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## Rockwall hears plea for handicap accessibility

During the open forum part of the Rockwall City Council's regular meeting, Monday, April 17, 2017, local citizens Bill Cadman and Addison Bryant spoke during the open forum about making playgrounds handicap accessible.

Following Cadman's brief comment in support, Bryant spoke to the council about a planned park in Breezy Hill.

She informed the council that the park would be located at the end of her street, and looks forward to enjoying the park with family and friends.

In support of her plea for the park to be handicap accessible, Bryant described personal physical handicap issues, and explained that she needs help with walking through the "wood-chips," and playing on the playground.

Bryant shared an experience of the pain accompanied with falling on the "wood-chip" ground, and asked the council to build a playground with rubber flooring and no "wood-chips," "like the one in Yellowjacket Park."

She also asked for the playground to be built for wheelchair use, and with no stairs.

"This type of park allows everyone to be included," said Bryant.

Department heads reported to the Rockwall City Council, during the Monday, April 17, 2017 meeting, on updates related to Strategic Plans for the Parks and Recreation, Animal Services, Fire Marshal, Planning and Zoning, Building Inspections/Neighborhood Improvement Services, and Administration.

City Manager Richard Crowley finished the work session with updates on Administration.

Crowley explained that most of the issues in Administration are awaiting further sessions and retreats with the council. Highlighting the issues was the role of Administration in retail recruitment and retention. Other referenced items include work on engineering infrastructure, defining the city's role in overall development plan for the outer loop, arrangements with the City of Dallas for the lease of north take-line property.

Council Member John Hohenshelt commented on the updates.

He expressed appreciation for how the department heads are working on allocation of time and resources, which helps "all the citizens save their time and energy."

Hohenshelt said that the council may look to revise, update, and

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Shoppers endure cooler temperatures with blustery winds while visiting booths in the Aspasians Marketplace, Saturday, April 22, 2017, at the parking lot of Wilkerson-Sanders Stadium in Rockwall. Highlighting the event was the Bunches booth (right), which featured floral displays and various seeds sold from a classic Volkswagon Van. The business is located at 830 Steger Towne Road in Rockwall. Aspasians includes volunteer women who live in Rockwall County. Funds from the event go toward scholarships. According to the Aspasians website, during the 2015-2016 school year, the orgination awarded \$70,000 in scholarships.

Photo by Tim Burnett/Rockwall County News

## FM 548 scheduled for closure Friday thru Sunday

Texas Department of Transportation announced that FM 548 will be closed in both directions just south of I-30 beginning at 8 p.m. on Friday, April 28, 2017 through 8 p.m. Sunday, April 30, 2017.

The lane closure is needed to install a new box culvert. Traffic may detour using SH 276 to FM 551.

The detour will be marked. Changeable message boards have been posted to inform the traveling public of the upcoming closure.

For more information, contact TxDOT Dallas District PIO Michelle Releford at michelle.releford@txdot.gov or (214) 320-4485.



The Cain Middle School Symphonic and Honors bands received Excellent and Superior ratings respectively at the Region 25 UIL Concert and Sight Reading Evaluation earlier this month. Pictured above is the Honors Band, which received a Superior rating on stage and an Excellent rating in sight reading – one judge away from receiving a Sweepstakes Award. Shown are (back row, left to right) Cristian Mojica, Avery Buchanan, Jose Ramirez, Logan Lively, Evan Phelps, Wesley Cappellucci, Matthew Mazraani, Aidan Craddock, Holden Magee, James Miller, Aja Richardson, Gavin Ramey, Ian Blackburn, Ethan Rodriguez, (third row), Hunter Kirk, Victor Pyter, Noah Pennington, Mateo Meredith, Tre'Ceon Geary,

Ewan Taylor, Matthew Wibben, Caleb Edney, Brett Strange, Eli Deen, Emily Purser, Katy Maroney, Ignacio Cardenas, Jacob White, Michael Owen, (second row), Bayo Amusan, Shiv Mistry, Mandalyn Middlebrook, Mallory Pughes, Madelyn Everett, Desirae Velasquez, Abi Carroll, Garret Salowski, Elizabeth Beem, Kaitlyn Leerskov, Sophia Bryant, Jennifer Bell, (front row), Emily Baker, Tyson Williams, Emerson Witherspoon, Adrian Russey, Graham Murphy and Isaiah Blasquez

Courtesy photo/Rockwall County News

## Cain bands earn honors at concert, sight-reading event

Cain Middle School's Symphonic and Honors bands received high honors at the Region 25 UIL Concert and Sight Reading Evaluation.

On Thursday, April 20, the Symphonic Band traveled to Wylie East High School to perform. The band received Excellent ratings on stage and sight reading.

"The kids have improved tremendously since the start of the year," said Thomas Kramer, director for the band. "I am proud of their performance and the work that they have put into preparing for this year's contest."

On Friday, April 21, the Honors Band made the same trip, receiving a Superior rating on stage and an Excellent rating in sight reading. The band was a single judge away from receiving Sweepstakes honors.

"Even though we were off by one rating, I am extremely proud of the band and their performance," said Trevor Ousey, band director. "We had some incredibly musical moments on stage today."

Ben Sumrak, Rockwall-Heath High band director agreed. "The progress the band has made this year is astounding," he said. "I was impressed with their performance for a tough panel of judges."

Both bands received written comments along with their ratings.

"Beautiful phrasing, polished and very musical," read the comments from Keith Bearden, professor emeritus at Texas Tech University. "Congratulations – you knocked it out of the park today!"

Now that UIL is over for the year, the band is looking forward to more upcoming events, including the Dallas Winds Invitational Windband Festival on April 29 and the end-of-the-year Spring Concert on May 16 at the Rockwall-Heath Performing Arts Center.

## Traffic change set for I-30 north frontage road

Texas Department of Transportation officials have announced a change in traffic flow for a portion of the north frontage road along Interstate Highway 30 in Hunt County.

Beginning April 26 traffic will become one-way (westbound) along the north I-30 frontage road from FM 1565 westward to the Hunt-Rockwall County line. The shift to one-way westbound traffic is part of construction phase 1 of the ongoing FM 2642 bridge replacement project now underway near Roysse City.

That project runs from the Hunt-Rockwall county line to FM 1565 and will raise the vertical clearance of the underpass at I-30 and FM 2642. It will also improve mobility at the intersection by adding lanes and relocating entrance and exit ramps. The new underpass bridge will have a 22-foot inside shoulder, two 12-foot traffic lanes and 10-foot outside shoulders for east- and west-bound lanes. The underpass will have a left-turn lane and turn-around lanes.

