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City of Heath to sell additional bonds, \$17,540,000 in new money

According to the minutes for the regular meeting, Tuesday, Jan. 10, 2017, of the City of Heath, Inc., entered into two loan agreements with future buyers of Certificates of Obligation that will be passed on to the corporate Body Politic of Heath in the form of annual ad valorem taxes.

Representatives of the corporate Body Politic of Heath attending the meeting were Mayor Pro Tem Barry Brooks, Joe Chamberlain, Kelson Elam, Rich Krause, Kevin Lamberth and John Main. Absent from the meeting was Mayor Brian Berry.

Jim Sabonis of First Southwest presented the City's Plan of Finance for Future Capital Improvements Projects. He described priority capital improvement projects for both the governmental and utility funds. The 2017 Bond would provide \$6,000,000 for government type projects including streets park/trails and municipal building improvements.

The purchase of a fire truck would be funded by \$615,400. Utility type projects would be funded with \$13,000,000 to include water and sewer infrastructure and municipal building improvements.

Sabonis praised the representatives for the city's double-A plus report rating and anticipated a potential improvement to triple-A rating with the present bond obligations.

Bond issues that were unanimously approved were:

- Ordinance No. 170110A regarding the issuance and sale of City of Heath combination tax and surplus revenue certificates of obligation, series 2017; including the levying of an annual ad valorem tax to provide for the security and payment of the certificates of obligation. According to Jim Sabonis explained that this bond and the following bond were separate. One would be for issuing "new money" and the other is for "refunding." The certificates of obligation are "new money" at \$17,540,000 of certificates at 3.39% true interest cost. He explained the transaction would close February 9, at which time the funds could be used for construction projects. Attorney Leroy Grawunder recommended approval of the bond.

- Ordinance No. 170110B related to the issuance and sale of general obligation refunding bonds, series 2017; which included the levying of an annual ad valorem tax that provides for the security for and payment of the loan.

Sabonis explained that this ordinance was for refunding on the

series 2007 and general obligation funding bonds series 2010 which are both at 4%. The loan for refunding is expected to reduce the interest to 2.29%. Sabonis was excited about the representatives decision.

City Secretary Norma Duncan did not select the Rockwall County News for publication of the required notices related to the above bond issues and ad valorem taxes. The Rockwall County News will research to learn whether City Manager Ed Thatcher and the Chief Financial Officer will release tax dollars for payment to a newspaper that is not published in Rockwall County under the pretext of publication of required notice, in violation of Texas Government Code Section 2051.048(c).

In other business the city council approved:

- Resolution No. 170110A authorizing the Mayor to execute a professional services agreement for the engineering design of the 3 million gallon ground storage tank and pump station located on a 3-acre parcel of land that the city is purchasing from the City of Rockwall, Inc. Consultant, Freeman-Millican, Inc. was selected based on their qualifications that meet criteria under state law. The proposed services fee will be \$324,320.

- A request by Chris Thompson regarding an access drive through an adjacent lot located at 596 Lowe Road.

- A request from Farmers Electric Cooperative for a 20 foot electric easement on a 10.341 acre tract owned by the City of Heath, located along FM 740 and Maverick Drive.

- Ordinance No. 170110C related to an application from Suzanne Brooke of the Heath Municipal Benefits Corporation, for a zoning change from Agricultural District to Local Retail District on Lots 1A and 1C, located along Chris Cuny Parkway north of Smirl Drive (FM 1140).

Brooke explained the request was for properties owned by the HMBC, and the Comprehensive Land Use Plan marks the property as "Mixed Use Park." Ms. Brooke did not explain how Retail use fits into the category of a "Park."

She expressed an interest in making the property "more marketable."

During the public hearing, Ginny Jackson reminded the representatives to "preserve as much property as possible to the (Continued on Page 2)



Nebbie Williams Elementary staff members recently given special honors were (from left) Davilyn Young, Paraprofessional of the Year, and Lana Edwards, Teacher of the Year. Staff members nominated a Teacher of the Year and a Paraprofessional of the Year.

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Heath outlines ballot, schedule for May 6 municipal election

Voters in the City of Heath will go to the polls on Saturday, May 6, to fill four open City Council positions, according to a news release from the municipality.

Council members for two-year terms for Places 1, 2, 4 and 6 will be determined in the election.

The Rockwall County elections administrator will administer the election as has been the practice in recent years.

Early voting will run Monday, April 24, through Tuesday, May 2, (excluding Sunday) at the Heath City Hall, according to the news release.

Candidates' names will appear on the ballot as follows, according to the news release:

- Place 1 – Kevin D. Lamberth, Frank New
- Place 2 – Paul Ruffo, John A. Main
- Place 4 – Barry Brooks, Brent Weaver
- Place 6 – Rich Krause, Garrett Bothun

The deadline to register to vote in the election is April 6.

Questions regarding ballots by mail, voter registration, designated voting locations, voter identification requirements, absentee voting, precincts, etc., should be directed to the county elections office at 972-204-6200; by visiting rockwallvotes.com/voter-information/current-election-info; or at the election administrator's office at 915 Whitmore Dr., Suite D, in Rockwall.

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Rockwall County News Briefs

First Christian sets new Sunday schedule

First Christian Church Rockwall is observing a new Sunday schedule. Worship begins at 10 a.m. Two adult Bible study classes are scheduled, including one at 8:45 a.m. and another at 11 a.m. All children and youth classes meet at 11 a.m. The church is located at 3375 Ridge Rd.

Church to offer Ashes to Go service

Pastor Cheryl Taylor will offer a unique alternative for individuals who may not have time for a traditional Ash Wednesday service. The First Presbyterian Church of Rockwall, 602 White Hills Dr., will provide Ashes to Go from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. on March 1, weather permitting. Taylor will be out in front of the church in the drive-through circle by the cross to greet people, administer ashes and offer prayers. For more details call 972-771-5702 or email welcme@firstpresrockwall.org. To join the congregation for the traditional Ash Wednesday service, it will be at 7 p.m. in the sanctuary.

Republican Lunch Bunch meeting set

The Rockwall County Republican Lunch Bunch will meet at 11:30 a.m. on Wednesday, March 1, at Luigi's Italian Café, Rockwall. Cost will be \$10, which includes lunch, beverage, tax and tip; pay at the door. No reservations required for this informal social gathering open to all area Republicans. For more details call Dalton Kennimer at 972-636-4034.

Democratic Men plan March 4 meeting

The Democratic Men's Group of Rockwall County will conduct its next luncheon at noon on Saturday, March 4, at Soulman's Bar-B-Que, 691 E. I-30, Rockwall. The group meets on the first Saturday of each month at various local restaurants. Open-minded, progressive men concerned about the future of Texas and

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Springer students bring home UIL recognition

Springer Elementary students participated in the UIL academic competition on Saturday, Feb. 18, and brought home several wins.

According to a news release from the school, the following students earned top finishes at the meet:

- Spelling – Carly Fox, second place
- Storytelling – Sofia Solis, third place; Mellat Mebratu, sixth place

- Number Sense – Cody Bostik, second place
- Maps, Graphs & Charts – Collin McGuffin, fourth place; James Martinez, third place; and Sebastian Potiska, sixth place
- Chess – Carter Eisenbise, third place; Brandon Mendoza, fourth place
- Ready Writing – Karina Perez, second place

University scholastic honors

Two locals named to UD Dean's List

Two local residents were among the nearly 500 University of Dallas students named to the fall Dean's List, according to a university news release.

Benten Muckensturm of Fate and Veronica Vinson of Rockwall each was tapped for the recognition after earning a grade-point average of 3.5 or higher for the semester, according to the release.

