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Kenedy Matthews is shown in a rehearsal for the Rockwall Community Playhouse's "Once Upon a Mattress," a family-friendly musical comedy that will run July 17-19, 24-26 and 31 and Aug. 1-2. Friday and Saturday shows will be at 8 p.m.; Sunday matinee performances will begin at 2 p.m. Tickets are available online at rockwallcommunityplayhouse.org, by calling 972-722-3399 or at the box office 30 minutes prior to show time. The theater is located two blocks off the square in downtown Rockwall at 609 E. Rusk.
Courtesy photo/Rockwall County News

Riggs tapped as new Rockwall police chief

Assistant Chief of Police Kirk Riggs has been selected as the new leader of the Rockwall Police Department, according to a news release issued late Tuesday, July 14.

Riggs will replace Chief Mark Moeller, who is retiring after 13 years of service to Rockwall and a 38-year career in law enforcement.

City manager Rick Crowley interviewed several applicants for the position and chose Riggs as the top candidate, according to the news release.

"The Rockwall Police Department is positioned for long-term success with its outstanding officers and civilian support staff," Crowley said in the release. "After an extensive interview process and evaluation of several great candidates, I have selected Chief Riggs as the best choice to lead the department. We look forward to a continuation of the long tradition of providing great services to our citizens that this police department has established."

Riggs has served as assistant chief in Rockwall for more than nine years. Prior to his appointment, he worked for the Farmers Branch Police Department for 25 years, moving through the rank structure to the position of deputy chief.

He holds a Bachelor of Science in management and ethics from Dallas Christian College. He also has also completed management courses sponsored by the Institute for Law Enforcement Administration, the Law Enforcement Management Institute of Texas and the FBI National Academy.

Riggs has been married to his wife, Jean, for the past 23 years. Their son, Campbell, is a junior at Texas State University.

"I want to thank Mr. Crowley for the privilege to lead our excellent department and build on the foundation that Chief Moeller has established in his 13 years of service," Riggs said in the release. "As chief, one of my primary roles is to continue the tradition of the Rockwall Police Department's core value of extraordinary and unquestionable customer service. I'm passionate about our ability to continue to excel in this most critical area of police work. I want to thank my colleagues for their support, and I'm humbled by the opportunity to serve as the next Chief of Police for the City of Rockwall."



Police Chief Kirk Riggs

Community garden planned for Royse City

Several Rotary Club supporters of the community garden project were on hand at the Royse City Planning and Zoning Commission meeting at the Police and Courts Building on Thursday, July 9.

On the agenda as a public hearing, the item was one recommending action regarding a Specific Use Permit (SUP) for the anticipated community garden, which will be located at Block 57, Lot 1 of the McCasland Addition on Plum Street.

Tom Shelton, former president of the Royse City Rotary Club, gave commission members information on the project.

The First United Methodist Church of Royse City and the Rotary Club are working together on this endeavor.

"The church owns the property," Shelton said. "The food bank, called Our Daily Bread Food Pantry, is run by the church and is open Thursdays 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. and serves 25-plus families a week. They receive primarily canned fruits and vegetables. We want to establish this garden so they can have fresh fruits and vegetables, a more healthy aspect to their diet."

"We plan to start with four to five raised beds about 12 inches high and 4'x8' long. We'll just start with a few and see how it works out," he said. "Members of the church, the Rotary and citizens of the community can volunteer to clean the property, create, weed and water the garden, then harvest the food."

Shelton said the need for a water meter and the impact fees that would be charged. If the meter and fees would cost thousands of dollars, then the garden wouldn't be feasible. Those working the garden would just have to run a hose to water the plants.

Shelton also told the board he had seen several towns with the gardens and they had been a great success.

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Eavenson moves up on NSA officers list

Rockwall County Sheriff Harold Eavenson moved from third to second vice-president at the National Sheriff's Association's annual conference conducted last month in Baltimore, Maryland.

Eavenson will be the 76th president of the organization, beginning his presidential service in June 2017, according to a news release from his office. He will be the fifth sheriff from the State of Texas to serve in the post and the first in almost 20 years.

There are approximately 3,088 sheriffs in the U.S. and almost all are elected officials, according to the release.

Eavenson is chairman of the organization's Resolutions Committee and also serves on the Executive Committee, the Immigration and Border Security Committee and the Audit Committee.

He has been chairman of the Technology Committee of the Sheriffs' Association of Texas for the past five years and also served a year on the SAT's Board of Directors, according to the news release.

Sheriff of Rockwall County since January 2001, Eavenson has served in the following roles: president of the Rockwall County Republican Men's Club, 2014, and member since 2001; four years on the YMCA's Board of Directors; one year in CASA; mentor at Rochelle Elementary for four years; and nine years on the Hawkes Scholarship Committee, which now is coordinated by the Rockwall Noon Rotary Club.

Eavenson was recipient of the Ralph M. Hall Chairman's Award in March for "his leadership, courage, vision and for exhibiting drive toward excellence," according to the release.

For the past two years, Eavenson has assisted in the coordination of a fundraising golf tournament for Homes for our Troops, a privately funded nonprofit organization that builds homes for young veterans who have suffered serious multiple injuries, including but not limited to multiple limb amputations in Iraq and Afghanistan. The organization has constructed almost 200 homes in the U.S. The local tournaments have raised about \$13,000 for HFOT.

Eavenson and his wife, Marcia, have been residents of Rockwall since March 1988. They have two adult children, five grandchildren and twin great-granddaughters. They are members of the First Baptist Church in Rockwall.

Rockwall County News Briefs

Locals asked to report illegal discharges

Do your part to help Keep Rockwall's Waterway's Clean by being on the lookout for pollutants that can damage the environment. Those who see any illicit/illegal discharges into area inlets, storm sewers, lakes, creeks and streams should report it by calling 972-772-6791.

Types of illicit/illegal discharges include chlorinated backwash and draining associated with swimming pools, fertilizers, pesticides, lawn/landscape waste, household toxins, industrial discharges, oil, anti-freeze, paint, cleaning fluids, sanitary sewer discharges, septic tank discharges, wash waters from commercial/industrial activities and washing machine discharges.



