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Touchdown Girls Bridgette Lear, Heather Adams, Candice Blair, Rachelle Riddle and Brittney Perkins show their support for the team.

Behind every great team are great women

BY JAMIE ORNELLA

During football season, a small group of moms, friends, and volunteers come together to show their support for the RCHS football team. The Pigskin Mamas & Touchdown Girls not only cook and serve the players food, but they make floats, signs, and help to keep the Rocket spirit alive.

"We started this to let the boys know that we are behind them, not just on Friday nights," said Ms. Darlene Larkey, who organized the Pigskin Mamas/Touchdown Girls last year.

The major part of their work is done on Thursday nights, when a few mothers and volunteers from the community come together to cook a small dinner after pre game for the players. Most of the food is already prepared and is brought to the field or high school. Sometimes the food is donated to the team by other people in the community. The food is then served by the Touchdown Girls.

"The mom's should open up a restaurant because their food is the best ever!" Steve Blair, senior foot-

ball player, said.

Pigskin Mamas & Touchdown Girls also prepare a meal for the players after most of the away games. They have it all set up for them to eat after the game. This food is provided by the Quarterback Club.

"All the little behind the scenes work with Senior Night, we do that," said Rachelle Riddle, a senior who has been a Touchdown Girl since it began.

For Senior Night Ms. Larkey usually gathers pictures of all the seniors, then she goes and gets them blown up. Along with red and blue balloons, the pictures are handed out to the seniors on the field before the game. The float in the Senior Night presentation is also made by the group.

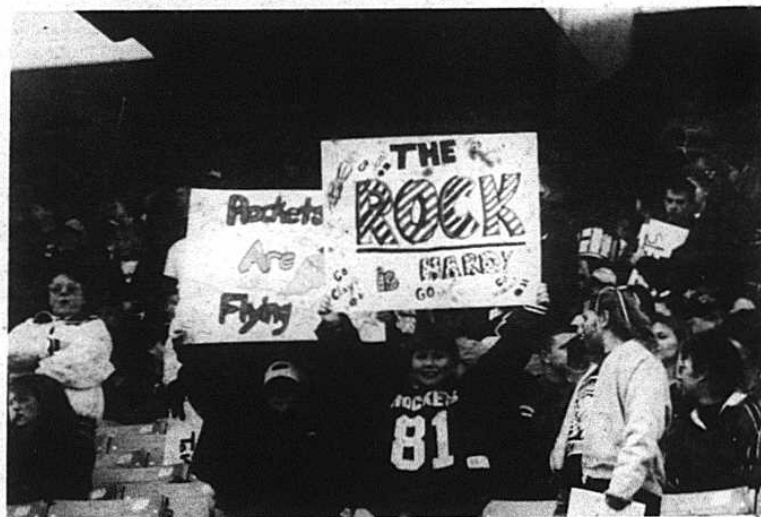
The football team and coaches enjoy the group very much.

Assistant Coach Tony Salyor feels that it "gives the boys support and lets them know that people are really behind them-- to go out of their way to help them get ready for each game."



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Over nine thousand came to support the team of their choice at the 2001 State Championship game on Saturday, December 1, five thousand of them being Rockcastle Countians. The Rocket fans showed their pride using spirit sticks and holding up signs. Below, Brittany Adams and Brittany Boreing root for the home team.



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