Davis included on Chancellor's List

Rebecca Davis of Rockwall was among students named to the University of Arkansas at Little Rock Chancellor's List for the fall semester, according to a university news release.

To be eligible for the Chancellor's List, a student must have at least nine credit hours with a grade of A, B, C or credit and at least a 3.9 grade-point average.



Springer Robotics Team participated in the Rockwall Expo on Nov. 5 and received the Creative Award for their robot design. The Robo-Raptors competed at three local events -- Greenville, Rockwall and Terrell -- and received the Build Award at the Greenville competition on Dec. 3 for best robot design. Pictured are J.D. Webb, Ethan Valera, Mason Bauer, Jocelyn Herrera, Ryan Axum, JohnPaul Rodriguez, high school coach Rachel Whalen, David Granger, Carter Eisenbise, Cathryn Lara-Ramirez and Leah Mebratu.

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Rockwall County Obituaries

Rosemary Bert Latham

Rosemary Bert Latham entered into her heavenly home February 18, 2017.

She was a lovely lady with a beautiful smile.

Born 10/9/47 in Dallas Texas, to parents John and Leah Bert, she attended Skillman Ave. Church of Christ.

She graduated from Woodrow Wilson High School in 1966. She was active in all school activities. She was a drill team, "Sweethearts" Lieutenant, and was an accomplished pianist.

Rosemary attended Stephen F Austin University and was a flight attendant for American Airlines for several years based in Buffalo, New York.

She married Ronald Jean Latham September 8, 1973. They had one son Ryan Jean, born November 18, 1982 while living in Rockwall Texas.

Rosemary was active in Latham Roofing the first few years helping immensely with secretarial duties having left her legal secretary job of five years.

Rosemary was also instrumental in R/L Development and R/L Properties. That all changed with her giving birth to their son Ryan Jean. Rosemary was a wonderful Mother immersing herself in raising Ryan. She was involved in his school activities and sports. Rosemary was truly an All-Star soccer Mom. She motivated Ryan to join the local soccer team at the YMCA.

For 18 years she and Ron supported Ryan as a soccer family through Rockwall High School, College at SMU, and two years of Professional MLS soccer for the New England Revolution team. They enjoyed many trips to watch Ryan play all over the USA and England.

Rosemary was a member of Highland Park Methodist Church since 2002. She served the Lord ushering for 7 years, was a member of the Circle 20 women's group, and financially supported many missions the church supported. She also served as an active member of the Salvation Army. Rosemary is survived by her husband Ron, son Ryan, his wife Jessica, and their little 2 yr old Grand Girl Emma Rose, Brother John Bert and wife Dee, extended family and friends.

The family would like to thank all the Doctors and Nurses for their care at Baylor Hospital and Baylor Liver Institute.

Her memorial service was held at Highland Park Methodist Church Sanctuary at 11:00AM, Thursday, Feb 23rd. In lieu of flowers, the Family requests donations in Rose's name to Highland Park Methodist Church/Missions Fund.



Gloria Campos, longtime Metroplex newscaster, was speaker at the Feb. 9 Rockwall County Newcomers & Friends monthly luncheon. Pictured above with Campos are Deanna Allison, the organization's president, and Lisa Paul, first vice president.

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Rockwall ISD CFO to be named TASBO president

At the 2017 TASBO Annual Conference in Austin, Rockwall Independent School District chief financial officer Randy McDowell will be sworn in as the president of the Board of Directors of the Texas Association of School Business Officials.

McDowell currently serves as president-elect at TASBO and has been on the TASBO board for five years, according to a RISD news release.

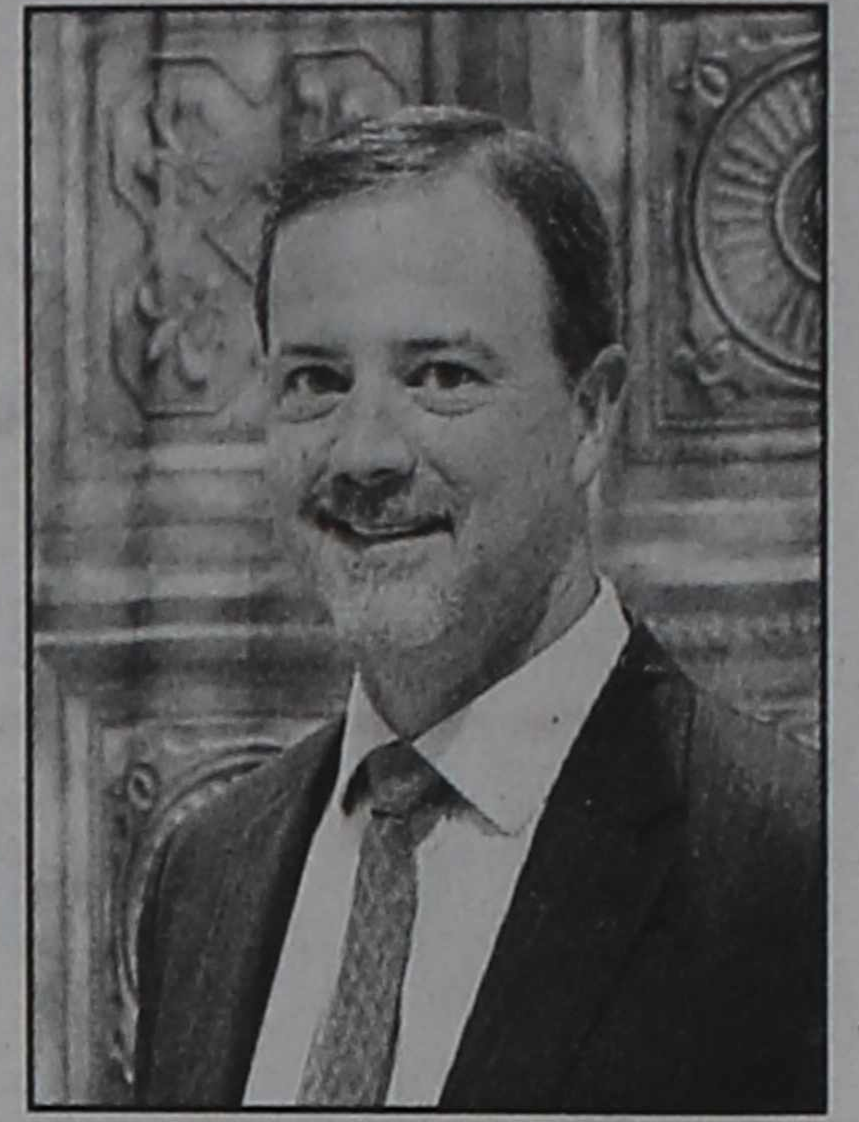
TASBO members selected McDowell as its vice president during the 2015 Annual Conference. TASBO employs an officer succession model whereby the vice president ascends to the role of president.

McDowell had previously served a three-year term on the TASBO Board.

"Randy has provided steady leadership as a board member and officer," said TASBO executive director Tracy Ginsburg. "We are confident he will do a great job as president and continue TASBO's tradition of exemplary leadership."

McDowell was elected to the board during his tenure as assistant superintendent of business and operations for the Canyon Independent School District. In 2015, he was named chief financial officer for the RISD. He has 25 years' experience in school finance and operations.

TASBO is an independent, not-for-profit professional association dedicated to being a resource for school finance and operations in Texas. TASBO is one of the state and province affiliates of the Association of School Business Officials International (ASBO Intl.), which serves members from the United States, Canada and more than 20 other nations. TASBO has approximately 6,500 members and 28 regional affiliates, representing more than 900 public school districts in Texas.