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Rockwall mosquito abatement underway

City of Rockwall will initiate a comprehensive mosquito abatement program that includes fogging and treatment of stagnant bodies of water with larvicide, according to a news release from the city.

The program will begin July 20 when city crews begin fogging streets between 11 p.m. and 5 a.m. Implementation of the program was undertaken following a recommendation from city health officials, according to the news release.

Unconfirmed cases of West Nile Virus, which can be spread by mosquitos, has been found within the county, according to the release.

To request that a property not be sprayed, call 972-771-7761. Even those with properties that have not been fogged in the past are encouraged to call to ensure the city has updated information.

To report an area of the city where standing stagnant water is present that needs to be treated, email your report to rockwall.com.

University scholastic honors

Farfan listed to President's List

Aubrey Farfan of Royse City was one of the students named to the spring President's List at Southern Arkansas University, according to a news release from the Magnolia, Arkansas, university.

Farfan is a senior general studies major.

He is one of 272 students named to the President's List, according to the news release. To qualify for the list, a student must earn a 4.0 grade-point average for the semester.

Atwell tapped for Dean's List

Aaron Atwell of Royse City was named to the spring Dean's List at Southern Arkansas University, according to a news release from the Magnolia, Arkansas, university.

Atwell, a senior, was one of 333 students named to the Dean's List. To qualify for the list, a student must complete 12 or more semester hours and attain a grade-point average of 3.50 or higher, according to the release.

SFASU names local honorees

Several local residents were among students named to the President's and Dean's lists at Stephen F. Austin State University following the spring semester, according to university news releases.

Named to the President's List were Sheydon Botheras of Fate, a computer science major; Derek Lesinger of Rockwall, a business communication and legal studies major; Amanda Rasbury of Rockwall, an English major; and Adriana Romero of Rockwall, a human services major.

To be eligible for the President's List, a student must be enrolled in 12 or more semester hours and attain a 4.0 grade-point average.

Dean's List honorees included Kierra Tatum of Fate, a human sciences major; Lawrence Moore of

Carney named to OCU Honor Roll

Victoria Carney of Rockwall has been named to the President's Honor Roll for the spring semester at Oklahoma City University, according to a university news release.

Students must complete a minimum of 12 credit hours during a semester and maintain a grade-point average of 3.9 or higher to meet the President's Honor Roll requirements.

The first general meeting of the new year for Friends of the Rockwall County Library, a nonprofit organization, will begin at 11 a.m. Sept. 8 in the Rockwall County Library's Community Room, 1215 E. Yellow Jacket Lane, in Rockwall. Speaker Kathleen Cunningham will discuss The Astaires, Fred & Adele. An optional luncheon will be ordered with reservation; deadline is 5 p.m. on Tuesday prior to the luncheon. Contact Leigh Plagens, 972-771-8976 or cplagens65@aol.com. Payment will be required unless cancellations are made according to the policy. Membership dues are a large part of the FOL's fundraising efforts. To renew a membership or join, pick up a brochure at the library's front desk or lobby, fill it out and submit with a check or visit friendsrockwall.com.
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On God's Word

by Timothy W. Burnett

Speaking in tongues ... receive the spirit Part 4

The phrase "receive the Holy Ghost" is found in the account of Paul's first visit in Ephesus (Ephesians 19:2-6). It helps to start at the beginning of chapter 18.

While in Corinth, Paul met a believing couple named Aquilla and Priscilla. They grew close because Paul lived with them and shared the same trade.

The couple would have heard Paul persuasively reasoning with the Jews and Greeks in the synagogue every sabbath day (verse 4).

Later, the couple came to Ephesus with Paul. They stayed in Ephesus after Paul departed to participate in a special feast in Jerusalem. Paul promised to return (18:18-21).

While Paul was away, a Jew named Apollos came to Ephesus. This man was described as an "eloquent man, and mighty in the scriptures." It says that he was "fervent in the spirit ... speaking and teaching diligently the things of the Lord, knowing only the baptism of John" (verses 24-25).

Guess who God brought in Apollos' life? That's right -- Aquilla and Priscilla. It says that when the couple heard him, "they took him unto them, and expounded unto him the way of God more perfectly."

Imagine a local couple expounding unto a nationally renowned preacher, the way of God more perfectly. What was the way?



Toni Anne Dashiell, Republican national committee-woman from Texas, will be the guest speaker at the annual Women of Influence Tea conducted Saturday, Aug. 15, at Occasions at Stone River in Royse City. Doors will open at 10 a.m., enabling attendees to view silent auction items; the luncheon and program will run from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tickets cost \$30 apiece; table for 10 costs \$300. Final day to purchase tickets/tables is Saturday, Aug. 8. Tickets will not be available at the door. Tickets may be purchased by contacting Tammy Hawkes at 972-989-3103 or Donna Rolater at 972-722-4566. All Republicans are invited to attend.

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Back To The Basics

by B.J. Massey, Rockwall

"Back to the basics!" is the cry And we all say "amen!" Blind runners in a blind man's race Not seeing the condition we're in

Facing backward as we run We've researched and studied, we're fit Bloated with details of the past Guaranteeing we shall repeat it

We steep our hearts and minds In centuries of failure Accepting false goals of centuries past Thus we elude the cure

Tripping, stumbling, falling Through casualties along the way We must not shirk our duty Though it leaves no time to stop and pray

Redrawing the plans for our "Tower of Babel" The solution is quite clear More foundation, a broader base Hurry, let's build it right here

So we build right here upon the sand Of "No, we won't repeat it!" Bound to fail before we start But "There's no way we'll quit!!!"

Thoroughly confused we see clearly We just haven't done our part Complete success waits up ahead If we only redouble our effort

God's ways are higher than our ways But the false god of "man Succeeding" Traps us in this pattern of failure And great heartache it does bring

Repent or repeat the age-old pattern Of "starting at the bottom" Doing our thing upon the sand Building our modern day Sodom

When will we ever repent And turn to follow Christ's Plan Let's start at the top, not the bottom Led by the Spirit, not by man

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Sons of the American Revolution East Fork-Trinity Chapter meets 6:00 p.m., second Thursday each month. 4881 Bass Pro Dr. Garland, Texas. Guests & family welcome. <http://www.txssar.org/EastForkTrinity>.

