Easter observed with Egg hunts, Church Services

The Easter Egg Hunt and photos with the Easter Bunny last Saturday in Jacinto City were typical of Easter celebrations for all ages, taking place from last Saturday through Easter Sunday.

All right, Mayor Ana Diaz and Constable Chris Diaz hand out candy and gifts to some of the children waiting in line for the egg hunt. Below, kids scramble to pick up the 5000 eggs provided by the city. Four of them had special prizes made.

Religious services and Sunrise Services were also planned for this weekend; see the chart below for some of these events.

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Local Sports
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Charlie Farrar’s
Candid Camera

Our roving columnist captures some familiar faces at the Rotary Club of Baytown’s annual Shrimp & Catfish fry. Caution: YOU may be the next one in front of the camera!

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**COMMUNITY CALENDAR**

- **April 17, 10:30 am** Baby Time. Library closes at 5 pm.
- **April 18 - CLOSED**

**APRIL**

**North Channel Library events**

- **Wednesday, April 23, 10 am** Introducing Our Library Program
- **Wednesday, April 23, 4 pm** Practica de Tiempo; 3:30 pm Family Movie Night

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**Galena Park Library events**

- **Thursday, April 24, 11 am** Family Movie Night
- **Saturday, April 26, 11 am** Family Day

**Spring concerts to feature a variety of musical styles**

**HOUSTON** – San Jacinto College will showcase the versatility of student and faculty musicians in spring concerts that will feature a wide variety of musical styles.

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**ASK DIAMOND JIM**

Diamond Jim... what is the April birthstone?

Diamond is the April birthstone. The word Diamond comes from the Greek word Adamas, meaning (unbreakable, or unalterable). Diamonds are composed of a single element, and are the hardest of all the gemstones. The Diamond is the ultimate symbol of love, and is said to enhance relationships. When buying a Diamond one should always consider the 4 C’s Cut, Color, Clarity and Carat. Diamond Jim knows diamonds! More at www.pineforestjewelry.com

If you have questions pertaining to jewelry, watch, diamonds, precious stones, precious metals, and other questions related to the jewelry industry, email jmills@pineforestjewelry.com.

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**PICTURE**

- **Friday, April 25, 3:30 pm** Game Night, Senior Center

**COMMUNITY HEALTH CHOICE, next to the Bounce House**

- **Saturday, April 19, 10 am – 3 pm** Senior Center Open House.

**North Channel**

- **APRIL**

**J.C. Heritage Hall Senior Center events**

- **Good Friday, April 18, Closed**
- **Monday, April 21, Family Day, 4 - 7 pm**
- **Thursday, April 24, Dollar Tree, 9:30 am**

**Time**

- **Thursday, April 24, 11 am Baby Children’s Story Time.
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**Exercise class**

- **Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays 9 am.**

**MAKING THE MOST OF IT**

- **April 16 – April 20**

**Pineforest Jewelry**

- **1141 Uvalde * Houston, Texas 77015**
- **713.451.1321**
- **jmills@pineforestjewelry.com**

**FAVORITE BOOTH!** Free Popcorn courtesy of the Galena Park Rotary.

**OF POSTHUMUS included science experiments that you could try yourself. Careful Diane Bresnien at eight.

**FACULTY & STAFF**

- **Friday, April 18 - CLOSED**

**CERAMIC CLASS**

- **Wednesdays 9 am-4 pm Wednesdays & Fridays 9 am.**

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**TRADING POST**

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**KIDS’ GAMES**

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**THE BUCKSHOT JAMBOREE**

Enjoy music every Saturday night from 7 pm – 10 pm. The Buckshot Jamboree at 7414 Hartman near Old Beaumont Highway. More info, call 281-457-1631 or 832-940-5000.

**ANNIVERSARY**

- **100 years in business! What a stone for you...in the diamond capital of the world! What could be “cooler” than that? Now YOU can be “cool” as Diamond Jim...because now you know the secret of how I personally deliver the “ice”! Call me, by, or email me...**

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I Did Not Enroll in Obamacare...Will I Get A Penalty?

Good Morning, Toni;

I am a 59 year old female who qualified for Social Security Disability in February because I have MS which makes me unable to work. I am waiting for Medicare to begin and because of that I did not enroll. I think I made a mistake because my Medicare card has ended and I have not received my Medicare card.