## Rockwall County News Briefs

### Republican Hispanic Club plans meeting

The Rockwall County Republican Hispanic Club will host a community informative meeting in the Rockwall High School lecture hall beginning at 7 p.m. on Thursday, April 27. Guest speaker will be David Sweet, county judge, who will talk about the roles and responsibilities of local government. Sweet also will provide an update on county activities. The meeting will be open to all Rockwall County conservatives.

### Volunteer GED tutors needed

Training for new GED tutors will be conducted from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday, April 29, at the Rockwall County Library Adult Literacy Center. Tutors are needed for summer school and at the Rockwall County Detention Center. Subjects include math, social studies, science and language arts for morning and evening classes. For more details contact Carol Cease, adult literacy coordinator, 1215 E. Yellow Jacket Lane; 972-204-7705; or cease@rockwallcountytexas.com.

### Drug takeback planned April 29

The local observance of the National Drug Takeback Initiative will run from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the John Fitzwater Sr. Community Services Center, 1113 Ridge Rd. (in the Ridge Road Shopping Center).

### ARC Blood Drive set April 30 in Rockwall

An American Red Cross blood drive will run from noon to 6 p.m. on Sunday, April 30, at Half Price Books Rockwall, (Continued on Page 2)



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## Rockwall County Obituaries

### Lea Ann Andrews Ewing

Lea Ann Andrews Ewing (Mark) went to be with the Lord on Easter Sunday, April 16, 2017 in Nevada, TX, after a lengthy illness with dementia.

A celebration of her life will be held on Saturday, April 29, 2017 at Rest Haven Chapel, Roysse City, at 2:00 p.m., with Barrett Vanlandingham, her cousin, officiating. A private burial will be held.

Lea Ann was born November 27, 1959 in Shawnee, Pottawatomie County, Oklahoma. She moved to Texas in 1968, and married Mark Ewing on June 18, 1977, in Waco, TX. Mark has been dedicated to her care throughout her illness.

Lea Ann, a devoted wife, mother and grandmother had a fun-loving nature and was known for her laughter, and always willing to help family and friends through a rough time even at her own expense. Everyone who knew her loved her.

Her family feels as she entered the gates of heaven the crown that awaited her was full of jewels that reflected the beauty of the life she led and the joy she brought to others on earth.

She was employed with the Wylie school district for nine years, and then with Dr. Greg Young before her illness. She was active at Lake Pointe in Bible class and worship services; IWANA ministry and feeding the homeless.

She leaves to cherish her memory her husband, Mark, a daughter, Jamie Smith (Eric) of Nevada; a son, Mark Aaron Ewing (Robin), London, England; two grandchildren, Zachary and Dylan Smith; her mother, Nana Cornwell Baugh (Larry), a sister, Lisa Andrews Mayes, two brothers, Steve Copeland (Jennifer), and Robert Andrews (Melissa), as well as a host of loving family and friends.

A special thanks to Natasha Abeyta who lovingly assisted with her care in her last days.

In lieu of flowers it is suggested memorial gifts be made to your favorite charity.



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### Lawrence Ebby Jones

Lawrence Ebby Jones, age 82, a resident of Rockwall County for 58 years, passed away April 14, 2017. He was born February 9, 1935, in Coolidge, TX, to Charles Ebby Jones and Josephine (Kitchens) Jones. Mr. Jones proudly serviced his country in the U.S. Marines. A member of Eastridge Church of Christ, he worked for Texas Aluminum for many years.

He is survived by his children: Judy McAuley and husband Dan, Jeri Pierre, Jay Jones and wife Amanda; grandchildren: Ross McAuley and wife Ashley, Nicole Jones, Ryan McAuley, Jacy Jones, Cody Jones, Jadan Pierre and Jayde Pierre; great grandchildren: Halle, Jacoby and Tristan; and other beloved family members: Daniel, Laura, Sachit, Olivia and Adrian. He was preceded in death by his beloved wife of 45 years, Nancy Suejane Smith Jones; and in his later years, loving wife, Barbara Taylor.

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m., Tuesday, April 18, 2017, at Rest Haven Funeral Home-Rockwall Chapel with James Hawk officiating. Interment followed in Rest Haven Memorial Park. Visitation was Monday evening, April 17, at the funeral home from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

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Rockwall ISD recently announced the Level 1 certification for Cullins-Lake Pointe, Dobbs, Hays, Jones, Nebbie Williams, Reinhardt and Quest Academy in Marzano High Reliability Schools™. Cain MS achieved certifications in levels 2 and 3. Level 1 certification means the school has created a "Safe and Collaborative Culture," the foundation for every level that follows. Level 2 certification means the school has established "Effective Teaching in Every Classroom," which focuses on the responsibility of both school leaders and teachers in ensuring high-quality instruction. Level 3 certification means the school has created a "Guaranteed and Viable Curriculum," which requires schools to create a single curriculum that is taught by all teachers. The high reliability school program was created to help transform schools into organizations that take proactive steps to ensure student success. Pictured from the left are Superintendent John Villarreal; principal of Cullins-Lake Pointe, Jill Baird; principal of Dobbs, Ruth Johnson; principal of Jones, Teresa Twedell; principal of Hays, Tammi Schmitt; principal of Quest Academy, Derrice Randle; principal of Nebbie Williams, Lisa Gielow; principal of Cain MS, Megan Gist; and chief academic officer Sara Bonser.

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## New principals, technology director named



The Rockwall ISD approved the appointment of two principals and the executive director of technology earlier this month. Derrice Randle, left, was named principal of Cain Middle School. Michael Stuart, center, was selected to serve as principal of Pullen Elementary, and Riyad Alsaïd (right) was named as technology director. The three will assume their new positions in the fall.

Courtesy photo/Rockwall County News

Last week the Rockwall Independent School District Board of Trustees approved the appointment of two principals and the executive director of technology for the 2017-2018 school year.

Derrice Randle was named new principal of Cain Middle School, according to a district news release.

Randle is completing his 15th year in public education, including this past year as DAEP coordinator of Quest Academy. Previously he served six years as an assistant principal. He has two years of experience at Rockwall-Heath High and four years of experience at Mesquite High in the Mesquite Independent School District. He also served students in grades 8-10, teaching English and AVID, and coached at the middle school level.

Michael Stuart was named new principal of Pullen Elementary School, according to the release.

Stuart is completing his 18th year in public education, including this past year as interim principal of Pullen Elementary. Previously he served 13 years as an assistant principal. He has experience at multiple Rockwall elementary schools including Nebbie Williams, Grace Hartman and Howard Dobbs. Stuart also served students in grade five, teaching social studies and math.