Rockwall County Kiwanis Club

Meets every Tuesday at noon at the Rockwall Wedding Chapel, and we recently added an evening meeting on the first Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m., also at the Rockwall Wedding Chapel, 203 S. Fannin. For more information call 972-772-6001

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If you are interested in delivering weekday meals to homebound seniors in Rockwall County, we will be holding volunteer training

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Everyone is invited to attend the "SAVING AMERICA THROUGH PRAYER" event, on the second Sunday of each month, 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., at Heritage Christian Academy - 1408 S. Goliad St., Rockwall, Texas. The free event will include guest speakers. This is not church affiliated, and is open to everyone interested. For more information contact Mike Kennedy (972) 998-2680 or Kenneth Shores (214) 334-1206 or Jerry Minx (972) 896-7081

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Allen K Horne, Pres/Dir.
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PUBLIC NOTICE

Rockwall County invites the following:
Request for Proposal for the preparation of a Multi-Jurisdictional Local Hazard Mitigation Action Plan
Specifications are on file in the Rockwall County Auditor's office, 1111 East Yellowjacket Ln., Ste. 202, Rockwall, Texas 75087 and also on the Rockwall

Last Puzzle Solution
7-9-2015

Last Puzzle Solution
7-16-2015

County website: www.rockwallcountytexas.com. Sealed submittals shall be marked on the outside "15-07-006 Multi-Jurisdictional Local Hazard Mitigation Action Plan", to Lisa Constant Wylie, Rockwall County Auditor, 1111 East Yellowjacket Ln., Ste. 202, Rockwall, Texas 75087. The deadline for submission is Monday, August 3, 2015 at 10:00 AM Central Time. Rockwall County reserves the right to accept or reject any and all submittals. BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSIONERS COURT
Rockwall County
Lisa Constant Wylie
Rockwall County Auditor

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the ESTATE OF JANICE ELAINE GOOLSBEE SIZEMORE, Deceased, were issued to SHERILYN PIERCE on July 9, 2015, in Cause No. PR15-81, pending in the County Court At Law of Rockwall County, Texas. The mailing address for the Independent Executrix is: Sherilyn Pierce 6011 Ted Trout Drive Lufkin, Texas 75904 All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law. SHERILYN PIERCE Independent Executrix

Legal Notices

County of Rockwall

LEGAL NOTICE REQUEST FOR BID - BANK DEPOSITORY CONTRACT

The Rockwall County Commissioners Court will be receiving sealed bids until 4:00 p.m. on Monday, August 3, 2015 for Rockwall County's Bank Depository Contract. Sealed bids will be received at the Rockwall County Treasurer's Office, 3rd floor, Rockwall County Courthouse, 1111 E. Yellowjacket Lane, Suite 306, Rockwall, Texas, 75087.

Copies of the specifications (Bid #16-06-006) may be obtained on or after Monday July 6, 2015, by contacting Lisa Constant Wylie, Rockwall County Auditor, Rockwall County Courthouse, 1111 E. Yellowjacket Lane, Ste. 202, or by calling 972-204-6050. Technical questions should be directed to David Peek, Rockwall County Treasurer at (972) 204-6100 or e-mail dpeek@rockwallcountytexas.com.

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

David Sweet
Rockwall County Judge

Public Notice

As of December 1, 2014, the cities of Roysse City, Fate, McLendon-Chisholm, Heath, Rockwall and their respective representatives have published each required notice in a manner that is not in accordance with state law.

The City of Roysse City has been out of compliance with state law related to publication of legal notice since before year 2008.

The City of Heath has been out of compliance with state law related to publication of legal notice since October 2008.

The City of Fate has been out of compliance with state law related to publication of legal notice since October 2012.

The City of McLendon-Chisholm has been out of compliance with state law related to publication of legal notice since October 28, 2014.

The City of Rockwall has been out of compliance with state law related to publication of legal notice since December 1, 2014.

By the above stated vote, and actions by the respective representatives, the right of the people to be duly notified of each city action in accordance with state law has been impaired on multiple counts.

The Rockwall County News is the only newspaper legally qualified to publish each required notice for the Cities of Roysse City, Heath, Fate, McLendon-Chisholm, and Rockwall.

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Bailey to address local Democrats

Jon Bailey, chief executive officer of Rockwall Helping Hands, will be the guest speaker for the Rockwall County Democratic Party at a meeting set for 9 a.m. Saturday, July 18, at the Harry Myers Community Center, 815 E. Washington, Rockwall. Bailey will address the many ways Helping Hands provides services to Rockwall County residents.

Ulbarri to perform at Farmers Market

Joseph Ulbarri will be the featured performer at the Saturday, July 25, Farmers Market on the downtown square in Rockwall. The market will be open from 8 a.m. until noon.

Reception set for retiring LaCroix

A reception honoring Robert LaCroix, the retiring planning and zoning director for the City of Rockwall, will run from 5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. July 29 at The Center, 108 E. Washington, Rockwall. The city is hosting the come-and-go event, which is open to the public.

Support group meetings scheduled

A support group for those who have suffered with thoughts of suicide or have attempted and overcome; those who have lost someone to suicide; and those who care meets the first and third Thursdays of each month from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the First Christian Church, Rockwall. Light Two Candles is not a replacement for medical and therapeutic help, but can be an adjunct to professional support systems. Its focus is to understand what depression and suicide are and what they are not, to connect with others through shared experiences and to support one another on the road to recovery. Enter through the church's back (east-facing) door at 3375 Ridge Road in Rockwall. For more details call the church office at 972-771-5526, email lighttwocandles@gmail.com or visit the LTC blog at lighttwocandles.blogspot.com.