Randy McDowell

City of Heath regular meeting ...

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Parks." Brooks Nolan spoke of concerns related to the Local Retail details. The representatives unanimously approved the change.

* Ordinance No. 170110D related to an application from Tommy Satterfield for a conditional use permit to construct an addition to a garage for a house located at 508 Shadow Wood Lane.

* Ordinance No. 170110E, application from Carroll and Twila Cottongame for a conditional use permit build an additional 624 square feet to an already existing 1,200 sq-ft garage for eventual use as a guest house of 1,824 sq-ft.

During the public hearing, Roy Heath expressed approval of the ordinance and that it would be an improvement to the property. Kathy Nolan inquired whether the definition of the property as "single family resident" means "no guest." The representatives did not answer Nolan's question.

* Ordinance No. 170110F related to an application by John Winston for a conditional use permit for a single-family dwelling zoned as Agricultural District, located at 231 South King Road. The request was to build on a 4.93 acre tract with intent to maintain minimum square footage of home at 3000 sq-ft. During the public hearing, Winston spoke in support of his request.

* Application by Winston related to a final plat of 4.93 acre tract of Winston Lake Estate located on the east side of King Road and south of FM 740, 231 S. King Road.

* Application by Daltex Builders Group for a preliminary plat for single-family residential use on 35.365 acres of land located on the west side of Laurence Drive (FM 740) and south of Chaps Drive.

The representatives went into a closed meeting to discuss the following:

- * Right of way easement acquisition for utilities and/or sewer line.
- * A civil action no. 1-16-1119 in Thomas K. Lawless v. Mary Jan Richman, Joe B. Chamberlain, et al.
- * A civil action no 3:14-cv-04338-B in [Joan] Ream v. City of Heath et al.
- * Consultation with attorney on a matter related to City and Rockwall County Emergency Services Corporation relationship.

Rockwall County Entertainment

'Wedding Singer' set for RCP stage

The Rockwall Community Playhouse, 609 E. Rusk (two blocks off the square in downtown Rockwall), will present "The Wedding Singer" musical, directed by Stacey Klutz, March 24-26 and 31 and April 1-2 and 7-9. Friday and Saturday performances will begin at 8 p.m., with Sunday matinees at 2 p.m. Tickets may be purchased online at rockwallcommunityplayhouse.org, by calling 972-722-3399 or at the box office a half-hour prior to curtain.

FOL to host Spring Fling Tea

Friends of the Rockwall Library will host an Afternoon with Friends Spring Fling Tea with Hats from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. on Tuesday, March 27, at the library's Community Room, 1215 Yellow Jacket Lane. Speaker will be Rose Mary Rumbley, who will speak on The Ides of March. Cost will be \$25; prepaid reservations should be made to Pat Calhoun at pat2792@att.net or call 214-738-7547.

RISD to host district-wide art show

The Rockwall ISD's District Art Show is scheduled to run from 5 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Friday, April 21, and from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, April 22, at Rockwall-Heath High School, according to the district website. Those attending are asked to enter at the Heath PAC entrance.

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Ask Dr. Danette

by Danette McNew, D.D.S.



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While e-cigarettes (electronic cigarettes) are marketed as a safer alternative to regular cigarettes, the chemicals in e-cigarette vapors have been found to be just as damaging (sometimes more damaging) as tobacco to gums. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention found that 16% of high school students reported using the devices in 2015, up from only 1.5% in 2011. While e-cigarettes do not contain tobacco, they do include nicotine and other chemicals such as flavoring agents. These battery-operated devices house a heating element that vaporizes the liquid in the cartridge, producing a vapor that is inhaled. "Vaping" was found to kill cells in the gums and mouth after just a few days, with menthol-flavored vapor posing the most harm.

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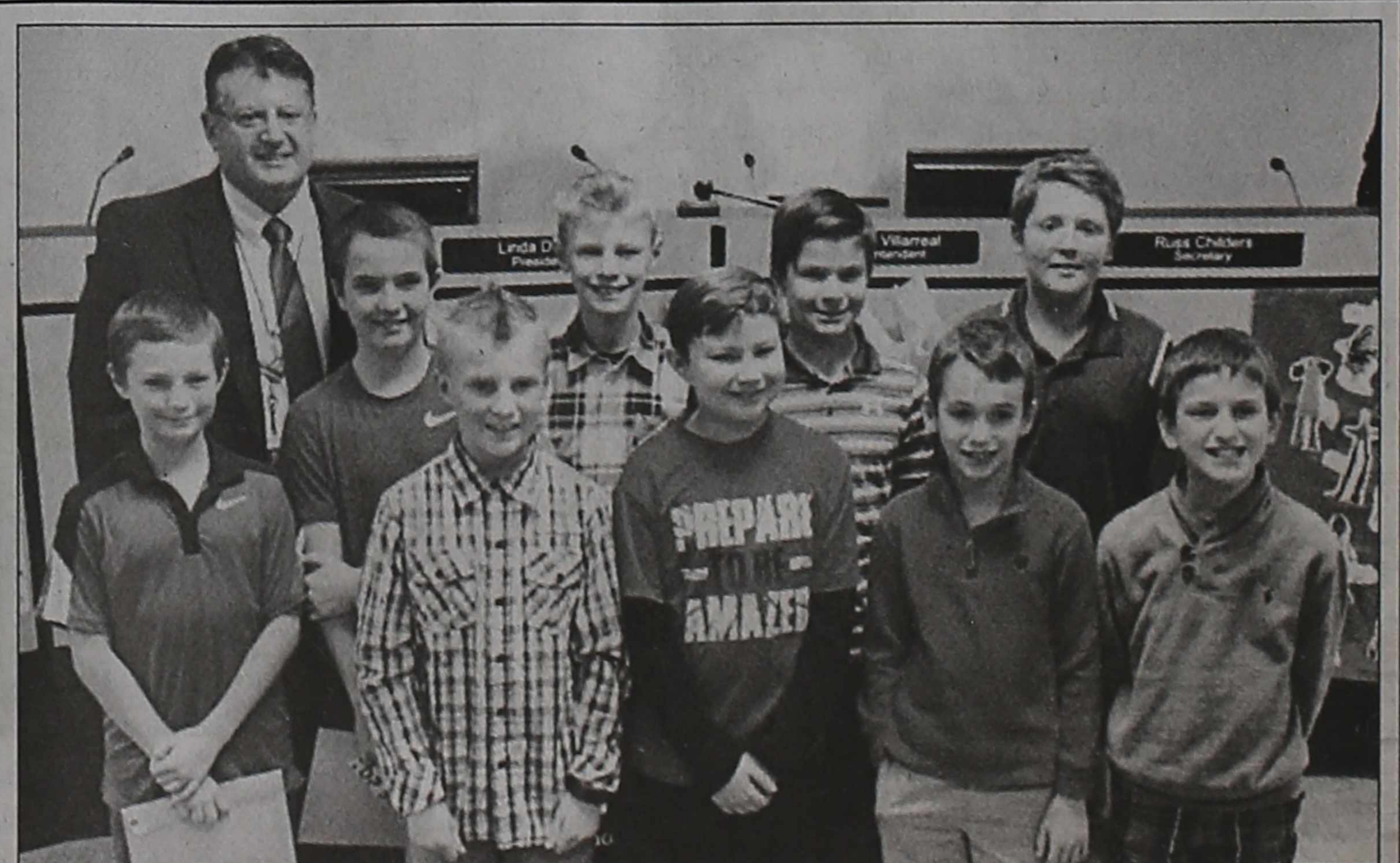
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TEXAS CROSSWORD