Riyad Alsaïd was named the new executive director of technology, according to the release.

Alsaïd is from the Dallas Independent School District, where he was the food services department director of technology. Alsaïd earned a Master of Science in Information Engineering & Management from Southern Methodist University in Dallas and a Bachelor of Science in Management Information Systems from the University of Texas at Arlington.

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**ACROSS**

- TXism: "tow" (burial bag)
- TXism: "\_\_\_\_\_ sheared like a spring lamb"
- "Leagues" captain
- large TX family
- spy fiction writer
- TXism: "\_\_\_\_\_ off more than I can chew"
- TXism: "never sign anything by the glow of \_\_\_\_\_ light"
- TX George W.'s 2000 victory was \_\_\_\_\_ as it gets
- building complexes
- TXism: "I zigged when \_\_\_\_\_ have zagged"
- Galveston's USS Stewart is a destroyer
- UH mascot
- TXism: "\_\_\_\_\_ bien" (good)
- TXism: "he couldn't drown a plastic \_\_\_\_\_" (bad fisherman)
- TXism: "\_\_\_\_\_ the cards on the table"
- TX poet Nye
- "Home, home on the \_\_\_\_\_"
- TX Trini Lopez tune: "If \_\_\_\_\_"
- in 2000, a tornado hit \_\_\_\_\_ Fort Worth
- TXism: "hombres" \_\_\_\_\_ a Great Lake
- \_\_\_\_\_ rock, TX

**DOWN**

- young porker
- \_\_\_\_\_ in Peace"
- TXism: "\_\_\_\_\_ spell"
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- Austin's words in 1835: "War is \_\_\_\_\_ only resource"
- Arlington Univ.
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- TX Buddy Holly hit: "\_\_\_\_\_ Boy"
- first female gov. \_\_\_\_\_ Ferguson
- TXism: "lapped \_\_\_\_\_ up" (believed)
- TX Dan Blocker's "Bonanza" role
- TXism: "spinning like a weather vane in \_\_\_\_\_ wind"
- Biblical city by the Black Sea
- Waxahachie is seat of this county
- rod and \_\_\_\_\_
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- "Jock" Ewing on "Dallas": oil \_\_\_\_\_
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# Brookshire's, Boys and Girls Club discussed at joint meeting between Fate, Royse City

by Millie Jean Coppedge

A joint meeting with the City of Fate City Council and the Royse City Independent School Board of Trustees took place in the new Fate City Hall on Thursday, April 20.

Fate Mayor Lorne Megyesi and Royse City ISD Board President Julie Stutts welcomed everyone to a specially called meeting.

Royse City's School Superintendent Kevin Worthy discussed the rapid growth of Royse City and the need for more schools and homes.

"The Royse City School District is very, very strong financially," he told those in attendance, "and we owe a special thanks to David Carter, our school's chief financial officer.

Worthy also lauded Justin Weiss, assistant city manager of Fate. He said Weiss had been a "big help with the partnering between Fate and Royse City."

Worthy said that "rezoning would not solve the overcrowding problems in the schools in Royse City. That would just be moving kids from schools that are already overcrowded to other schools that are overcrowded."

Until new schools can be built, he said making better use of space in the schools that can be reorganized. He gave the example of the Royse City High School recent changes that created more classrooms.

"The school has 1,400 lockers and last year only 20 were issued," he said. "High school kids just don't use lockers any more. So the lockers were removed and new classrooms created."

Another example Worthy gave was that a new gym could be built for the Davis Elementary and the old gym would be turned into classrooms. Royse City ISD is working quickly to create more space and classrooms, as new families are moving in daily.

"Fate was the third fastest growing city in the DFW Metroplex from 2010-2014, five years in a row, with over 1,000 new residents moving in per year," Weiss said.

Weiss discussed the housing additions in Fate and told how many homes were now in completed in each addition and how many more are going to be built.

Fate has waited several years hoping to get a new Brookshire's and several new restaurants, but Weiss said that "they just haven't materialized. We desperately need a grocery store, but we just don't know what they are going to do. They will not commit."

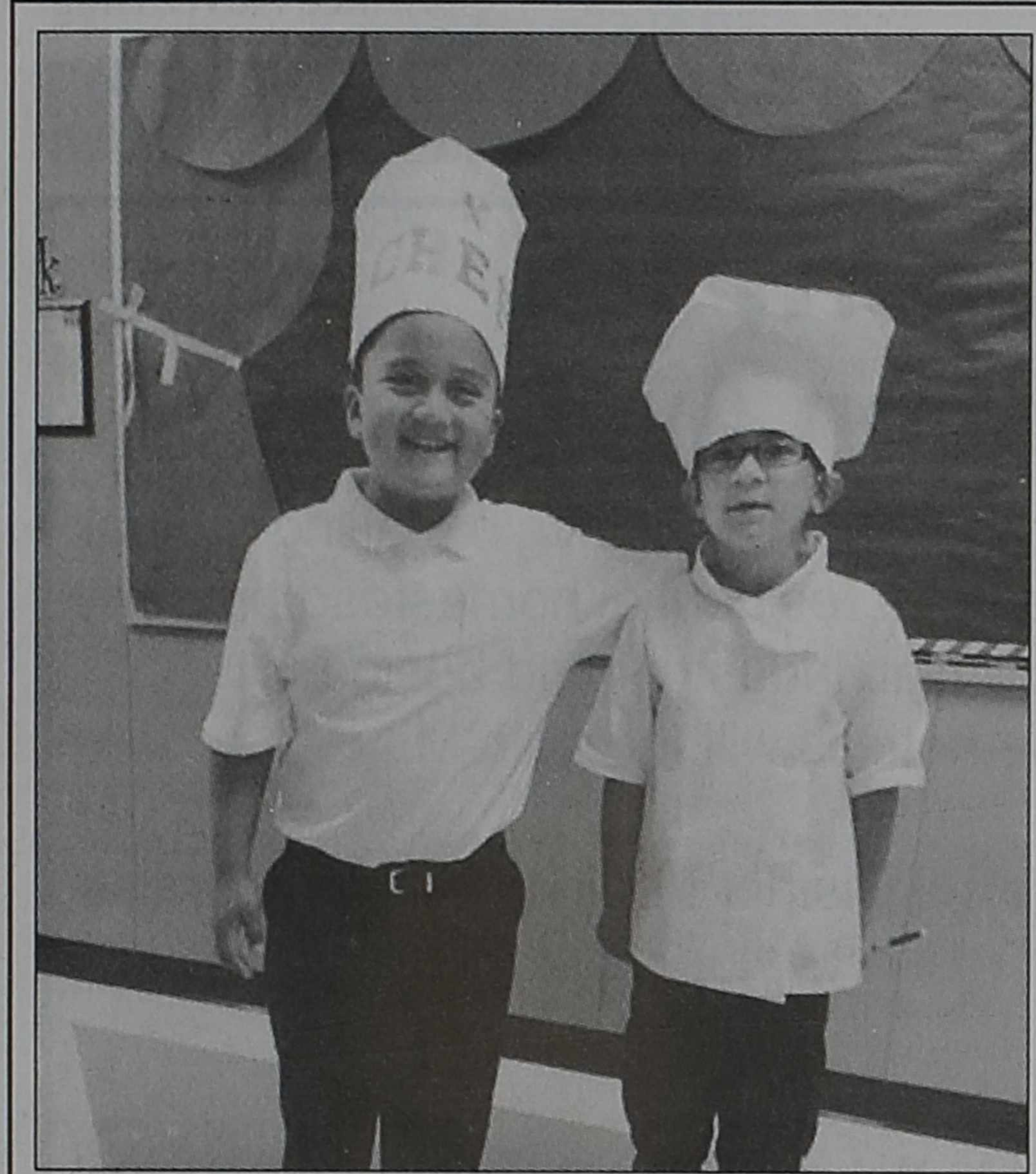
Weiss talked about the Boys and Girls Club with the big sports center that was supposed to build in Fate some time back.