Andrada to perform at Farmers Market

Victor Andrada will be the featured performer at the Saturday, Aug. 1, Farmers Market on the downtown square in Rockwall. The market will be open from 8 a.m. until noon.

Democratic Men to meet Aug. 1

The Democratic Men's Group of Rockwall County will host its next luncheon beginning at noon on Saturday, Aug. 1, at Taqueria La Cocina del Tio Mon, 205 Kenwy Rd., Rockwall. The group meets for lunch at noon on the first Saturday of each month at various local restaurants to discuss local, state and national current events and politics. Open-minded, progressive men concerned about the future of Texas and Rockwall County are encouraged to attend.

Farmers Market to feature Mark Franks

Mark Franks will be the featured performer at the Saturday, Aug. 8, Farmers Market on the downtown square in Rockwall. The market will be open from 8 a.m. until noon.

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Opinions

“Austrian” economist’s advice for Greece and the EU

The Politicized Economy of Power, Privilege and Connections

Mises also understood the political and economic corruption to which such a strangling system of government interventionism leads. He explained it with great cogency in the waning year of the Weimar Republic in Germany a few months before Adolf Hitler and his Nazi Party came to power in January of 1933.

In an essay on “The Myth of the Failure of Capitalism” (1932), Mises described the essence of the politicized economy that replaces a free market-oriented economy in an increasingly interventionist system:

In the interventionist state it is no longer of crucial importance for the success of an enterprise that the business should be managed in a way that it satisfies the demands of consumers in the best and least costly manner.

It is far more important that one has ‘good relationships’ with the political authorities so that the interventions work to the advantage and not the disadvantage of the enterprise. A few marks’ more tariff protection for the products of the enterprise and a few marks’ less tariff for the raw materials used in the manufacturing process can be of far more benefit to the enterprise than the greatest care in managing the business.

No matter how well an enterprise may be managed, it will fail if it does not know how to protect its interests in the drawing up of the custom rates, in the negotiations before the arbitration boards, and with the cartel authorities. To have ‘connections’ becomes more important than to produce well and cheaply.

So the leadership positions within the enterprise are no longer achieved by men who understand how to organize companies and to direct production in the way the market situation demands, but by men who are well thought of ‘above’ and ‘below,’ men who understand how to get along well with the press and all the political parties, especially with the radicals, so that they and their company give no offense. It is that class of general directors that negotiate far more often with state functionaries and party leaders than with those from whom they buy or to whom they sell.

Since it is a question of obtaining political favors for these enterprises, their directors must repay the politicians with favors. In recent years, there have been relatively few large enterprises that have not had to spend very considerable sums for various undertakings in spite of it being clear from the start that they would yield no profit. But in spite of the expected loss it had to be done for political reasons. Let us not even mention contributions for purposes unrelated to business – for campaign funds, public welfare organizations, and the like.

Forces are becoming more and more generally accepted that aim at making the direction of large banks, industrial concerns, and stock corporations independent of the shareholders . . . The directors of large enterprises nowadays no longer think they need to give consideration to the interests of the shareholders, since they feel themselves thoroughly supported by the state and that they have interventionist public opinion behind them.

In those countries in which statism has most fully gained control . . . they manage the affairs of their corporations with about as little concern for the firm’s profitability as do the directors of public enterprises. The result is ruin.

The theory that has been cobbled together says that these enterprises are too big to allow them to be managed simply in terms of their profitability. This is an extraordinarily convenient idea, considering that renouncing profitability in the management of the company leads to the enterprises insolvency. It is fortunate for those involved that the same theory then demands state intervention and support for those enterprises that are viewed as being too big to be allowed to go under . . .

The crisis from which the world is suffering today is the crisis of interventionism and of national and municipal socialism; in short, it is the crisis of anti-capitalist policies.

In Mises’ description, we find all the elements of what plagues the modern Western economies, including the United States. The politicizing of market decisions and outcomes with government support for those financial institutions and corporate enterprises defined as “good big to fail.” The pervasiveness of “crony capitalism,” with “connections” and government-business partnerships that serve the political class and anti-market business groups at the expense of consumers and those who wish to freely compete on a more open market. And the use of taxpayers’ dollars to feed the network of those receiving the favors, privileges, protections, and subsidies that government has the power to hand out in various and sundry ways.

A New Politics and Economics of Freedom for Prosperity

In 1940, Ludwig von Mises came to the United States as an exile from the tyrannies covering the map of Europe under the onslaught of the early Nazi conquests. From this new platform, Mises proceeded to write a series of papers and monographs during the war years outlining the changes that would have to be implemented to restore Europe’s freedom and prosperity.

(Most of these essays and monographs are published in, Richard M. Ebeling, ed., Selected Writings of Ludwig von Mises: Vol. 3: The Political Economy of International Reform and Reconstruction [Liberty Fund, 2000]).

To reverse this trend towards and consequences from political and economic collectivism, Mises argued that it was necessary to bring about a reawakened understanding of the principles of free market capitalism and classical liberalism. And what needed to be implemented were economic policies consistent with those principles to create the institutional foundation for free men to interact for mutual benefit and material improvement.

The most fundamental changes to establish the foundations for the political and economic revival of Europe, Mises said, involved the mentality of the people. The first of these changes in thinking, he said, required no longer focusing primarily upon the short-run gains from various economic policies. Indeed, the economic calamities of the 1930s and the war through which Europe was then passing represented the fruits of a political economy of the short run. “Of course, there are pseudo-economists preaching the gospel of short-run policies,” Mises admitted. “In the long-run we are all dead,” says Lord Keynes. But it all depends upon how long the short run will last.” And in Mises’ view, “Europe has now entered the stage in which it is experiencing the long-run consequences of its short-run policies.”

Practical politics in the earlier decades of the twentieth century had been geared to providing immediate benefits to various groups

that could be satisfied only by undermining the long-run prospects and prosperity of society. In the new postwar period, Mises said, taxes could no longer be confiscatory. International debts could no longer be repudiated or diluted through currency controls or manipulations of exchange rates. Foreign investors could no longer be viewed as victims to be violated or plundered through regulations or nationalization of their property.