by Charley & Guy Orbison
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<p>ACROSS</p> <p>1 TX Roy Orbison was a _____ artist</p> <p>5 this TX Ted is a U.S. Senator</p> <p>6 Monte _____ TX</p> <p>7 it's attached to a horse's bit</p> <p>8 water-into-wine site</p> <p>9 ag community in Comanche County school subj.</p> <p>16 in Walker County on I-45</p> <p>20 TXism: "sure _____ shootin'"</p> <p>21 steak order</p> <p>22 Mexican dish with a corn husk</p> <p>23 SeaWorld San Antonio once had _____ Harbor</p> <p>28 ACU housing</p> <p>29 TXism: "pay _____ never mind"</p> <p>30 leag. for Astros and Rangers</p> <p>31 TXism: "nervous as a long-tailed _____ full of rocking chairs"</p> <p>33 TXism: "neon light _____ (inspiration)"</p> <p>34 TX pest: fire _____</p> <p>35 TX Barbara Mandrell sang "I _____ to Be Right"</p> <p>36 one who digs up weeds</p> <p>37 this Dishman was a CB for the old Houston Oilers</p> <p>38 deserving praise</p> <p>40 South American raccoonlike critter</p> <p>41 _____ Ross State University</p> <p>42 luxury car: _____-Royce</p> <p>43 Gulf sailors</p> <p>44 Harris in TX-filmed "Places in the Heart"</p> <p>45 foot digit</p> <p>46 LBJ: "Ma _____ Murkins"</p> <p>47 TX Sissy Spacek film: "_____ Are Blue"</p> <p>49 TX energy corporation of 2001 scandal</p> <p>50 TXism: "you're pouring gasoline _____ fire"</p> <p>51 TX Willie sang "She's _____ For You"</p> <p>52 Hobby arrival info.</p> <p>DOWN</p> <p>1 TXism: "_____ cater with a bank balance"</p> <p>2 New _____, LA sealing with liquid clay</p> <p>4 Crockett County seat</p> <p>9 microbe</p> <p>10 this German-born Blat played 4 years for the Mavericks</p> <p>11 dir. from Azle to Dublin</p> <p>12 British patterned cloth: _____-sall</p> <p>13 President Trump's first wife</p> <p>14 in Somervell County on FM 200</p> <p>15 Yu Darvish stat former name of Music Business Assoc.</p> <p>16 quartz found only in Llano County</p> <p>17 TX George H.W. and this Boris signed START II in 1993</p> <p>21 this can kill your grass or plants in summer (2 wds.)</p> <p>23 TX B-western actor, Sunset (init.)</p> <p>24 TX Trini sang "If I _____ a Hammer"</p> <p>25 smallest unit of matter</p> <p>26 these exist in TX mainly for shale excavation</p> <p>27 a sizeable part of TX legend?</p> <p>28 giverto charity</p> <p>29 "Beware the _____ of March"</p> <p>32 TXism: "rue _____ (child)"</p> <p>33 poker debts</p> <p>34 former Austin event: "Spam _____"</p> <p>36 ace in golf (3 wds.)</p> <p>37 TXism: "hot as a bed of mesquite _____"</p> <p>39 "_____ Lucy"</p> <p>40 prehistoric stone or bronze tool</p> <p>43 "as _____ on TV"</p> <p>46 TXism: "strong enough to _____ horsehoe" (coffee)</p> <p>48 "Believe it _____"</p>		<p>1 2 3 4</p> <p>5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15</p> <p>16 17 18 19</p> <p>20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30</p> <p>31 32 33 34 35 36 37 38 39 40</p> <p>41 42 43 44 45 46 47 48 49</p> <p>50 51 52</p> <p style="text-align: right;">P-1313</p>
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Students from Springer and Shannon elementary schools recently were recognized for winning the Stock Market Game at the Jan. 17 school board meeting. Shannon students Cade Murdick and Nicolas Fuentes placed first in the Elementary Division, and Springer's Braden Ahrens, Ryan Axum and Cody Bostik placed second. Springer placed first in the Middle School Division with Logan Kuntz, Gage Crites, Reese Ahrens and J.D. Webb. Pictured at front, from the left, are Kuntz, Braden Ahrens, Axum, Murdick and Fuentes. At back are John Villarreal, superintendent; Crites; Reese Ahrens; Webb; and Bostik.

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On God's Word

by Timothy W. Burnett

Comparing John the prophet with Jesus the Messiah ...

One fascinating comparative study in rightly dividing God's word relates to the holy spirit in John and Jesus.

John was the prophet who prepared many people of Israel for Jesus, the Messiah.

He was highly spoken of through the region. It says in Matthew 5:5-6, "Then went out to him Jerusalem, and all Judaea, an all the region round about Jordan, and were baptized of him in Jordan, confessing their sins."

What happened for John to be a strong and meek prophet of God? He was filled with holy spirit while in his mother's womb. Recall what occurred when Elizabeth and Mary first greeted each other.

Elizabeth said that her baby leapt in her womb, and next she started prophesying by the spirit. Two important things occurred: his Mom was filled with holy spirit and able to prophecy, and he was also filled with holy spirit while in her womb. There can be no doubting that John was raised perfectly by his parents and was taught by the spirit from a very early age.

Now for the perfectly hard news. Mary was not filled with holy spirit and Jesus was first anointed with holy spirit when baptized by his cousin John the prophet.

What? You'd think that between the two, Jesus would have had holy spirit in him from birth. It's a nice thought -- but doesn't match the Gospel accounts of Matthew and Luke.

Read the first record of Jesus being anointed, "Then came Jesus from Galilee to Jordan unto John, to be baptized of him. But John forbade him, saying, 'I have need to be baptized of you, and you come to me?' And Jesus answered, 'Suffer it to be so now: for thus it becomes us to fulfil all righteousness'" (Matthew 3:13-15).

It goes on to describe John baptizing Jesus, who when he came out of the water, he saw the spirit of God descending like a dove, and lighting on him." The next verse says, "Then Jesus was led up by the spirit into the wilderness ..." The dove symbolized the holy spirit.

Luke provides another piece of this dynamic puzzle, "And the child grew, and waxed strong in spirit, filled with wisdom, and the grace of God was upon him" (Luke 2:40).

According to Greek-English Lexicons and Bullinger's notes in the KJV Companion Bible, the term "in spirit" was not in the ancient Greek texts. It was added later by the KJV writers.

With this in mind, the verse reads, "And the child grew, and waxed strong, filled with wisdom ..." This fits perfectly with Luke's account of Jesus at around 12 years of age, when he was found by his parents sitting with the teachers and astounding everyone with his questions and answers (See Luke 2:41-47). He learned of wisdom and grace.

Let's read what it says about John, "And the child grew, and waxed strong in spirit, and was in the deserts til the day of his showing unto Israel" (Luke 1:80). In this verse, the term "in spirit" was in the ancient texts. The spirit must only refer to holy spirit from God.

The second part tells an amazing true story. The child grew... and the child waxed strong ... and the child was in the deserts until the time of his inauguration unto Israel. God truly taught John from a very early age, preparing many for the coming Messiah from God.