"They just couldn't get enough support and it fell through. It just didn't happen," he said.

"Fate is now pushing 12,000 in population. We want to develop the old downtown Fate and maybe bring in more eating places," Weiss said.

The mayor closed out the night, saying, "We, Royse City and Fate, have challenges with growth and financial issues, and we all have the same problems. We must work together. Building relationships between cities makes Rockwall County a stronger community. Build the cities right the first time and the families won't move in, then move away. They will move here and stay."

"That with comprehensive plans comes smart growth," Worthy said.



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Property owners who would like to schedule informal meetings with a staff appraiser may contact Rockwall Central Appraisal District at 972-771-2034 and ask to schedule an informal meeting to be held May 1 thru May 31.

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### Democratic Men's Group to meet May 6

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# Opinions

## Is Macron the EU's last best hope?

by Patrick J. Buchanan

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For the French establishment, Sunday's presidential election came close to a near-death experience. As the Duke of Wellington said of Waterloo, it was a "damn near-run thing."

Neither candidate of the two major parties that have ruled France since Charles De Gaulle even made it into the runoff, an astonishing repudiation of France's national elite.

Marine Le Pen of the National Front ran second with 21.5 percent of the vote. Emmanuel Macron of the new party En Marche! won 23.8 percent.

Macron is a heavy favorite on May 7. The Republicans' Francois Fillon, who got 20 percent, and the Socialists' Benoit Hamon, who got less than 7 percent, both have urged their supporters to save France by backing Macron.

Ominously for U.S. ties, 61 percent of French voters chose Le Pen, Fillon or radical Socialist Jean-Luc Melenchon. All favor looser ties to America and repairing relations with Vladimir Putin's Russia.

Le Pen has a mountain to climb to win, but she is clearly the favorite of the president of Russia, and perhaps of the president of the United States. Last week, Donald Trump volunteered:

"She's the strongest on borders, and she's the strongest on what's been going on in France. ... Whoever is the toughest on radical Islamic terrorism, and whoever is the toughest at the borders, will do well in the election."

As an indicator of historic trends in France, Le Pen seems likely to win twice the 18 percent her father, Jean-Marie Le Pen, won in 2002, when he lost in the runoff to Jacques Chirac.

The campaign between now and May 7, however, could make the

Trump-Clinton race look like an altarpiece of democratic decorum.

Not only are the differences between the candidates stark, Le Pen has every incentive to attack to solidify her base and lay down a predicate for the future failure of a Macron government.

And Macron is vulnerable. He won because he is fresh, young, 39, and appealed to French youth as the anti-Le Pen. A personification of Robert Redford in "The Candidate."

But he has no established party behind him to take over the government, and he is an ex-Rothschild banker in a populist environment where bankers are as welcome as hedge-fund managers at a Bernie Sanders rally.

He is a pro-EU, open-borders transnationalist who welcomes new immigrants and suggests that acts of Islamist terrorism may be the price France must pay for a multiethnic and multicultural society.

Macron was for a year economic minister to President Francois Hollande who has presided over a 10 percent unemployment rate and a growth rate that is among the most anemic in the entire European Union.

He is offering corporate tax cuts and a reduction in the size of a government that consumes 56 percent of GDP, and presents himself as the "president of patriots to face the threat of nationalists."

His campaign is as much "us vs. them" as Le Pen's.

And elite enthusiasm for Macron seems less rooted in any anticipation of future greatness than in the desperate hope he can save the French establishment from the dreaded prospect of Marine.

But if Macron is the present, who owns the future?

Across Europe, as in France, center-left and center-right parties that have been on the scene since World War II appear to be emptying out like dying churches. The enthusiasm and energy seem to be in the new

parties of left and right, of secessionism and nationalism.

The problem for those who believe the populist movements of Europe have passed their apogee, with losses in Holland, Austria and, soon, France, that the fever has broken, is that the causes of the discontent that spawned these parties are growing stronger.

What are those causes?

A growing desire by peoples everywhere to reclaim their national sovereignty and identity, and remain who they are. And the threats to ethnic and national identity are not receding, but growing.

The tide of refugees from the Middle East and Africa has not abated. Weekly, we read of hundreds drowning in sunken boats that tried to reach Europe. Thousands make it. But the assimilation of Third World peoples in Europe is not proceeding. It seems to have halted.

Second-generation Muslims who have lived all their lives in Europe are turning up among the suicide bombers and terrorists.

Fifteen years ago, al-Qaida seemed confined to Afghanistan. Now it is all over the Middle East, as is ISIS, and calls for Islamists in Europe to murder Europeans inundate social media.

As the numbers of native-born Europeans begin to fall, with their anemic fertility rates, will the aging Europeans become more magnanimous toward destitute newcomers who do not speak the national language or assimilate into the national culture, but consume its benefits?

If a referendum were held across Europe today, asking whether the mass migrations from the former colonies of Africa and the Middle East have on balance made Europe a happier and better place to live in recent decades, what would that secret ballot reveal?

Does Macron really represent the future of France, or is he perhaps one of the last men of yesterday?