The countries of Europe needed to design economic policies with a long-run perspective in mind. European recovery would require capital, and this would mean attracting foreign capital investment to assist in the process. Foreign private sector investors – especially American investors – would be reluctant unless they had the surety that there would be a protected and respected system of property rights, strict enforcement of market contracts for domestic and foreign businessmen, low and predictable taxes, reduced and limited government expenditures, balanced budgets, and a non-inflationary monetary environment.

These were the institutional preconditions for the economic reconstruction of Europe, Mises argued. Once these general changes had been made, governments would have done all in their power to establish the general political environment that would be most conducive to fostering the incentives and opportunities for the people of Europe to start the recovery and rebirth of their own countries.

The entrepreneurs, however, were the ones who were most despised and plundered by governments in that interwar epoch of interventionism and economic nationalism (many of whom ended up being killed by the Nazis during World War II due to the fact that in Central and especially Eastern Europe a large percentage of the entrepreneurs had been members of the Jewish community).

The lifeblood for European recovery had been lost, particularly in Eastern Europe. There would have to be a new respect and regard for these creative men of the market in order to foster the emergence of a new generation of such individuals. “If there is any hope for a new upswing it rests with the initiative of individuals,” Mises said. “The entrepreneurs will have to rebuild what the governments and the politicians have destroyed.”

The Need to End Special Interest Politics and Privileges

The second change needed in the European mentality, Mises said, was an end to special interest group politics. Governments throughout the interwar period had followed a “producer policy,” in which individual manufacturers, farmers, and workers in various niches in the system of division of labor formed coalitions to gain favors for themselves at the expense of others in the society.

At the behest of trade unions, governments intervened, supported, and subsidized policies that in the longer run resulted in restrictions in output, misdirections of capital, and restraints on labor markets. Such policies had to be abandoned because they work counter to the integrative role prices and competition were meant to play in assuring coordination of markets, and the incentives and ability for capital formation. Producer-oriented policies were better called “production-curtailing policies,” Mises said, since they serve to protect the less competent producers from the rivalry of the more competent. Europe could ill afford to indulge in favors for the less efficient and less productive if the ravages of war were to be overcome quickly.

Third, Europe needed to give up the redistributive welfare state. Mises stated emphatically that, it is the duty of honest economists to repeat again and again that, after the destruction and the waste of a period of war, nothing else can lead society back to prosperity than the old recipe – produce more and consume less.

Who would be left to be taxed in any “tax the rich and subsidize the poor” scheme in a setting in which war has made practically everyone a “have-not,” when the focus of economic policy should be to foster capital formation, not wealth redistribution? “There is no other recipe than this,” Mises declared. “Produce more and better, and save more and more.”

Unless these changes occurred in people’s thinking, Europe’s path to reform and reconstruction would be more difficult and protracted than it needed to be. Neither the war nor its destruction stood in the way of Europe’s future. Ideas would determine what lie ahead. “What ranks above all else for economic and political reconstruction is a radical change of ideologies,” Mises said. “Economic prosperity is not so much a material problem; it is, first of all, an intellectual, spiritual and moral problem.”

And this intellectual, spiritual and moral problem could only have its solution in a restoration of a political philosophy of individualism and the economic policies of free market, liberal capitalism, in the view of Ludwig von Mises.

Today’s Europe Still in the Grip of Collectivist Ideals and Policies

It is true that Europe, today, does not have to recover from a devastating war, with its costs in human lives and physical property, and its resulting dramatic consumption of capital.

But today’s Europe suffers from its own destructive economic policies that hamper businesses and the spirit of entrepreneurship; siphon off the life-blood of enterprise and capital formation through the heavy burdens of taxes and straightjacketing anti-competitive regulations; rigid labor markets and generous welfare states that reduce the adaptability to change and lowers the incentives for people to want to be gainfully employed in profitable enterprises; and growing national debts to feed the costs of these unsustainable systems that threaten other European countries with the same fiscal abyss that has been facing Greece.

Greece’s and the European Union’s economic and political crisis will not be resolved through a new debt deal between the government in Athens and the European authorities. It will be merely one more stop-gag “solution” to a problem whose nature is endemic to the current ideology and politics of State-Power and collectivism.

Its real solution requires something deeper and more comprehensive: a revival of the classical liberal ideal of individualism and the economics of free market capitalism. This, unfortunately, is not likely to occur any time soon.

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Months, now, the mass media and the financial markets have watched and waited to see the outcome of a war of words, threats, and threats that have been fought between Greece and European Union partners.

Over several decades Greek governments accumulated a fiscally unmanageable debt and have been unwilling to introduce any meaningful, long-term economic and budgetary reforms to get the political-economic house in order.

Greece’s Euro and EU partners have warned that Greece may be formally or informally expelled from the common currency and, from the economic union if the terms for a new series of reforms based on domestic Greek reforms and some debt restructuring are not agreed upon.

However, in the whirlwind of often sensational and uncertain daily events, it is sometimes useful and even necessary to step back and take a look at the wider context of things in which those events are occurring.

Greek and European Union Crisis is the Result of Collectivism

Political and other economic policy problems that are plaguing Greece are simply the highly magnified and intensified problems that are plaguing many of the other European nations.

Many of them have accumulated large national debts that press beyond the fiscal capacities of their taxpayers. They all have highly inflated markets and restricted labor markets. They all have aging populations expecting generous government-funded pensions as the result of their welfare state “entitlement” programs financed through taxes and deficit financing.

They also share a generally anti-capitalistic mentality. Intellectuals, bureaucrats, many in the electorates, and most certainly the national bureaucrats neither understand nor advocate the classical ideal of truly free markets or the wider political philosophy of individualism and individual rights to life, liberty, and honestly earned property.

The market-oriented entrepreneur is neither trusted nor valued. He is seen as an innovator and creator of new, better, and more expensive products serving the betterment of the general public, the business enterpriser is considered an exploiter, manipulator and “selfish” profit-seeker only doing damage to the society in which he operates.