The Rockwall Soroptimists recently presented five head-of-household mothers with Live Your Dream Awards to assist them in continuing their educations. Judy Canterbury, second from left, is the chair of the organization's Live Your Dream Committee that selected the women from applicants. Pictured from the left are Makayla Moody, Canterbury, Angel McCoy, Stephanie West, Darcy Price and Brandi Flanagan. Each recipient received a \$1,000 check, certificate and rose. The funds can be used to help offset costs associated with efforts to attain higher education or additional skills and training. Moody's application was selected to advance to the organization's South Central Region competition where she could receive an additional \$5,000. The program culminates at the federation level, with three finalists receiving \$10,000 each. The local awards are presented annually with funds raised from the Rockwall Country Fair, which this year is set for June 10.

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Opinions

Economic ideas: Karl Marx's misconceptions about man and markets

by Richard M. Ebeling

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Though it may seem strange, Karl Marx was not always a communist. As late as 1842, when Marx was in his mid-20s, he actually said he opposed any attempt to establish a communist system. In October 1842, he became editor of the Rheinische Zeitung [the Rhineland Times], and wrote in an editorial:

The Rheinische Zeitung . . . does not admit that communist ideas in their present form possess even theoretical reality, and therefore can still less desire their practical realization, or even consider it possible.

In 1843, Marx was forced to resign his editorship because of political pressure from the Prussian government, and ended up moving to Paris. It was in Paris that he met his future lifelong collaborator, Friedrich Engels (who already was a socialist), and began his deeper study of socialism and communism, leading to his full "conversion" to the collectivist ideal.

Feuerbach and the Worship of Man Perfected

From his student days in Berlin, two German philosophers left their imprint upon Marx: George Hegel (1770-1831) and Ludwig Feuerbach (1804-1872). From Hegel, Marx learned the theory of "dialectics" and the idea of historical progress to universal improvement. From Feuerbach, Marx accepted the idea of man "perfected." Feuerbach had argued that rather than worshiping a non-existing supernatural being – God – man should worship himself.

The "true" religion of the future should, therefore, be the Worship of Mankind, and that man "perfected" would be changed from a being focused on and guided by his own self-interest to one who was totally altruistic, that is, concerned only with the betterment of and service to Mankind, as a whole, rather than only himself.

Marx took Feuerbach's notion of man "perfected," and developed what he considered to be the essential characteristics of such a developed human nature. There were three elements to such a perfected human being, Marx argued:

First, the Potential for "Autonomous Action." This is action undertaken by a man only out of desire or enjoyment, not out of necessity. If a man works at a blacksmith's forge out of a desire to creatively exercise his faculties in molding metal into some artistic form, this is free or "autonomous action." If a man works at the forge because unless he makes a plow to plant a crop he will starve, he is acting under a "compulsion" or a "constraint."

Second, the Potential for "Societal Orientation." Only man, Marx argued, can reflect on and direct his conscious actions to improving the "community" of which he is a part, and which nourishes his own capacity for personal development. When man associates with others only out of self-interest, he denies his true "social" self. Thus, egoism is "unworthy" of a developed human being.

And, third, the Potential for "Aesthetic Appreciation." This is when man values things only for themselves; for example, "nature for nature's sake," or "art for art's sake." To view things, Marx claimed, only from the perspective of how something might be used to improve an individual's personal circumstance is a debasement of the "truly" aesthetic value in things.

Capitalism Keeps Man from Perfection

Feuerbach believed man was "alienated" from himself when he was not "other-oriented." To change from self-interest to altruism was mostly a state of mind that man could change within himself, Feuerbach argued. Marx insisted that the problem of "alienation" was not due to a person's "state of mind," but was conditioned by the "objective" institutional circumstances under which men lived.

That is, the political, social, and economic institutions made man what he is. Change the social order, and man would be changed. "Capitalism," Marx declared, was the source of man's alienation from his "true" self and his human potential. How did this "alienation" manifest itself?

First, there is the Stifling of Autonomous Action. In the marketplace, forces "outside" the control of the individual determine what is produced and how it is produced. The individual "reacts" to the market, he does not control it. Thus, market forces are external constraints on man. He responds to the market out of "necessity," not out of free desire.

Furthermore, to enhance production and productivity, man is "forced" to participate in a division of labor to earn a living that makes him an "appendage" to a machine, a "slave" to the machines owned by the "capitalists" for whom he is "compelled" to work.

Second, there is Diminished Other-Orientedness. In the market, the individual sees others only as means to his material ends; he trades with others to get from others that which he wants in pursuit of his own self-interest. Work is not considered a communal "cooperative" process, but an antagonistic relationship between what the individual wants and what is wanted by the one with whom he trades.

Third, there is Limited Aesthetic Appreciation. In the market, people look upon nature, resources, and the creations of man not as things in themselves to be intrinsically valued, but as marketable objects – as means – to personal ends. Acquisition of things – possessiveness – becomes the primary goal of economic activity for making a living.

Communism's Liberation of Constrained Man

Communism, through collective planning, would make work an "autonomous" act, rather than "constrained action." When democratically regulated by the workers as a whole, Marx asserted, collective planning would emerge from the desires of all the members of society as their communal choice and consent. It would be consciously planned and directed through the participation of all the members of society, thus generating an "other-oriented" sense of a "common good" for which all worked.

No one would any longer be forced and constrained to do what another made them do in the division of labor. Indeed, communism would free men from the "tyranny" of specialization. In Marx's words, from *The German Ideology* (1845):

In communist society, where nobody has one exclusive sphere of activity but each can become accomplished in any branch he wishes, society regulates the general production and thus makes it possible for me to do one thing today and another tomorrow; to hunt in the morning, fish in the afternoon, rear cattle in the evening, criticize after dinner, just as I have a mind.

In this new communist world, no one will have to work at anything he did not like or did not want to do. In addition, under communal planning, production would rise to such a height of productivity, that the work day would be shortened to the point that each person's time would be free to do only the things he enjoyed doing.

Communism would also enhance social consciousness and other-orientedness. All that was communally produced would be distributed on the basis of "need" or "want." No longer would scarcity impose constraints on man's desires. As a result, the urge for "possessiveness" and acquisition of "things" would diminish and finally disappear. Selfishness would be eliminated as a human trait.

Others would no longer be viewed as "competitors" for scarce things, but as social collaborators for attaining "higher" ends of social importance. Altruism would become the dominant trait in man.

In addition, communism would result in the flowering of aesthetic appreciation.

Man would not create so he could earn a living, but for the pleasure of the doing, itself. Work would not be a source of "alienation," but an activity reflecting the free – the "autonomous" – desires of man for the "beautiful."

Communism would liberate man in all ways and all things, said Marx:

With a communist organization of society, there disappears the subordination . . . of the individual to some definite art, making him exclusively a painter, a sculptor, etc. . . . In a communist society, there are no longer painters, but only people who engage in painting among other activities.

With the end to capitalism and the arrival of communism, there would come a heaven on earth. There would be enough of everything for all. Man would be freed from working for survival; he would be unchained from the division of labor; he would be liberated to follow whatever gave his heart pleasure. With Communism, man becomes like God – free and powerful to do whatever he wants.

Marx's Denial of Self-Oriented Human Nature

Let me suggest that what Marx was objecting to – revolting against – was human nature and the existence of scarcity. Man can never escape from or get outside of being an individual "ego." We exist as individual human beings; we think, remember, imagine, choose and act as distinct and unique individual men and women.

Our experiences are our experiences; our thoughts and beliefs are our reflections and ideas; our judgments and valuations are our estimates and rankings of things of importance to us. Even when we try to put ourselves in another person's shoes, to try to sympathize, empathize, and understand the meanings, experiences and actions of others, it is from our perspective and state-of-mind that we attempt any interpretive understanding and appreciation of others.

