks or call 972-771-7740.

Track club plans cross country event
 The third annual Rockwall Mustang Track Club Cross Country Invitational is set for Oct. 25 at Harry Myers Park starting at 8 a.m.; registration will be at 7 p.m. To register, visit www.Mustangstc.com.

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 The Second Annual Turkey Shoot, open to individuals ages four and up, will run from 10 a.m. to noon at the Rockwall ISD Education Center Gym. The event is an adult/child basketball-shooting contest where a parent/guardian will be paired with their child to shoot. Cost is \$5 per pair. Pre-registration is required. For information visit www.rockwall.com/parks or call 972-771-7740.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

A public hearing will be held by the City of Rockwall Building & Standards Commission on Thursday, October 9, 2008. The following properties will be addressed during the public hearing: 904 N. Goliad, 505 E. Heath, and 303 E. Rusk. The meeting will be held at 7:30 P.M. in the City Council Chambers, located at 385 S. Goliad St., Rockwall, TX 75087.

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Rockwall County Commissioners Court invites on-line bids to purchase surplus equipment. Equipment to be sold includes but is not limited to the following: misc. office furniture, computer equipment, misc. Road & Bridge equipment, scrap metal/steel, aluminum/copper pipes, etc. All equipment will be sold "AS IS" with no warranty written or implied.

A complete list can be obtained from the Rockwall County Auditor's office located at 101 East Rusk Street, Room 101, Rockwall, Texas 75087 or by calling Allana Mitchell at (972) 204-6050. The above items will be available for inspection by appointment only. To make an appointment, please call Allana Mitchell in the County Auditor's office at (972)204-6050.

Bidding will take place via the internet by logging on to www.govdeals.com. New bidders must register online to bid. Search by Zip Code 75087, then click on Rockwall County, Tx. Bids must be submitted on or before Friday, October 10, 2008 at the specific times designated on the GovDeals website.

Rockwall County reserves the right to accept or reject any and all bids.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSIONERS COURT
Rockwall County, Texas
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PUBLIC NOTICE

Rockwall County invites sealed bids on the following service for Rockwall County facilities:

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Bids must state a per month per facility price for all services and be submitted in a sealed envelope marked on the outside 08-09-013 Custodial Services, to John A. Blackwood, Rockwall County

Auditor, 101 East Rusk Street, Room 101, Rockwall, Texas 75087, on or before Friday, October 3, 2008 at 12:00 p.m. The bids will be opened on Friday, October 3, 2008 at 2:00 p.m.

Rockwall County reserves the right to accept or reject any and all bids.

Upon acceptance of a bid and award of a contract by Rockwall County Commissioners Court, remittance shall be made through invoicing at the awarded per month per facility price.

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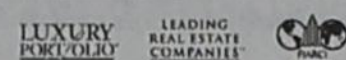
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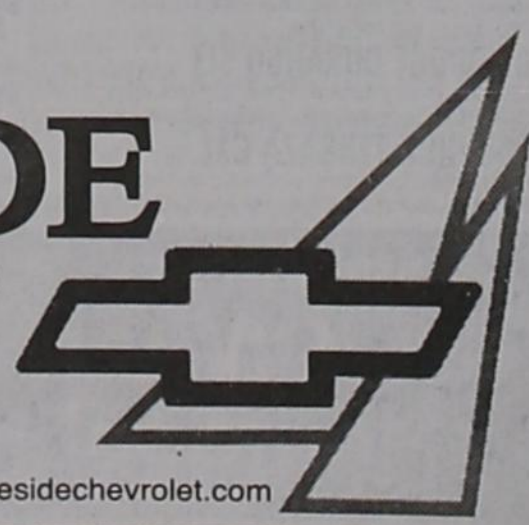
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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR ALL METROPOLITAN SEPARATE STORM SEWER SYSTEM (MS4) General Permit Authorization No. TXR040102

DN. City of Heath, 200 Laurence Drive, Heath, Texas 75032, has applied to the Environmental Quality (TCEQ) under the Texas Pollutant Discharge (TPDES) General Permit No. TXR040000 for authorization to discharge municipal separate storm sewer system (MS4). The notice of intent (NOI) was filed with TCEQ on January 15, 2008.

located within the urbanized area portions of the City of Heath, in Rockwall County, Texas, which discharge to the drainage area of the Trinity River Basin.

NOI, storm water management program, general permit, and fact sheet is available for public review at City Hall, 200 Laurence Drive, Heath, Texas 75032.

The TCEQ has made a preliminary decision to approve coverage of this MS4 under the general permit No. TXR040000.