These enterprisers must be either heavily controlled or regulated, or must be put out of business. The only good businessman is one who works hand-in-hand with politicians and bureaucrats to manipulate and restrict markets for their mutual advantages.

The fact is that whether it is the EU political leadership and bureaucrats in Brussels or the local politicians and bureaucrats in the respective national capitals of the member countries, they all expect the general political-economic set of policies: those of the statist-welfare state with its regulation of markets, its restrictive policies, and its use of state power to benefit some at the expense of others through favors and privileges of one type or another.

Greece’s version of these problems and policies are in its essentials different from those in the other Eurozone and European Union member states. Only the degree to which they have all come together in the current crisis has magnified the seriousness and consequences all see when such policies are carried far enough.

What, then, are the European Union and its member states such as Greece to do to start escaping from the current crisis and other similar ones in the future?

Ludwig von Mises’ Analysis of Europe’s Dilemma – Seventy Years Ago

Over seventy years ago, while Europe was being destroyed in the aftermath of the Second World War, the famous Austrian economist, Ludwig von Mises, wrote a series of essays on how the European continent might recover from the ravages of totalitarianism and total war through which they were living.

Ludwig von Mises (1881-1973) was one of the most well-known market economists of the twentieth century. Internationally renowned for his demonstration of the unworkability of socialist central planning and the inherent contradictions of interventionist-statist, as well as his development of the “Austrian” theory of the business cycle, Mises worked in the years between the two World Wars as a senior economic policy analyst for the Vienna Ministry of Commerce in his native Austria. In this role he witnessed and analyzed the growth of government power and control across Europe as well as in his own country, in the 1920s and 1930s.

Mises explained how Europe’s financial and economic policy problems were the culmination of traveling down the collectivist path of government regulation, control and planning:

For two generations now the policy of the European nations has been based on nothing else than preventing and eliminating the net effect of the market as the regulator of production. By duties and policy measures of other sorts, by legal requirements and prohibitions, by the subsidization of uncompetitive enterprises, by the suppression or throttling of business that offers unwelcomed competition to the spoiled children of the political regime through the regulation of prices, interest rates and wages, the attempt is made to reduce production into paths which it otherwise would not have taken.

The result of these policies is the severe economic crisis under which we suffer today. The crisis had its starting point in mistaken economic policy, and it will not end until it is recognized that the task of governments is to create the necessary preconditions for the spontaneous operation of the economy, and not squandering more on colossal expenditures than the industry of the population is able to

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Longtime Rockwall resident Barbara Montgomery spoke to a handful of members of the Rockwall County Democratic Party at a luncheon conducted on Saturday, July 4, at Luigi's Italian Restaurant. Pictured above at center, Montgomery spoke on the history of African-Americans in Rockwall County and described the town of about 1,000 African-Americans, located along the banks of the East Ford of the Trinity River where Lake Ray Hubbard now lies, once known as The Settlement. She also recounted the events surrounding the last "lynching" that occurred in the county in 1909 near the downtown square. Details of the tragic event are available in The Dallas Morning-News' historical archives website under the date March 8, 1909. Pictured with Montgomery is Judith Matherne, Democratic Party chair.
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Heath mayor to seek state representative office

Lorne Liechty, current mayor of the City of Heath, announced last week his plans to be a candidate for state representatives for Texas State House District 33, which includes Rockwall County and portions of Collin County.

In a news release dated July 9, Liechty said that protecting the liberty Texans enjoy requires conservative leadership.

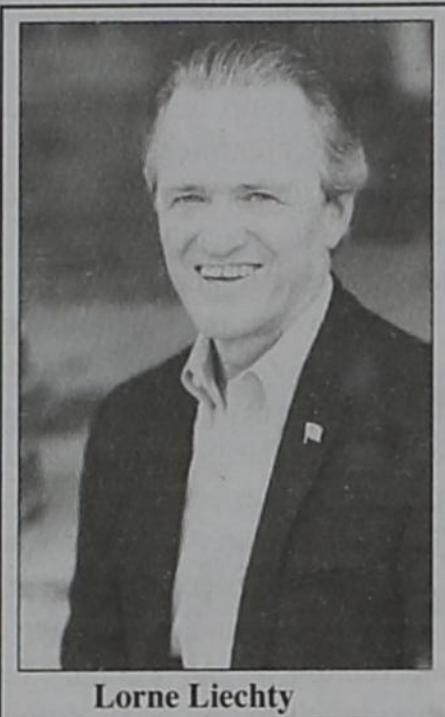
"As the state representative for District 33, I will never waver in my support of the Republican principles that have allowed our state to prosper - that means low taxes, efficient government and personal freedom," he said in the release. "For the sake of our taxpayers, our state government must be lean and efficient with a renewed focus on the basic services that have the biggest impact on our everyday lives like better roads, schools of excellence and safer neighborhoods."

A resident of Heath since 1986, Liechty has served on the Heath City Council, including two years as mayor pro-tem, from 2004 to 2012. In 2012 he was elected mayor. Additionally, he has served as past chairman of the Heath Park Board and currently serves on the board of directors of Rockwall County Helping Hands.

"I have been richly blessed by the opportunities afforded to me and believe it is my obligation to give back to our community and provide these same opportunities for future generations," he said in the news release.

Liechty and his wife, Mary Scott Liechty, have been married for 36 years. They have four children and six grandchildren and attend Lakeshore Community Church where he has served as elder for 12 years; chairman of the Capital Stewardship Campaign; and taught several Sunday school classes.

A graduate of Oral Roberts University, Liechty holds a juris doctor degree and a master's degree in business administration from the University of Notre Dame. He was licensed as an attorney in 1981 and is a founding partner with Liechty & McGinnis, LLP.



Lorne Liechty

Rockwall Classic winners named

The second annual Rockwall Classic Golf Tournament took place June 29 at the Rockwall Golf & Athletic Club.

The event benefitted Rockwall County Helping Hands.

The competition began with lunch, followed by a 1 p.m. shotgun start. Dinner at the RGAC and tournament awards rounded out the day.