It is the individuality of the person in these and other facets of our distinct nature and character as conscious, conceptualizing creatures that make for the unique differences and diversities of our minds as self-oriented human beings. This is the source of the creativity and plethora of possibilities that can and have emerged from seeing the world in the distinct and different ways that self-oriented and self-experiencing people can and do when pursuing their own improvement, as they consider most advantageous for themselves and others they "selfishly" care about in an institutional setting of peaceful and voluntary market association.

Marx's Denial of the Reality of Scarcity

Marx also objects to the reality of the necessity to have to produce in order to consume, to have to view one's own labor as a means to various ends – rather than all that we want being provided somehow, and our labor being "free" to be used as a pleasurable end in itself.

Likewise, he revolts against men viewing each other as means to their respective ends that they desire to achieve – rather than human relationships being a "club" in which all get together and freely associate for "good times," with no concern for how or who provides

the things without which good times cannot occur.

Nor can he abide men looking upon nature and man-made objects as the means or tools to producing the necessities, amenities, and luxuries of life – with the assignment of a "money value" to a house, or a work of art, or a waterfall, or a sculpture being "dehumanizing" for Marx.

However, the only reason such things are given values by people in society is because they are wanted but also scarce, and because the means to achieve them are scarce as well; as a consequence, we must decide what we consider to be more or less valuable and important to us, since all that we would like to have cannot be simultaneously fulfilled at the same time.

Marx's hatred for the division of labor is an outgrowth of this worldview. Man is seen as somehow less than whole by specializing in a task and selling both his labor and his fraction of the total output of some commodity to further the achievement of ends and goals that he considers more important than what he has to give up to get them.

Marx's Misconception of Action and Choice

The entire Marxian conception of man, society, and happiness can be conceived, therefore, as a flight from reality. It can be seen in Marx's distinction between "autonomous action" and capitalist "choices."

"Action" is, in fact, nothing more than choice manifested: We undertake courses of action only after we have decided what it is we wish to do; that is, which among the alternatives available to us shall we try to bring about, and which shall be set aside for a day or forever because not everything we desire can be had due to the constraints of nature and existence other human beings.

Marx talks of people fishing in the morning and hunting in the afternoon – does that not mean that the person's time is scarce? Is he not "frustrated" that he cannot do both at the same time, or be in two places at once?

If every man is to be "autonomously free" to hunt and fish whenever and to whatever extent he desires, what happens when the various members of the community wish to kill the forest animals or catch the fish at such a rate that they are threatened with extinction? Or what if several people all want to fish from the same place along the river or lake bank at the same time, or from the same "cover" position while out hunting?

Marx might say that a "societal orientation" on the part of everyone would result in some form of "comradely" compromise. But is that not just other language for "mutual agreements," and "trade-offs" and "exchanges" concerning the use and disposal over scarce resources – the disposition of the communal property rights among the members of society?

But there is no certainty that all of the members of such a society will always like the communally agreed outcomes, with some of them considering themselves "exploited" for the benefit of others who have out-voted them. And, therefore, they may be "alienated" from their fellow men and from nature even in the communist paradise to come.

Nor can there simply be the idea of art for art's sake, or nature for nature's sake.

Resources for art and gifts of nature (unless cultivated to expand them) are always limited. The use of forests for primitive contemplation versus industrial use versus residential housing would still have to be made in Marx's magical communist society. And, certainly, not everyone in the bright, beautiful communist society may agree or like the decisions that a majority of others in the blissful societal commune make about such things.

The paint for the artist's pallet is not in infinite supply, with some art having to be forgone so other art might be pursued; or with the ingredients going into the manufacture of paints being used for other things. To assume that men would never conflict over how to dispose of these things is to escape into a complete fantasyland.

Also, it is a physical and psychological fact that men differ in their relative capacities and inclinations in terms of various tasks needing to be performed. It is a physical and psychological fact that men tend to be more productive when they specialize in a small range of tasks as opposed to trying to be a "jack-of-all-trades."

As a result, the division of labor raises both the productivity and the total production of a community of men; standards of living rise, leisure time can be expanded, and more variety and quality of goods can be produced.

Indeed, it has been free market capitalism that has provided humanity over the last two hundred years with that actual relative horn-of-plenty wherever a fairly free rein has existed for self-interested individual action in pursuit of profit in associative relationships of specialization based on peaceful use of private property.

Capitalism has been the great liberator of ever more of mankind from poverty, want, and worry. It has freed people from the hardship and drudgery of often life-threatening forms of work. The free market has shortened the hours of work needed to generate levels of material and cultural comfort for a growing number of humanity, and provided the longer, healthier lives and increased leisure time for people to enjoy the wealth that economic freedom has made possible.

The "de-alienation" of man from his everyday existence, in the sense that Marx talked about it, has also, in fact, been brought about through the achievements of capitalism. Relieving more and more of mankind from the concerns of mere survival and subsistence through the capital accumulation and profit-oriented production that has raised the productivity of all those who work and expanded the available supply of useful goods and services, the free market has enabled people to have the means to fulfill more of the enjoyments and meanings of life as ends in themselves.

Furthermore, as Austrian economist, F. A. Hayek, and others have pointed out, the advantage of the free market system is precisely that it does not require all of the members of the society to agree upon and share the same hierarchy of goals, ends and values. Each individual, under competitive capitalism, is at liberty to select and follow their own purposes and pursue happiness in their own way. Using each other as the voluntary means to their, respective, ends in the arena of peaceful market exchange allows a much larger diversity of outcomes reflecting the differences among people than if one central plan needs to be imposed on all in the name of the interests of a collectivist community, as a whole.

Marx's flight from reality, on the other hand, was the wish to have all that capitalism, division of labor, and competitive exchange can produce, but without the cost of work, discipline, specialization, and selecting among alternatives. It is like the cry of the child who refuses to accept the fact he cannot have everything he wants, right there and then. And, instead, expects someone or something to provide it to him and everyone else, somehow, in a blissful fairyland of material plenty.

From the book, *Manifesto of the Communist Party (1848)*

Readers are invited to ponder on when communism first started being implemented in the United States; what phases of the communist revolution has been imposed on free Americans and their businesses in the United States of America; what federal and state agencies might be communist arms of the respective government bodies; and who were/are the real communists in the United States.

by Karl Marx and Federick Engels

"The proletariat will use its political supremacy to wrest, by degree, all capital from the bourgeoisie, to centralize all instruments of production in the hands of the state, i.e., of the proletariat organized as the ruling class; and to increase the total productive forces as rapidly as possible.

Of course, in the beginning, this cannot be effected except by means of despotic inroads on the rights of property, and on the conditions of bourgeois production; by means of measures, therefore, which appear economically insufficient and untenable, but which, in the course of the movement, outstrip themselves, necessitate further inroads upon the old social order, and are unavoidable as a means of entirely revolutionizing the mode of production.

These measures will, of course, be different in different countries. Nevertheless, in most advanced countries, the following will be pretty generally applicable.