## Campus collectivism and the counter-revolution against liberty

by Richard M. Ebeling

Future of Freedom Foundation

Much has been rightly said about recent attacks on conservative, libertarian, and other non-leftist speakers on college and university campuses around the country. The elements of intellectual intolerance, the willingness to shout down any ideological critic or opponent, and the resort to incidents of on-campus violence to prevent invited speakers from addressing students have been pointed out to represent a dangerous totalitarian streak among "progressives" and even more radical leftists.

Some opinion writers such as David Brooks has warned that we face a new "Crisis of Western Civilization" (New York Times, April 21, 2017) and Heather MacDonald has pointed out that that "Those 'Snowflakes' Have Chilling Effects Beyond the Campus" (Wall Street Journal, April 21, 2017).

Brooks emphasizes that these leftists reject the principles and premises of Western Civilization: the ideas and ideals of individual liberty, freedom of speech and expression, the importance of private property, and the institutions of open and democratic discourse. MacDonald highlights that what is plaguing college campuses and spilling over into the wider society is not simply the parental coddling of young people that makes them spoiled brats who say "no" to anything they dislike. No, MacDonald warns that this is an ideological rejection of the true diversity of peacefully opposing and challenging views for a worldview that sees nothing but group conflicts of oppressors and oppressed.

David Brooks and Heather MacDonald, and others who have been making similar critical observations about the social environment at a growing number of institutions of higher learning, I would suggest, are correctly analyzing a damaging and dangerous trend in American academia.

### The Counter-Revolution Against Individualism

But we should also appreciate that this is the renewed counter-revolution against the philosophical individualist and market-based foundations of the modern world. In the late 1980s and early 1990s, there were many who hailed, even proudly boasted about, the triumph of Western freedom and free market capitalism over Marxian communism in the wake of the fall of the Berlin Wall and the collapse of the Soviet Union. "We" won; "they" lost. The future belongs to "us." Some even spoke of the "end of history," with nothing but "democratic capitalism" as the socio-economic system left to rule the world.

The fact was that what had failed was Soviet-style socialist central planning and the corruption and bankruptcy of the institutionalized privilege and plunder into which Soviet society had evolved. By the 1980s, there were very few living in the Soviet-bloc countries, including the Soviet Union, itself, who believed anymore in the vision of the bright and beautiful world that their Marxist masters had been promising for almost the three-quarters of a century since the Bolshevik Revolution in Russia in November 1917.

In the West, those on the political left who for decades had been apologists for or even proponents of that Soviet version of the collectivist ideal became mostly silent. Down an Orwellian memory hole went all their earlier denials of mass murder and political oppression wherever the Soviet model had been introduced anywhere around the world. They never said it; they never defended those Marxist regimes; they never denied the vast network of Soviet spies in the halls of power in Washington, D.C. during the 1930s, 1940s, and into the 1950s.

Similar to how Stalin would have former associates airbrushed out of Soviet photos with him once they had been purged, tortured and murdered, "the left" in the West wiped clean from the academic discussion board that embarrassing past of theirs as GULAG deniers, and propaganda contortionists who kept referring to "moral equivalence," that is, that there was no difference between Soviet-style socialism and Western democratic capitalism, other than that capitalism was worse.

### Anti-Capitalism Survived the Demise of the Soviet Union

But what had not been rejected among many intellectuals and academics in the West, including in the United States, was their belief in and adherence to the Marxian critique of capitalist society. In their minds, however much the promise of socialism-in-practice seemed to have been a disturbing failure in the Soviet Union, they still accepted the essentials of Karl Marx's analysis of the capitalist system.

Capitalism was a "class-based" society of exploiters and exploited, based on the unequal ownership and distribution of property and wealth. The profit-motive and market competition were guided by a self-interested drive for personal gain at the expense of others in society and the "social needs" of the community as a whole. When left on its own, capitalism plundered the physical world, oppressed the poor and underprivileged around the globe, concentrated wealth and power in the hands of a small minority (the "one percent"), and threatened war and destruction in the pursuit of those ill-gotten profits.

In the immediate aftermath of the demise of the Soviet Union and in the face of apparent economic "good times," the academic and intellectual advocates of this critique of existing capitalist society retreated into the corners of the college classroom and leftist

academic associations for the construction of new variations of the same collectivist and Marxist themes. But with the financial crisis of 2008-2009, and the latest seeming "failure of capitalism," the door was opened to the new public and political assault on the remainders of the free society in the West and the United States.

### Race and Gender Warfare Replaced Class Conflict

In the wake of the "passing" of the older class conflict analysis between the capitalist exploiters and "the workers," the new variations on the Marxian theme now turned to "race," "gender," "ethnicity" and general "social injustice."

Just as there was an "irreconcilable conflict" between capitalist property owners and property-less workers, now there was an inherent conflict between "white people" who are inherently and inescapably "racist" against all people of color who they have been oppressing through the centuries. Likewise, "men" were inherently ("genetically"?) an oppressor gender against "women," as reflected in an endemic rape culture and wage differentials between male and female in the workplace.

Just as "the workers," in the Marxian paradigm, had to escape the "false consciousness" of believing that existing property relationships under capitalism were "natural" and "just," and that income inequality was based on a conception of "merit," now racial and ethnic groups and women had to "raise their consciousness" to a higher level that would free them from their capitalist male and racist oppression.

### Classical Liberalism Ended Slavery Around the World

The history of mankind was rewritten to deny that one of the most pervasive and "equal opportunity" institutions throughout the ages had been slavery, and which had nothing to do with race, per se. Ancient Greeks had enslaved other Greeks. The ancient Romans enslaved members of every group and society they conquered, with no regard to the racial or ethnic characteristics of those they coerced into bondage. Asians enslaved Asians, Africans enslaved Africans, the Ancient Aztecs and Incas enslaved other natives of the Americas, just as the Indian tribes did in North America.

The peculiar twist to this pervasive and perverse institution was that in the American colonial period black Africans were transported to the "New World" as slaves with their masters mostly (but not always) those of European descent.

But erased from within this new leftist "race interpretation of history" has been that the end to the institution of slavery, worldwide, began in Europe, and Great Britain in particular, with the formation of an anti-slavery league devoted to abolishing what the members believed to be an abomination before the eyes of God and man. That it was in "white" Great Britain that an act of Parliament abolished slavery throughout the British Empire in 1834. Or that free British men and women donated hundreds of thousands of dollars before this formal end to slavery to buy the freedom of Africans being held in bondage, often right off the slave auction blocks in places like Zanzibar in East Africa.