Tournament winners, according to a tournament news release, included:

- First gross -- Steed Dunnill Reynolds Murphy Lamberth, LLP - Brad Lamberth, Joe Hamen, Dustin Kalig, Joel Steed Jr.
- First net -- Texas Health Physicians Group, Dr. Robert Stark, Jeff Dobbs, Wes Acker, Chris Lanzillo
- Second net -- American National Bank, Larry Parks, Dwight Walker, Todd Winters, Blake James
- Third net -- Lake June Scrap Metal Team I, Rusty Hathcock, Todd Killian, Adam House, LaRon Hathcock
- Longest drive -- Joe Hamen
- Closest to the pin -- Jacob Nuncio
- Closest to the line -- Charles Devoe

Rockwall County Sheriff's Office June Report

Calls for service - 688

Incidents/investigations:

- Fondling -- 1
- Simple assault -- 2
- Burglary/breaking and entering -- 6
- Pocket-picking -- 1
- Theft from motor vehicle -- 1
- All other larceny -- 1
- Counterfeiting/forgery -- 2
- False pretenses/swindle/confidence game -- 1
- Credit card/ATM fraud -- 1
- Destruction/damage/vandalism of property -- 2
- Drug/narcotic violations -- 10
- Weapon law violations -- 1
- Driving under the influence -- 2
- Drunkenness -- 1
- Family offenses, nonviolent -- 1
- Trespass of real property -- 2
- All other offenses -- 112
- Total offenses -- 148; total incidents -- 130

Arrests:

- Simple assault -- 1
- Burglary/breaking & entering -- 1
- Pocket-picking -- 1
- Destruction/damage/vandalism of property -- 1
- Drug/narcotic violations -- 10
- Weapon law violations -- 1
- Driving under the influence -- 2
- Drunkenness -- 1
- Trespass of real property -- 1
- All other offenses -- 138
- Total charges -- 157; total arrests -- 77

Accidents:

- Total accidents -- 14

Criminal papers:

- Affidavit for surety to go off bond (1716) -- 8
- Affidavit for surety to go off bond (1719) -- 1
- Bench warrant -- 8
- Bond forfeiture -- 31
- Civil -- 1
- Failure to appear for court -- 26
- Insufficient bond -- 2
- Motion to adjudicate guilt -- 13
- Motion to revoke probation -- 21
- Probable cause -- 3
- Traffic -- 62
- Warrant -- 26
- Total criminal papers served -- 251; total criminal papers -- 202

Civil papers:

- Citation -- 29
- Criminal subpoena -- 10
- Notice -- 3
- Order of sale -- 2
- Order to appear & show cause -- 1
- Precept to serve -- 1
- Subpoena -- dueces tecum civil -- 5
- Summons -- 1
- Temporary protective order -- 1
- Writ of sequestration -- 1
- Total civil papers served -- 45; total civil papers -- 53

Rockwall County Entertainment

Allman Bros. tribute band set at Concert by the Lake

Schroomville, an Allman Brothers tribute band, will be featured at the July 16 Concert by the Lake at The Harbor, 2059 Summer Levee. The event will begin at 7:30 p.m. Admission will be free. For more details visit rockwall.com/parks.

'Hunger Games' screening set July 17

"The Hunger Games" will be screened beginning at 9:15 p.m. on July 17 at City Lake Park. The event is part of the Hot Summer Nights series organized by the Royse City Parks & Recreation Department.

Concert by the Lake offers Stones tribute band

Stoneleighs, a Rolling Stones tribute band, will be featured at the July 23 Concert by the Lake at The Harbor, 2059 Summer Levee. The event will begin at 7:30 p.m. Admission will be free. For more details visit rockwall.com/parks.

Southern Ride to perform July 24

Southern Ride will perform beginning at 7:30 p.m. July 24 at City Lake Park. The event is part of the Hot Summer Nights series organized by the Royse City Parks & Recreation Department.

Family Fun Friday set at Northshore

The next Family Fun Friday, sponsored by the Rockwall Parks & Recreation Department, will be conducted at Northshore Park on July 24. Family activities such as dancing, games, bounce house and more will be offered. Candy, popcorn, snow cones and glow sticks will be available for purchase. "Toy Story" will be screened at dusk.

Pirate Plunge planned at city pool

The City of Rockwall's Marry Myers Pool will be the site of a Pirate Plunge event from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. July 25. Participants will show off their cannonballs, dive for gold, play Sharks and Pirates and compete in a pirate fashion show. Cost is \$2 for children ages 12 and older (\$1 for City of Rockwall residents); admission will be free for children under 2.

'The Goonies' to be screened July 31

The movie "The Goonies" will be screened beginning at 9:15 p.m. on July 31 at City Lake Park. The event is part of the Hot Summer Nights series organized by the Royse City Parks & Recreation Department.

Tickets available for 'West Side Story'

Tickets for Rockwall Summer Musicals' "West Side Story" production are now available. Performances are set for 7:30 p.m. on Aug. 13-15 and 2 p.m. on Aug. 16 at the RHS Performing Arts Center at Utley, 1201 T.L. Townsend Drive, Rockwall. Cost are \$19.95 for adults, \$17.95 for seniors/students. Tickets are available online at showclix.com/events/9148 or by calling 1-888-71-TICKETS.

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RHS Stingerettes to host dance clinic

The Rockwall High Stingerettes will host a Storybook Summer Dance Clinic for girls entering K-6th grade on Aug. 10-14 at the Middle School. Stingerette officers will teach dance techniques and a routine to be performed on the final day of camp. Each camper will receive refreshments daily, a clinic T-shirt and a photo with the Stingerettes; participants also will be invited to join the Stingerettes in their pre-game spirit line at the first RHS home football game. Cost will be \$90 for those pre-registering before July 20, \$100 after that day or at the door on the first day. The clinic will run from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on each day. Contact Edith Davis at 214-926-8526 or edithj4@att.net for more details.

Mobley to perform at Farmers Market

Clay Mobley will be the featured performer at the Saturday, Aug. 15, Farmers Market on the downtown square in Rockwall. The market will be open from 8 a.m. until noon.

