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CHANNEL CHATTER

GP/JC Rotary Community Rally

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

The Galena Park/Jacinto City Rotary Club is hosting a Community Service Project. "The Community Rally" an event to bring the public together by providing resources, health screenings, educational information and interactive activities. The community is encouraged to get involved by participating in the rally performances, activities, or donations that can be supported in this event.

Time slots are available now to participate in the rally service project: DJ's, bands, talent performances, dances or cheers, etc.

The event is to take place at Alvin Baggett Community Building, 1302 Keene St. Galena Park, TX. 77547. Saturday, September 27, 2014; 11 am - 3 pm.

For more information or questions please contact Olivia Paredes, Rotary representative: 832-285-7642 or via e-mail at oparedes@southtexasdental.com

FBCJC

Church celebrates 70th Anniversary

Remaining in the same location since the beginning, the First Baptist Church of Jacinto City (FBCJC) will celebrate its 70th anniversary on August 17, 2014. Located at 10701 Wiggins, the church and its members have seen many changes throughout the community but it has remained strong and committed to presenting the message of Jesus Christ and His resurrection.

With the first meeting on August 6, 1944, and housed in a tent, a church was formed with the name of Universal Baptist Church. With an initial membership of 117, the last charter member on the roll died in

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GALENA PARK:

Another Big Tube transported on Clinton Drive



LAST TUESDAY, August 5, Kinder-Morgan transported a second Splitter Tower or Tube, down Clinton Drive in Galena Park, from the old Brown & Root dock out onto Clinton, and then to the site of their new plant at the east end of Clinton. Due to the extreme height of the tube, 25 feet with truck bed, the wires crossing the street had to be lifted out of the way, as can be seen in the photos at right and above. K-M chose to move the tube at about 5 p.m. when traffic from the plants was at a minimum. K-M said that they plan to move a third tube, but not for about one year.



NEW STANDARDS

State issues annual School Ratings

Local districts get passing grades in new reporting system

The Texas Education Agency issued its report card for schools and districts last Friday, with almost all districts in this area getting a passing grade.

The ratings were based on new criteria, and also results were stated in a new simplified method. Either a school "Met Standard" or "Improvement Required".

Schools were rated in four Accountability categories:

1. Student Achievement, based on STAAR test scores for the year.

2. Student Progress, in subjects like math and reading from year to year. (High Schools were not graded in this category, because they did not take STAAR tests last year.)

3. Closing Performance Gaps, or emphasis on high level achievement of the lowest performing students.

4. Postsecondary Readiness, or graduation rates and diploma plans.

In this area, school districts such as Galena Park, Channelview, and Sheldon all had every school meet the Pass category, or "Met Standard." However, Houston ISD had one school that didn't, Furr High School, which was deficient in Postsecondary Readiness, graduation rates and diploma plans.

The state's third largest district, Cypress-Fairbanks, earned the honor of being the biggest district in the state in which all campuses met the

"pass" standard.

Although there were four accountability categories, in general they were all based on STAAR test scores. If a school did not pass in one of these four categories, it was listed as



"improvement required" and this affected the district rating.

Districts complained that the rating system was very complex, and therefore difficult

to find out how to improve their scores.

Channelview ISD Statement on Ratings:

For the second year in a row, the Channelview Independent School District and all of its campuses earned the approval rating of "Met Standard" under the state's accountability system.

Under the Texas Education Agency's new State of Texas Assessment of Academic Readiness (STAAR) testing system, districts and schools are ranked either "Met Standard" or "Improvement Required."

"We are very proud of all of

our campuses," said Greg Ollis, Channelview ISD superintendent. "I know our students, teachers, principals and administrators have worked very hard this past year as they made positive academic strides in many areas."

Five Channelview campuses also received special recognition for their performance in different academic areas. Hamblen Elementary earned Distinction Designations in five out of six categories, including Reading/English Language Arts, Mathematics, Student Progress, Closing Performance Gaps and Post Secondary Awareness.

In addition, Alice Johnson Junior High was awarded Distinction Designations in Social Studies and for Closing Performance

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NORTH CHANNEL CHAMBER

Harris County Attorney Ryan explains county government

JACINTO CITY – The North Channel Chamber's monthly luncheon took on the aspect of a classroom last week, as Harris County Attorney Vince Ryan explained the working of his office, and expanded his thoughts to include city and county government in general.

Ryan is well experienced in both, having served for many years as assistant county attorney under Mike Driscoll, and previous to that as a Houston city councilman.