Highlighting this is not meant to demonstrate or argue some misplaced superiority of "white people," but to bring out that moral conscience has no "color bar." It was precisely because in places like Great Britain in the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries that the new (classical) liberal ideal of individual freedom in social, economic and political affairs had gained hold of people's minds that it was now increasingly believed that all human beings possessed certain inherent, "natural" rights to their life and liberty.

This universal principle of human freedom could not and should not only apply to one part of the human race, but to all men. Therefore, it aroused a particular sense of indignation that some human beings should be held in bondage to others simply because of the accident of birth in the form of the color of one's skin. The case for ending black slavery was based on the ecumenical principle of the right to liberty by all members of the far wider human race.

### Classical Liberalism and Capitalism Liberated Women

Through the ages, in most societies, women had held an inferior status to men. They were part of the booty of war and conquest. A daughter was considered the "property" of her father, and she and any possessions she might have were transferred to her husband at the time of a frequently arranged marriage. This, too, had been considered part of a certain natural order of things.

But, again, with the dawn of the (classical) liberal era, this slowly began to change. In spite of the false linguistic interpretations of modern leftists, "man" and "mankind" had always been understood, contextually, to refer to and speak about all human beings, men and women. As the age of liberty progressed in the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries, it became clearer to a growing number of men that to speak of an equality of rights and dignity and respected autonomy among males, there could not be failure to also include the other half of humanity, the female of the human species.

Women, certainly, raised their voices decrying an inconsistency – even hypocrisy – among men to speak about such equal rights and treatment before the law and in contract, but not to extend the same to females, as well. But this was no less among leading men in defense of

human freedom, for instance, John Stuart Mill in his *The Subjugation of Women* (1869) and nearly twenty years earlier in a notable chapter on "The Rights of Women" in Herbert Spencer's *Social Statics* (1851).

But what most opened the door for the liberation of women was the freeing of private enterprise from the heavy hand of Mercantilist and related industrial regulations in places like Great Britain in the nineteenth century. The factory system created a growing need for workers to assist in the development of manufactured mass production. Men and women traditionally or legally bound to the land in the rural areas could now escape to the expanding commercial cities to find work and social opportunities away from the rigid and stifling conditions of agricultural labor and control by the landed aristocracy.

Emerging capitalist enterprise began to give women the chance to break away and to earn their own living, becoming personally and financially independent of controlling fathers or restricting marriages. Women could earn their own income, enter into contracts, make their own decisions about their future and marriage, and even have wealth to bequeath to those to whom they wished to leave it. The law may not, at first, have recognized all these new "liberties" made possible and practiced in the marketplace, but the reality slowly but surely required the law to adapt to actual circumstances and relationships that capitalism made possible for women to now live their own lives and far more as they chose.

Market-based competition and contract undermined the age-old confines of cultural and political paternalism that had limited women to roles in society defined and determined by the male members of their families. This market reality of women's liberation, at the same time, worked to change people's attitudes in general about the supposed "natural" place and possibilities for men and women in a new, more open society. Here, too, the classical liberal demands for free markets and voluntary association fostered a new self-determining setting for the female half of the population.

### The Left's False History and

#### Conception of Human Relationships

This "inconvenient history" of how philosophical individualism and free market capitalism changed the course of human events from its thousands-of-years patterns of human slavery and female subjugation to the idea and practice of near universal human liberty, at least for a long time in the West, has been practically eliminated from college and university courses in history, political science, or sociology.

If the term had not, now, become so politicized and twisted it would be appropriate to say that what has been put in its place is "fake" history. A history that ignores the material, cultural, and political achievements of free market capitalism and classical liberalism in positively transforming the human condition in ways unimaginable in earlier epochs of human existence on this planet.

Instead, in true Marxian fashion, history is rewritten, again, to reflect and reinforce mythical conceptions of man, human relationships and social order. The goal is to create a real "false consciousness" among segments of the society in which they no longer think of themselves as distinct and individual human beings but as inescapable and interchangeable particles within a collectivist mass of particular race, gender or social groups that define them and whose collective destiny determines one's own.

Overlaid on this is the new assertion that reality is self-defining. You are the race, ethnicity or gender you consider yourself to be (as long as the choice and actions based on it are consistent with the changing biases and prejudices of the leftist elite concerning who and what you may call yourself in different settings and circumstances that serve the advancement of their ideological agenda!). This, too, is a variation of the earlier Marxian theme that there are no invariant and universal principles or relationships; these change with the evolving epochs of human existence that lead to socialism.

Certain that they understand the "real" relationships of human existence that many others are too blind or victimized to see, they are called upon to help along the progress of the human history that they know they are on "the right side" of. This includes silencing through verbal and even violent means those who are the voices for the social, racial and gender "oppression," to which they must bring an end.

These are the new totalitarians in our midst. They are the secular religious fanatics who are on a mission to cleanse humankind from its capitalist, male, and white exploiters and abusers. And also like their older Marxist ancestors, for them there is no compromise or reasoning among people of goodwill, in their view. It is a life and death struggle against those they designate as racists, misogynists, "fascists," and greedy capitalists.

Expect more extreme measures from these leftist foot soldiers in their renewed global war on individualism, free market capitalism, and a (classical) liberal humane society. The collectivist counter-revolution against human freedom continues in the twenty-first century. The preservation and extension of whatever liberty we still have requires of us steadfast determination to defend reason, reality, and the free and open society.



# Heritage Christian Academy students sign letters of intent

As the spring signing period opens for college athletics, Heritage Christian Academy of Rockwall hosted a signing ceremony for Seniors Misak, Wednesday, April 12, 2017 for student-athletes Emily Benton, Madison Brown, Bry Davis and Kyndall.

Emily Benton committed to participate in volleyball at Houghton College in Houghton, New York. The Highlanders are a member of the NCAA Div-III Empire 8 Conference, and have offered Benton \$26,000 in scholarships and aide monies to attend.

While at HCA, Benton was named to multiple TAPPS All-District and All-State Teams and was a member of the 2016 State Champion Lady Eagle Volleyball Team.

Emily was joined by her parents, Jerry and Lori Benton. Madison Brown confirmed her intent to compete in cheerleading at Abilene Christian University in Abilene, Texas. ACU is a NCAA Div-I institution competing in the Southland Conference. Brown has been awarded a total of \$54,000 in scholarships for the 2017-2018 season.

Brown is a 4-year member of the Eagle Cheer Squad, and was nominated for FCC and NCA All-American, selected to the 2016 TAPPS All-State Team, and is a member of the fourth place 2016 TAPPS State Competition Team.