Farmers Market to feature Efeney

Trey Efeney will be the featured performer at the Saturday, Aug. 15, Farmers Market on the downtown square in Rockwall. The market will be open from 8 a.m. until noon.

Andrada to perform at Farmers Market

Victor Andrada will be the featured performer at the Saturday, Aug. 29, Farmers Market on the downtown square in Rockwall. The market will be open from 8 a.m. until noon.

Farmers Market to feature Amber Logue

Amber Logue will be the featured performer at the Saturday, Aug. 5, Farmers Market on the downtown square in Rockwall. The market will open weekly until the last Saturday in the month, will be open from 8 a.m. until noon.

Rockwall County Sports

Sewell qualifies for Junior Olympics with 2 gold medals

Noah Sewell won two gold medals and Kaylee Hinton placed in four events to lead a group of eight Rockwall ISD athletes qualifying for the USA Track and Field Junior Olympic National Championships.

Sewell, a Rockwall junior, won the decathlon and the pole vault in the boys' 15-16 division at the Region 12 championships at McMurry University in Abilene.

Hinton, who graduated from RHS last month, took gold in the women's 17-18 100-meter hurdles in 14.27 seconds for Texas Express. She placed fourth in both the shot put (30 feet, 1/4 inch) and high jump (5-4 1/4) and fifth in the 200-meter dash (24.98 seconds).

Sewell led a group of five qualifiers from Club Vaultitude. In addition to his 14-5 1/4 pole vault, he placed first in a 1-4 sweep by Vaultitude in the boys' 15-16 decathlon. Behind Sewell's 4,975 points were Rockwall sophomore Caleb Estes with 4,704, Rockwall-Heath freshman Clay Grimes with 4,104 and Yellowjackets sophomore Riley Stewart with 3,898.

The top five finishers in most events qualified for the National

Junior Olympics. However, in the decathlon and other events that include multiple skills, the top two advanced.

Another Vaultitude athlete, RHS sophomore Ariell Hopkins won the 15-16 girls' 1,500-meter run in 5 minutes, 2.06 seconds.

Also qualifying from Vaultitude were Lady Jackets sophomore Savannah McKenzie, fourth in both the 15-16 girls' javelin (88-11) and high jump (5-0 1/4), and Madison Demien, a Williams Middle School eighth grader who was fifth in the 13-14 girls' javelin at 53-8. McKenzie also placed fifth in the girls' 15-16 heptathlon (3,182 points).

With Hinton on the Texas Express team was RHHS sophomore Jacob Herrscher, who placed fifth in the 15-16 boys' decathlon (3,613).

The other RISD qualifiers were Rockwall junior Damon Lewis, third in the 17-18 men's 2,000-meter steeplechase (6:53.50) for the Texas Titans, and Rockwall-Heath junior Morgan Burks-Magee, fourth in the 15-16 girls' 400-meter dash (56.95).

Thompson pitches scoreless innings against Cuba

Jake Thompson, who led Rockwall-Heath baseball team to the 4A state championship in 2012, pitched three scoreless innings against Cuba for the USA team on July 7 in a warm-up game before the Pan American Games.

The Texas Rangers gave Thompson time off from the Double-A Frisco RoughRiders to represent his country in the games in Canada. The right-hander did not pitch in any of the Americans' first three games in Ajax, Ontario, in the Pan Am Games themselves. The USA was 2-1 in those games.

Right-hander Travis Ballew, a 2009 Rockwall graduate drafted out of Texas State 3 years later, was 3-3 with three saves and a 2.33 earned run average in 31 games for Corpus Christi, the Houston Astros affiliate in the Double-A Texas League.

Grayson Lewis, another RHHS graduate, has been playing regularly

in the infield for the Albany (N.Y.) Dutchmen in the Perfect Game Collegiate Baseball League. In his first 25 games, Lewis batted .277 with nine runs batted in and three stolen bases. During the school year, he plays for Rice University.

Three 2015 Rockwall ISD graduates were included on the Dallas Morning News' All-Area Baseball team.

Rockwall-Heath's Tyler Ivey was a first-team selection. Ivey, who signed a letter of intent with Texas A&M, finished his senior season 10-1 with 121 strikeouts and an 0.31 earned run average. Teammate Tyler Pinkston was the second-team utility man. The right-hander was 7-2 with a 2.20 ERA, and batted .359 for the Hawks.

Rockwall left-hander Shayne Nance was a second-team All-Area pitcher. Nance, who signed with Dallas Baptist, was 9-3 with a 1.18 ERA for the Yellowjackets.

The National Junior Olympics are scheduled for July 27-Aug. 1 at the University of North Florida in Jacksonville, Fla.

Another group of Rockwall County athletes will be competing Thursday-Saturday in the TAAF Section meet at Hanby Stadium in Mesquite. They will be competing to qualify for the State Games of Texas July 30-Aug. 3 in College Station.

Rockwall-Heath goes to 7-2 in 7-on-7 football

The 7-on-7 football team representing Rockwall-Heath entered its final week of play in the Wylie East league with a 7-2 record.

On July 7, Rockwall-Heath defeated Sachse and Nevada Community for the third consecutive time, but host Wylie East won over R-H for the second time in three tries.

Rockwall-Heath defeated Sachse with one touchdown from 40 yards out to none for the team representing the Mustangs. Ben Moore passed to Tyrus Fort for that touchdown.

Against Community, Mays threw two touchdown passes to Jackson Salley, and Canaan Smith hit Tanner Hooten for two more scores in a 4-0 victory.

R-H was unable to score against Wylie East in a 2-0 loss.

Fall football registration to close July 19

Extended registration for the Heath Hawks Community Athletics Association fall football program, open to grades K-6, will run through July 19; cost will be \$125. Divisions include K-2, flag football, and grades 3-6, tackle football (second grade division tackle optional possible). The HHCA works with the Rockwall Youth Community Association and Sunnyvale to provide boys of these communities a safe place to play football. For more information visit hhcafootball.com. To sign up, visit hhca.sportssignup.com. For more details call 214-927-9202.