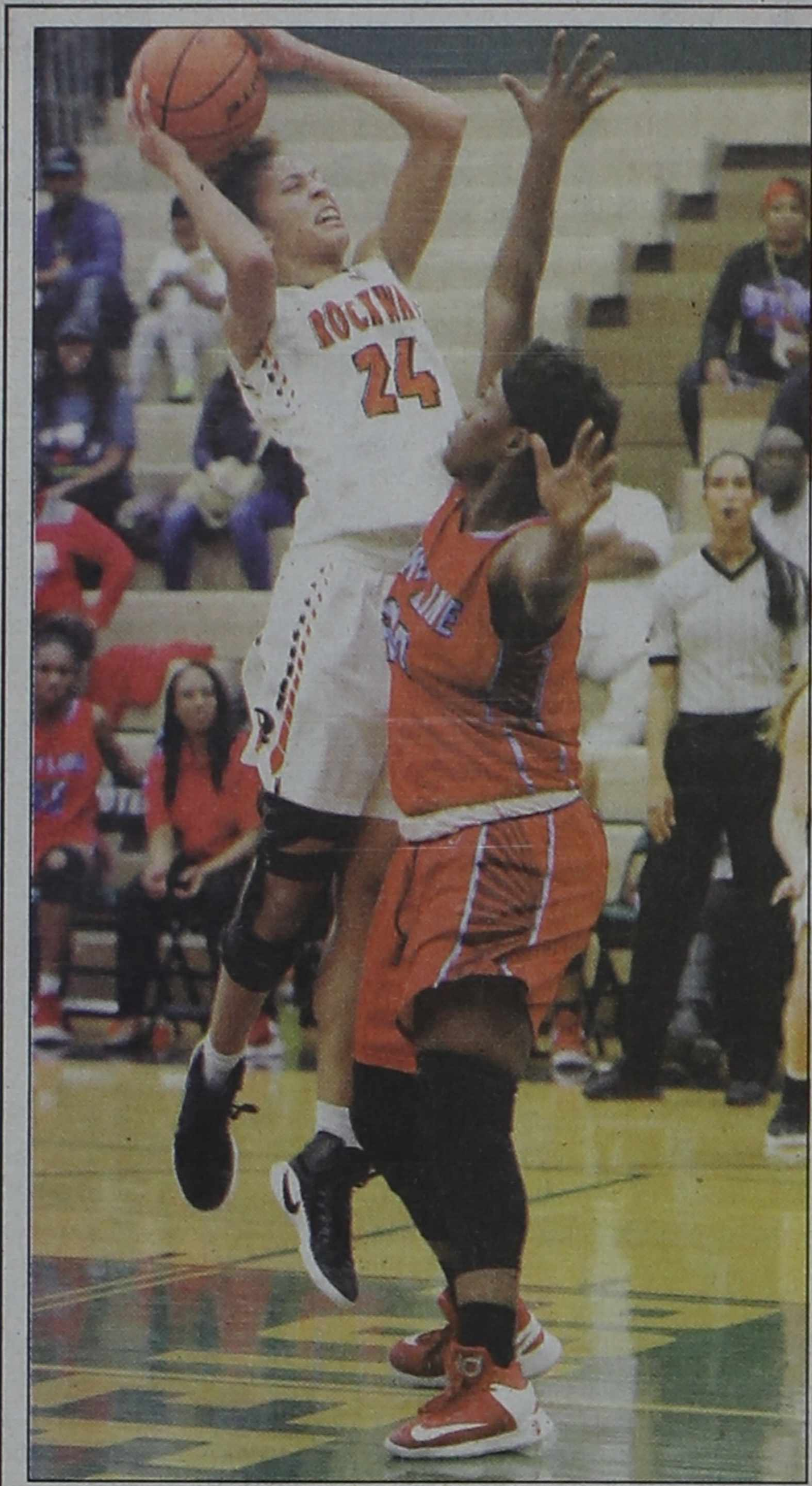
1. Abolition of property in land and application of all rents of land to public purposes.

2. A heavy progressive or graduated income tax.
3. Abolition of all rights of inheritance.
4. Confiscation of the property of all emigrants and rebels.
5. Centralization of credit in the banks of the state, by means of a national bank with state capital and an exclusive monopoly.
6. Centralization of the means of communication and transport in the hands of the state.
7. Extension of factories and instruments of production owned by the state; the bringing into cultivation of waste lands, and the improvement of the soil generally in accordance with a common plan.
8. Equal obligation of all to work. Establishment of industrial armies, especially for agriculture.
9. Combination of agriculture with manufacturing industries; gradual abolition of all the distinction between town and country by a more equitable distribution of the population over the country.
10. Free education for all children in public schools. Abolition of children's factory labor in its present form. Combination of education with industrial production, etc.

When, in the course of development, class distinctions have disappeared, and all production has been concentrated in the hands of a vast association of the whole nation, the public power will lose its political character. Political power, properly so called, is merely the organized power of one class for oppressing another."

Yellowjackets approach district 11-6A action with 9-2 record

The Rockwall Yellowjackets varsity baseball team pushed its overall record to 9-2 after finishing the Georgetown Tournament with one loss to Missions Veterans Memorial 2-1, out of six games in the tournament.



Lady Jackets Faith Mason-Vestal (Fr) stretches for a shot against a Skyline defender, Tuesday, Feb. 21, 2017, during the UIL Region 2 Quarterfinals round of playoffs at Mesquite Potet.

Photo by Tresa Thornton/Rockwall County News

On Thursday, Feb. 23, 2017, the Jackets defeated Dripping Springs 5-3 during an afternoon game with Diego Muniz playing 5 innings logging 8 Strikeouts, 17 First-Pitch Strikes, and Andrew Hutchings pitching 2 innings with 2 Strikeouts.

With Brooks Helmer on the mound, Thursday night, Rockwall rolled over Georgetown East View 11-1. Helmer pitched 5 innings with 5 Strikeouts and 6 First-Strike Pitches.

Friday morning, the Jackets defeated Amarillo Randall 6-5, with Justin Childers pitching into the seventh inning, and Hutchings finishing the game. Childers pitched 5 Strikeouts and 22 FPS.

Friday afternoon, the Jackets continued the tournament winning streak with a 7-6 win over Lubbock Monterey. Taking the mound for Rockwall was Will Frizzell who pitched 2 SO and 17 FPS. Chase Hux finished the game logging 2 SO.

Missions held Rockwall to 1 point, Saturday morning, while Jackets pitcher Tyler Stone allowed 2 points, with 7 SO and 9 FPS. Trace Stephenson finished the seventh inning with 1 SO and 6 FPS.

The Jackets followed with a late morning game and finished the tournament with a 3-2 win against Cedar Park. Stephenson pitched into the sixth inning with 4 SO and 15 FPS. Hux also logged 3 FPS, and Austin Gober got 1 SO.

In other non-District scores, the Jackets started the season Feb. 6, with a 15-13 loss to Plano HS. Rockwall went on to defeat Royce City 15-4, Plano East 16-6, Allen 13-6, and Naaman Forest 14-4.

The Yellowjackets will play March 2-4 in the Jesuit Classic Tournament.

Rockwall-Heath baseball

Rockwall-Heath Hawks secured an 8-5 win over The Woodlands College Park, Thurs. Feb. 23, 2017, at Georgetown Tournament. Reece Gustafson played 4 Innings and logged 4 Strike-Outs and 17

Lady Jackets finish season with loss to Dallas Skyline

The Rockwall High School Lady Jackets varsity basketball team ended their Regional Championship bid, Tuesday, Feb. 21, 2017, with a close 43-45 loss to Dallas Skyline at Mesquite Potet HS.

The Lady Jackets ended the 2017 season 22-10 overall and 11-3 in District.

In UIL All District 11-6A Honors, Jordan Mathis was named Defensive Most Valuable Player.

Making the All District First Team were Mya Culiver and Alena Johnston.

Haley Hicks and Faith Mason-Vestal were named Second Team All District.

Drewery was named Honorable Mention.

First-Pitch Strikes. Cole Stilwell played 3 Innings with 1 SO and 2 FPS.

Later on Thurs., the Hawks dominated Georgetown with a 9-4 win. Chandler Mauldin pitched 6 innings with 1 SO and 15 FPS. Michael Moore pitched 1 inning.