Bry Davis was joined by her mother Jessica Santangelo and sister Melinda White. Bry Davis also decided to take her cheerleading career to the collegiate level by committing to Oklahoma Baptist University.

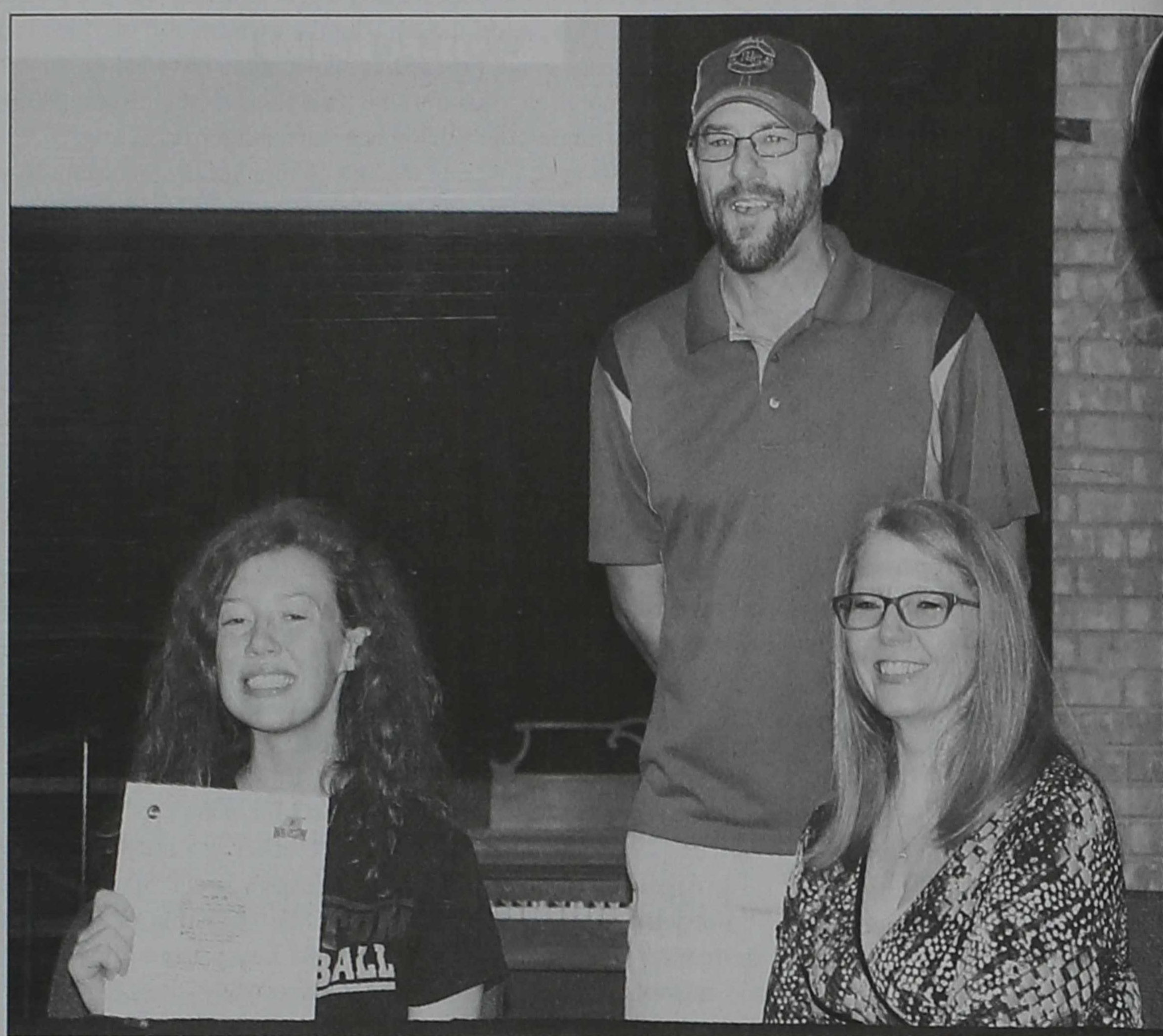
The Bison are members of the NCAA competing at the Div-II level in the Great American Conference. Davis was awarded \$36,000 in scholarship monies to attend OBU.

During her time at HCA, Davis was named to two All-State Teams, nominated for FCC & NCA All-American and is a member of the fourth place 2016 TAPPS State Competition Team.

Davis was joined by her father and mother, Jesse and Melanie Davis, and sister, Maryssa Davis. Kyndall Misak chose to take her tennis talents to Florida Atlantic University in Boca Raton, Florida. The FAU Owls compete in the NCAA Div-I Conference USA.

Misak was a 3-year member of the HCA tennis team. She is the 2015, 2016, 2017 District Girls Singles Champion, the TAPPS 2015 State Runner-Up. Misak was also the 2016 and 2017 State Champion. She competed in numerous local, regional and national tournaments resulting in a top 20 USTA ranking in the State of Texas.

Misak was joined by her parents Todd and Jessica Misak as well as HCA Tennis Coach Nan Breeden.



Emily Benton (left, front) committed to play volleyball at Houghton College in Houghton, NY. She is pictured with her father Jerry Benton (back) and mother Lori Benton (front, right). Benton is a Senior at Heritage Christian Academy in Rockwall.  
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Bry Davis (left, front) committed to cheer at Oklahoma Baptist University in Shawnee, Oklahoma. She is pictured with her parents, Jesse Davis (back, right), Melanie Davis (front, right), and her sister Maryssa Davis (back, left).  
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Heritage Christian Academy Senior Madison Brown (left) committed to cheer at Abilene Christian University in Abilene. She is pictured with her sister Melinda White (center) and mother, Jessica Santangelo (right).  
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Kyndall Misak (front, left) committed to play tennis at Florida Atlantic University in Boca Raton, FL. She is pictured with HCA tennis coach, Nan Breeden (back, left), and her parents Todd Breeden (back, right) and Jessica Misak (front, right). Misak is a Senior at Heritage Christian Academy.  
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## Rockwall County athletes advance to Region track and field meet

Rockwall and Rockwall-Heath High Schools (11-6A) competed at UIL Area meet, starting Thursday, April 20, 2017, at E.H. Hanby Stadium in Mesquite.

The Lady Jackets placed fifth with 55 points. The Lady Hawks finished in eighth place with 37 points. The Rockwall men's team finished 11 with 9 points, and the Rockwall-Heath team finished 12 with 6.5 points.

The top four finishers in each event will advance to the Region 2 Track and Field Meet to be held Friday and Saturday, April 28-29, at Baylor Hart-Patterson Field in Waco.