Written public comments may be submitted to the Office of Chief Executive Director of this notice. In addition, the public may request a public meeting. If the MS4 is located in more than one county, the applicant must publish notice of a public meeting in a newspaper of general circulation in the county containing the largest population. The Executive Director will consider all relevant information pertaining to the requirements of the general permit and will issue a written decision on the NOI for coverage under the general permit.

When public comments should be submitted to the Office of the Chief Executive Director, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087. For additional information or the procedure for public participation in the general permit process, the general public may contact the Office of Public Assistance at (512) 261-1000. For information in Spanish, puede llamar al 1-800-687-4040. General information can be found at our web site at www.tceq.state.tx.us.

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First cross-town game...

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Tickets also may be purchased at all secondary campuses, including both high schools and middle schools, beginning Monday morning.

Any tickets remaining at the close of ticket sales will be available for purchase at the stadium ticket booth beginning at 6 p.m. on game day.

District officials also advised that if ticket sales are as brisk as expect-

ed, RISD employee identification badges will not be good for admission to the game.

Because of the anticipated crowds, remote parking will be made available at the Mickey Florence Multipurpose Facility located by RHS on Yellowjacket Lane. A security patrol will be on duty in the lot during the game. A shuttle service to and from the lot will begin at 6 p.m. and run continuously throughout the game.

Pre-game highlights will include an emphasis on the RISD's Power of One mentoring program, which has overseen the pairing of RISD students and community mentors in

recent months. Beginning at 7 p.m., students and their mentors will be recognized on the field.

Additional pre-game activities will include video interviews with coaches and students, a focus on mentor/mentee relationships and highlights of the Power of One and Honor Before Victory programs. Video clips also will focus on Power of One partners Big Brothers Big Sisters, Rotary International, Lift Up America and Rachel's Challenge.

Kickoff will be at 7:30 p.m. For more information regarding the game, contact the RISD Athletic Department at 469-698-7364.

For details relating to the pre-game activities and the Power of One mentoring program, call the RISD Office of Communications at 972-771-0605.

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Pankz speaks out on dating violence

The mother of murdered 2001 Rockwall High School graduate Jennifer Pankz spoke last week about dating violence to about 25 community leaders and volunteers gathered at a meeting of the Rockwall County Coalition Against Family Violence.

Her mother, Rowlett resident Tanya Pankz, told the audience that Jennifer was killed Dec. 27, 2002, by a young man she had been dating at the University of North Texas.

Tanya Pankz explained that when Jennifer tried to break up with the boy and leave the apartment - after she learned that he was taking steroids - he grabbed her in a headlock, broke her neck and slashed her throat.

Her murderer, Stephen Chartier, is serving a 45-year prison sentence for murder, having escaped a life sentence when he plea-bargained and admitted his guilt. He will be eligible for parole after 22.5 years.

The still-grieving mother said she'll never forget Jennifer's last words to her on the phone asking whether the body of domestic violence victim Lacy Peterson had been found. Lacy's husband was later convicted of her murder.

"Then Jennifer said she had something she had to go do and ended her phone conversation with 'Love ya, Mom,'" Pankz said.

Pankz told the group that she later was surprised to learn that Jennifer was involved in a prior abusive relationship in high school, even though her daughter was raised in a loving,

middle-class family "where this type of violence was not supposed to happen."

"Recent research conducted in Texas reveals that over 50 percent of teens have either personally been or know someone who has been involved in dating violence," she said.

The meeting was organized to help kick off the resumed efforts of the Rockwall County Coalition Against Family Violence, spearheaded by the Lillian Smith Family Violence Foundation. The non-profit organization is devoted to increasing public education while promoting necessary changes in schools, governments, workplaces, churches and communities to reduce and prevent domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assaults and child abuse/neglect.

Foundation founder and president J.J. Smith, a Rockwall resident and himself a survivor, introduced Pankz and told the audience after her presentation that the Foundation will commit to identifying, promoting and bringing together all of the resources across Rockwall County and other counties so that each of the various organizations involved will know what each other is doing in the battle against relationship violence.

Included in the audience were Gene Burton, superintendent of Rockwall ISD schools; Sheri Fowler, RISD director of communications; Presbyterian Hospital's Social Services Director Ruth Thomas and Chaplain Bob Reeves; Rockwall County Sheriff's Department Detective Vickie Oldham; Women In Need Women's Shelter Director Roger Robertson; Women In Need's Rockwall Victim Advocate Angie Glidewell; past president of the Rockwall Soroptimist's Club Karen Straghan; community volunteer Marlyn Staggs; Rockwall and Dallas "Superlawyer" and newspaper columnist John Browning; plus several Lillian Smith Foundation members.

Another meeting will be scheduled in coming weeks, Smith said, so more people can hear Pankz speak about dating violence.

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