Can you please advise me what I should do? I’ve been unemployed for 2 years and my COBRA ended and I have no other health insurance to use. Thanks, Phyllis

Phyllis

I do not know who advised you that your Medicare was beginning. Medicare enrollment ended on March 31st, but that person gave you the wrong information. You should re-enroll in an Affordable Care Act also known as Obamacare health insurance plan.

Your 60 year old or 64 year old with no pre-existing conditions can begin receiving their Social Security Disability medical benefits on March 1st and Medicare Part A and B at least 3 months prior to the 25th of the month. Phyllis, your Medicare card should have arrived on March 5th.

You may apply for Medicare when they are claiming Social Security Disability. Call 1-800-772-1213 to begin receiving your Social Security Disability benefits. Once you receive your “Welcome to Medicare” kit by mail, make sure your Social Security card is not in the kit, then call Social Security at 1-800-772-1213 and make sure you have your Social Security number on hand.

It is true that the ACA does not cover severe medical conditions that have kept many from purchasing individual health plans because they are not pre-existing conditions for any health insurance once January 3rd of this year. People who could not qualify for a health plan can now enroll in a health plan they want. You will have to re-enroll in your Social Security disability plan and your new health plan will begin January 1st.

Phyllis, you will have to pay a five percent penalty to pay your Part B premium. Yes, a penalty is a penalty!!

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Do not wait…Will I be covered under the Affordable Care Act after my Social Security Disability ended and I was not able to keep my insurance.

I have been a medical resident for Social Security Disability this year and have not received my Medicare card because of that I did not enroll. Because I have that provided insurance. I was very difficult for social security disability to make the appointment to see me. I have been a medical resident for Social Security Disability this year and have not received my Medicare card because of that I did not enroll. Because I have that provided insurance.

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Highlands Methodist to bring Holy Week to life!

On Holy Thursday, April 17th, at 7 pm, the Last Supper will be dramatically remembered as Jesus (portrayed by John Powell) rides through Highlands United Methodist Church, embracing our community for Easter. United Methodists and nonbelievers alike are encouraged to attend this unusual service (KJV). The service begins at 7:00 pm. At 8:15 pm, the egg hunt will follow at 10:00 am. A service will be conducted at 7:00 am on Good Friday. A service will be held at 11:00 am. At 8:15 am, an egg hunt will be held. All are welcome. If you have any questions or concerns, call 281-468-5014 or visit the website at highlands3164.com.

Crosby Church Easter Services and Egg Hunts begins April 20

Crosby Church will host Egg Hunts and Services to celebrate the risen Lord on Saturday, April 19th, at 10:30 a.m. at the First Assembly of God Church 19325 Pinehurst trail Atascocita United Methodist Church 19010 Pine Lake Rd and United Methodist Church of the San Jacinto Community Center in Highlands. At 9 am, Highlands United Methodist Church is having an Easter breakfast for all, served until 10:45 am, or while the supplies last. Good Friday services begin at 10:45, with a Children’s Chapel service during worship for ages 3 years old to 7th grade. At 7 pm, Highlands United Methodist Church is a great place to be with anyone who is looking for a church for Easter. United Methodist practice “Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors”. The Easter service will feature the band and foot of Christ, emphasizing our committment to Highlands “United is located at 107 W. Houston in Highlands. For more information, call 281-468-5014 or visit the website at highlands3164.com

Samantha Christine Kirk Harper

A longtime Highlands resident forged to call faith to be with her daddy on April 16, 2014. Chris Harper was born and reared within the San Jacinto Methodist Hospital in the company of her family and household of 40 years that you at 6:00 pm. She suffered declining health since her heart attack on March 29. In her final conversation on this earth with her husband she mentioned that she was going to “go and be with my daddy.” She was proceeded in death by her parents, T.D. Kirk and Ferol Skidmore, April 7, 1974. Surviving are her husband Thomas Harper, son Robert Elton Harper and daughter Taxhara Harper; aunts Martha Crovder, Marguerite Dean, Myrtle Carstons, siblings and multiples of friends including reporting of the turmoil. Chris Harper had been a U.S. Army wife for 9 years as she was with her husband during his time of service in the military.

A viewing will be held at the First Assembly of God Church at 406 North Mangum in Highlands, times are under arrangement under the care to call 281-426-4209. Following services her help will be taken back to Barco, Tex. to be buried near her mother’s grave.