Following a loss to Midway on Fri. afternoon, the Hawks returned to the field that night to beat Missions Veterans Memorial 8-7, with Clay Finnegan on the mound into the fifth inning throwing 1 SO and 23 FPS. Moore finished the last inning.

The Hawks were unable to hold Canyon Randall in an 8-4 loss Saturday morning, as Josh Thurman stayed on the mound into the fifth inning with 3 SO and 22 FPS. Luke Greenhill finished the last inning.

Lubbock Monterey hit a roadblock against the Hawks who won the 11:30 a.m. game 8-1 to finish with a 4-2 tournament record. Ryan Robertson pitched 5 innings to include 1 SO and 7 FPS. Greenhill pitched 2 innings with 1 SO.

The Hawks are set to start Thurs. March 2, in the Collin County Invitational, :40 p.m., against Byron Nelson.

Royce City

During the Royce City Tournament, the host Bulldogs won 4 of 6 games, Feb. 23-25 at the home field. Landon Roberts finished the game with 9 FPS.

Thursday morning, the Bulldogs defeated Duncanville 8-6 with William Sowden pitching into the third inning logging 3 SO and 7 FPS.

Thursday night, Royce City shut out Tyler 20-0 with Hunter Tullis starting on the mound during the first 3 innings logging 9 FPS. Dawson Parker logged 2 SO while on the mound. Prior to the game, the Bulldogs honored 2012 graduate Taylor Hearn by retiring his jersey. Hearn went on to play baseball at Oklahoma Baptist University. Following college graduation, the Royce City alumnus accepted a contract to play for the West Virginia Power, a farm team for the Pittsburgh Pirates.

Friday morning, the Bulldogs fell to Melissa 8-2, with Canton Long 3 innings, logging 4 SO and 7 FPS. Kelton Ward also pitched during the game.

The Bulldogs came back, Friday night, to roll over Eastern Hills 23-0 with Jeremy Beavers pitching the first 3 innings and logging 5 SO and 6 FPS.

Saturday afternoon, Royce City played another strong game defeating Addison Trinity Christian 16-4, with Dillon Carter pitching into the second inning earning 1 SO and 15 FPS. Sowden earned 5 FPS.

The Bulldogs shut out Kaufman 8-0, Saturday afternoon, with Drayton Harris pitching 7 innings and recording 4 SO and 19 FPS.

Royce City is scheduled March 2-4 to compete in the Mesquite Tournament.

Rockwall-Heath women's gymnastics take second at Highland Park Invitational

The Rockwall-Heath Lady Hawk gymnastics team placed second out of six teams with a team score of 109.3 at the Highland Park Invitational.

According to Coach Jennifer Holden, Spencer Ware placed 3rd AA 36.25, 1st on vault 9.7 and floor 9.6, & 4th on uneven bars 8.85.

Mickey Hughes placed 1st on floor 9.6 and 6th vault 9.0.

Bailey Daulong placed 4th AA 36.00, 2nd vault 9.6, 5th beam 8.9, 6th uneven bars 8.3, 7th floor 9.2.

Peyton Moody placed 5th AA 34.50 and uneven bars 8.6, and 3rd floor 9.5.

Julia Shallow placed 3rd on beam 9.0 and 9th floor 9.0.

Alexis Spicer placed 6th AA 34.25, 5th Vault 9.15 and Floor 9.4.

Haley Gibson placed 6th in AA 34.25, 10th vault 8.65, 8th uneven bars 8.1, and 9th floor 9.0.

Gillian Rupert placed 9th vault 8.7.

Other Outstanding performances by Corinne Moody and Fernanda Ramos.

The team's next meet will be March 9 against Highland Park in RHHS Gymnastics Gym located in the indoor facility. The meet will include Senior recognition ceremony.

The Cain Middle School Lady Mustang gymnastics team competed against Utley MS, Monday, Feb. 13, 2017.

The Cain level 4 team placed first, and level 5 tied for first.

The next meet will be held February 28 at Brandenburg MS. The Middle School District Championships are set for Wed. March 8, at Rockwall HS.

Level 5 individual results

Rachel Schnieder placed 1st in the all-around 36.2, 2nd on floor 9.6, 3rd on uneven bars 9.0, 5th on balance beam 9.0 and 4th on vault 8.6

Berkley Ramos placed 2nd in the all-around 36.1, 1st on vault 9.0, 2nd on beam 9.4, 3rd on floor 9.3 and 7th on uneven bars 8.4

Jayne Reese placed 4th in the all-around 35.9, 2nd on even bars 9.2, 5th on balance beam 9 and on floor 9.2, and 6th on vault 8.5

Marissa Weadon placed 6th in the all-around 34.6, 2nd on beam 9.4, 5th on uneven bars 8.8, 6th on floor 8.2, and 7th on vault 8.2

Kate Achacoso placed 8th in the all-around 30.85, on vault 7.65, and on floor 8.0, and 9th on uneven bars 7.2 and beam 8.0

Level 4 individual results

Kate Seifer placed 1st in the all-around 30.0, 2nd on vault 7.5 and uneven bars 7.0, 3rd on beam 8.0, and 5th on floor 7.5.

Baylee Perez placed 3rd in the all-around 24.55, 1st on beam 8.7 and on floor 9.25, and 9th on vault 6.6

Erica Salas placed 2nd in the all-around 28.7, 1st on vault 7.7, 4th on uneven bars 5.0 and beam 7.9, and 3rd on floor 8.2

Maddie Wallace placed 5th in the all-around 15.8, 5th on vault 7.0, 6th on uneven bars, and 10th on floor.

Ally Casstevens 7th on 6.8 and 8th on vault 6.8.

Madison James placed 5th on Uneven Bars and 6th on floor.

Bella Macaluso placed 8th on Beam and 11 on floor.

Royce City

On Fri. Feb. 24, the Lady Bulldogs stormed over Skyline 23-3 at home.

Abby Thomas started on the mound and pitched 2 innings with 6 SO and 4 FPS.

Ashlyn Williams took the mound later to throw 3 SO and 5 FPS.

The Lady Bulldogs are scheduled to play, March 2-4, in the Canton ISD Invitational.

On Tuesday, March 7, Royce City will travel to play against West Mesquite.

Rockwall County softball update ...

Rockwall-Heath

Following their 10-3 loss to Plano East, Tue., Feb. 21, 2017, the Rockwall-Heath Lady Hawks varsity softball secured a six game winning streak during the Southlake Tournament.

Starting Thur., Feb. 23, the Lady Hawks took on Grapevine for a 13-10 win, with Cami Duffey starting on the mound for 10 First Pitch Strikes. Emily Clark also pitched the game logging 1 Strikeout and 11 FPS.

Thursday night, Rockwall-Heath shut out Southlake Carroll 4-0, as Duffey pitched 6 innings recording 7 SO and 14 FPS.

The Lady Hawks returned Fri., noon, to defeat Bryan Rudder 6-1 with Duffey carrying the team for 6 innings, 6 SO and 18 FPS.

Friday afternoon, the Lady Hawks recorded a dominating 14-3 win over Mansfield Legacy. Duffey pitched 4 innings and logged 4 SO, 13 FPS.

A&M Consolidated held the Heath team to a 1-0 win, Saturday morning, as Duffey pitched 5 innings with 3 SO and 11 FPS.

The Lady Hawks finished tournament play, Saturday afternoon, with a 4-3 win over Birdville. Duffey pitched 4 innings with 2 SO and 11 FPS.

The Lady Hawks started District play Tue., Feb. 28, at home against Tyler Lee. They are scheduled to play Tue., Feb. 7 at Rockwall.

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