Representing Royse City High School (15-5A) in the Area Meet, Thursday April 20, at Lovejoy, Nathan Giles will advance to the Region 2 5A meet in three events, April 28-29, at UT Arlington.

Leading the Rockwall County athletes was Morgan Burks-Magee, with 28 points for the Lady Hawks. Rockwall-Heath's Burks-Magee finished first in the 400 Meter Dash with a time of 54.57 seconds, nearly three seconds faster than Longview's Tyetiana Rugley and Chika Iwuamadi of Rockwall who finished in 56.74 for third place.

In the 200 Meter Dash, Burks-Magee finished first with a time of 24.15 seconds. She finished in second place with a time of 11.53 in the 100M, just below Mesquite Horn's Kaylor Harris, who finished in 11.53 seconds.

Liah Collins, of Rockwall, dominated the 800M run with a first place time of 2:16.52, ahead of second place finisher Emily Mills of The Woodland.

Deja Wills, of Rockwall, finished first with a clearance of 11-06.00 in the Women's Pole Vault, just ahead of her teammate Micaela Vavra's 11-00.00 second place vault.

**Also advancing to the Region meet are:**  
• Rockwall Women's 4x400M Relay team, who placed third in a time of 3:53.31, including Iwuamadi, Abbey Graves, Miracle Grant and Collins.

• Oluwafolabomi Ogunlari, of Rockwall-Heath, clearing J5-02.00 for fourth place in the Women's High Jump.

• Riley Stewart, of Rockwall, with a 13-06.00 fourth place finish in the Men's Pole Vault.

• Sarah Graves, of Rockwall, with a 10-06.00 fourth place finish in the Women's Pole Vault.

\* Nathan Giles, of Royse City, with fourth place finishes in the Men's High Jump 6-01.00, Long Jump 21-10.75, Triple Jump 44-05.25.

**Other individual results:**  
Rockwall: Kaitlyn Stark, Women's 1600M Run, sixth place, time of 5:25.39; Allyson McCutcheon, Women's 3200M Run, 7, 12:59.06; Calista Ukeh, Women's Shot Put, 5, 36-05.00; Damon Lewis, Men's 800M Run, 5, 1:59.25; Lewis, Men's 1600M Run, 8, 4:45.40; Noah Sewell, Men's 110M Hurdles, 6, 15.49; Jager Mundheim, Men's Discus Throw, 5, 157-04; Caleb Estes, Men's Discus, 7, 138-01;  
Rockwall-Heath: Quaniece Burns, Women's 100M Hurdles, 7, 16.15; Women's 4x100M Relay, 8, 50.03, including Burns, Daijha Anderson, Kirah Tippens and Madeline Miller; Women's 4x200M Relay, 6, 1:46.19, including Tippens, Morgan Talley, Denise Hood and Miller; Abby Clark, Women's High Jump, 6, J5-00.00; Talley, Women's Triple Jump, 5, 37-07.75; Christian Giadolor, Men's 400M Dash, 6, 49.65; Grant Buckholt, Men's High Jump, 6, 5-08.00; Tyrus Fort, Men's Long Jump, 6, 20-01.00; Fort, Triple Jump, 8, 41-03.25; Cooper Luff, Men's Shot Put, 5, 48-09.50; Brad Howard, Men's Discus, 6, 156-02.  
Royse City: Nathan Giles, Men's 400M, 6, 51.54.

## Rockwall County baseball, softball results

Rockwall			
<b>Softball</b>		Tyler, 4/11 (H)	1-15 (L).
Rockwall-Heath, 4/4 (A)		0-18 (W).	Mesquite Poteet, 4/13 (H)
0-6 (Loss).		Mesquite, 4/13 (A)	0-12 (L).
Longview, 4/7 (H)		1-12 (W).	Highland Park, 4/18 (H)
1-12 (Win).		Longview, 4/18 (A)	0-5 (W).
Mesquite Horn, 4/12 (A)		16-0 (W).	Lovejoy, 4/21 (A)
7-3 (W).		Mesquite Horn, 4/21 (H)	2-8 (L).
Tyler Lee, 4/13 (H)		1-11 (W).	<b>Baseball (Overall 14-14-1,</b>
0-10 (W).		<b>Baseball, (Overall 24-6, Dis-</b>	<b>District 15-5A 4-8)</b>
<b>Baseball (Overall 26-4, Dis-</b>		<b>trict 11-6A 12-1)</b>	Wylie East, 3/28 (A)
<b>trict 11-6A 11-1)</b>		Tyler, 4/4 (A)	3-6 (L).
Mesquite Horn, 4/4 (H)		15-1 (W).	Wylie East, 3/31 (H)
3-9 (W).		Tyler, 4/7 (H)	1-3 (W).
Mesquite Horn, 4/7 (A)		0-13 (W).	North Forney, 4/4 (H)
10-1 (W).		Mesquite, 4/11 (H)	2-4 (L).
Tyler Lee, 4/11 (A)		0-5 (W).	North Forney, 4/7 (A)
5-0 (W).		Mesquite, 4/13 (A)	(W).
Tyler Lee, 4/13 (H)		4-0 (W).	Mesquite Poteet, 4/11 (A)
4-8 (W).		Longview, 4/18 (H)	0-10 (L).
Mesquite, 4/18 (A)		0-10 (W).	Mesquite Poteet, 4/13 (H)
4-1 (W).		Longview, 4/21 (A)	4-1 (L).
Mesquite, 4-21 (H)		18-1 (W).	Highland Park, 4/18 (A)
1-2 (W).		<b>Royse City</b>	(L).
<b>Rockwall-Heath</b>		<b>Softball (Overall 10-14-1)</b>	Highland Park, 4/21 (H)
<b>Softball (Overall 22-5, Dis-</b>		Lovejoy, 3/28 (H)	4-1 (L).
<b>trict 11-6A 13-1)</b>		15-3 (L).	
Tyler Lee, 3/31 (A)		West Mesquite, 3/31 (H)	
12-0 (W).		0-15 (W).	
Rockwall, 4/4 (H)		Forney, 4/4 (A)	
0-6 (W).		5-6 (L).	
North Mesquite, 4/7 (A)		Wylie East, 4/7 (H)	
11-1 (W).		8-11 (W).	
		North Forney, 4/11 (A)	

**Sports schedules**  
Gymnastics, State meet, Odesa Permian, 4/28-29  
Softball, Bi-District, 4/29 TBA  
RHHS Baseball, Fri 4/28  
7:00 p.m., Mesquite Horn (Home, Senior Night).