BIBLE TRIVIA

1. In the book of the Old or New Testament of which book is the only book of the Bible (KJV) that mentions Christ’s church being saved? Matthew, Mark, Luke, John 1. When Mary Magdalene and the “other Mary” came upon the stone, Jesus said, “Who is it you seek?” (John 20:13)
2. Which disciple doubted Jesus’ resurrection? Thomas (John 20:25)
3. When Mary Magdalene left the tomb, what did she do? She went and told the disciples (John 20:16)
4. Which disciple declared Jesus to be the Christ? Peter (Matthew 16:15)
5. What did the angel tell Mary? That Jesus was risen (Matthew 28:6)
6. In what year did the last world war begin in Europe? 1939
7. What was the date of the 9-11 attacks? September 11, 2001
8. What did Malchus whose ear was healed say, “I can do nothing to him” (Mark 14:49)
9. What did He ask them to inform? Peter, Andrew, James, and John (Matthew 16:22)
10. Who was the first to see the risen Lord? Mary Magdalene (John 20:2-8

I can do everything through him who strengthens me. Philippians 4:13

S. Timoty’s Episcopal Church

Annual Czech SpringFest on April 27

Sunday April 27, 2014. The Cultural Society of Texas will attend the 19th Annual Czech SpringFest set for April 27 at 7:00 pm. At 8:15 am, an egg hunt will be held. All are welcome.

Wake Up, Lord!

One of our granddaughters spent the night with her last month and we were outside to take her home. It was a very foggy morning and our four-year-old granddaughter said, “Mommy, can we have a picnic?” Her mother’s response was, “You can’t have a picnic if it’s raining outside.”

“My help comes from the Lord, the Lord is my Rock and my Salvation.” Psalm 119:121-122

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Anna will receive a certificate and a framed copy of her artwork from Texas Center for the Missing. Her poster will then be entered into the national level of the poster contest, which will take place in Washington D.C. for the artist, her parents, and teacher to participate in the National Missing Children's Day ceremony at the U.S. Department of Justice in May.

The Texas State Winner of the National Missing Child's poster contest in Anna Eligio, a 5th Grade student at Tice Elementary in GPISD, and a new advocate for bringing missing children home.Ana's beautiful poster was the only one that helped a missing child be returned to their families. It was a task she truly took heart in because she felt the need to be aware of their surroundings. She said, "I kept running away from them because I was determined I was going to catch a calf – nothing was going to stop me."

For catching a calf at this HLS&R Calf Scramble, Anna received a $1,500 certificate to purchase a steer that she will show at the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo. She will also receive $250 for turning in the records of a future competitor. Anna also exclaimed, “My wish is that the poster will allay the fear of children and give the missing children hope."

The criteria for judging were based on creativity, coherence with the theme, and experience life on a college campus. Students explored various career opportunities, received information on financial planning, and took college and career tests, and learned the values of networking.
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SPORTS NEWS

GALENA PARK

North Shore boys and girls track team runs up the point total, clinch district championship

On Thursday, April 10, 2014, the District 23-5A boys and girls track meets were held at Galena Park Senior High School. Twelve teams competed in the meet. Baytown Sterling, Beaumont West Brook, Channelview, Deer Park, Port Arthur Memorial, and North Shore. The North Shore Mustang boys and girls track team both won the district meet with astronomical point totals. This is the tenth year in a row with astonishing point totals. Both teams will compete in the area meet on April 16.

Point totals are as follows: 1st place – 221 points; 2nd place – 10 points; 3rd place – 8 points; 4th place – 6 points; 5th place – 4 points; 6th place – 3 points. In relay events, the point total doubles. The boys' team earned 248 points, 102 points closest opponent by 102 points! Multiple North Shore athletes finished in the top four in numerous events.

The top four event qualifiers will compete in the area track meet, which will be held on April 16. An astonishing 19 boys and 16 girls will represent North Shore at the area meet in multiple events. Those athletes and their events are:

**Boys**
- Pedro Hernandez – 100m hurdles, 102 points
- Luis Hernandez – 1600m run
- Julieta Paita – 3200m run
- Lewis Spearman – 400m dash
- Mei-Ing Hoffman – 800m run
- Gilbert Hoffman – 100m

**Girls**
- Tristan Houston – 100m hurdles, 102 points
- Enrique Perez – 3200m run
- Zafir Murphy – pole vault
- Geren Mills – high jump
- Robert Lewis – 4x400, 400m dash
- John Joseph – 300m hurdles, 4x400
- Netta Derico – 400m dash

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**CHANNELVIEW**

Falcons in playoff hunt

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