Ryan said that the duty of his office is to represent all County employees and offices in Civil Matters before the courts.

He discussed the powers and limitations of county gov-



Harris County Attorney Vince Ryan

ernments in Texas, noting that they are arms of the legislature, and can only undertake activities prescribed by the

Texas legislature. They have no power to make laws or regulations on their own. He contrasted this with city government, where those such as Houston have a Strong Mayor form, and can make laws and enforce them.

However, he went on to describe some initiatives his office has taken, including prosecuting polluters such as the Waste Pits in the San Jacinto River, child safety laws for CPS, game room prosecutions, junk yard regulations, and more.

He noted that the county has limited resources for all these activities, and some have been undertaken with contract attorneys paid for from outside sources.

I-10 EAST FREEWAY

Motorcyclist killed in six-car crash

A motorcyclist was killed and two other people were injured in a six-car crash last Friday, August 8, night.

The accident happened around 10:30 p.m. in the 17600 block of the East Freeway. According to officials, a 2006 GMC Sonoma pick up was traveling on the East Freeway, traffic was slow due to a lane closure. Investigators said the pick up driver was traveling on a shoulder when he lost control and crashed into the back of a motorcycle.

The motorcycle then struck a 2014 Dodge Dart in the left side; the rider

slid across the roadway and the motorcycle caught on fire after hitting a wall.

The Sonoma continued traveling east and hit the back of a 2011 Cadillac CTS. The Cadillac crashed into the Dodge Dart and then hit a 2014 Ford F-150. A 2002 Toyota Corolla was also struck by a car.

The rider of the motorcycle was taken by Life Flight to Memorial Herman Hospital where he died later. Two people in the Cadillac were treated for non-life threatening injuries at LBJ Hospital. The identity of the rider was not released and the accident is still under investigation.

CIP MEETING

Environmental specialist discusses sickness causes

GALENA PARK – The CIP group (Community Industry Partners) heard from Environmental Scientist Winnie Hamilton at their monthly meeting last Thursday at the Baggett Center.

Hamilton is Baylor College of Medicine's Director of Environmental Health Service.

She presented an explanation of how researchers look for links between air pollution and health effects, and presented facts on previous and current studies.

Although many citizens want to draw a causal relationship between plant emissions and high cancer rates, she said that in reality the situation is much more complex than that, and many studies do not support this theory.

She cited a recent study comparing illnesses in Pasadena and Bellaire, where poisons in the air are different, but sickness rates and types are similar.

She said that many people had inflammation as a result of obesity, and obesity as a result of inflammation. This condition makes a person more



Dr. Winnie Hamilton, CIP speaker, with chart showing how many factors are involved in environmentally causes sickness.

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ROTARY CLUB OF HIGHLANDS

Serving the Community for 66 Years ■ “Biggest Little Club in District 5890”

Rotary Leadership:



New Board of Directors and Officers were sworn in by Past President (retired) Richard Robinson. Above, Weston Cotten, Gilbert Hoffman, Larry White, Betty Brewer, Teresa Martin, Aaron Cole, Charlie Ward, Denise Smith, Steven Dobbs.



Rotary President Raymond Gonzalez

ROTARY

FOUR WAY TEST

1. Is it the TRUTH?

2. Is it FAIR to all concerned?

3. Will it build GOOD WILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?

4. Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?

OBJECT OF ROTARY

To encourage and foster the ideal of service and a basis of worth enterprise and, in particular, to encourage and foster...

FIRST

The development of acquaintance as an opportunity for service;

SECOND

High ethical standards in business and professions; the recognition of the worthiness of all useful occupations; and the dignifying by each Rotarian of his occupation as an opportunity to serve society;

THIRD

The application of the ideal of service by every Rotarian to his personal, business and community life; and

FOURTH

The advancement of international understanding, good will and peace through a world fellowship of business professional men united in the ideal of service.

Community Fundraisers:



Annual Chili Feast with Raffle Prize, a new car. Washer Tournament held every September, with all proceeds donated to the Rotary Polio Plus campaign.



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Rotary Community Service Scholarships:



Rotary awarded a total of 18 Scholarships this year, for a total of \$29,250 to local students. The featured speaker at the Awards Banquet in May was San Jacinto College Vice Chancellor Allatia Harris, seen at left.

Support of Community needs:



Donation to the Goose Creek Education Foundation for teachers grants and scholarships.



Highlands Rotary provided major support for the Cody Foundation, to pay for heart screening for athletes prior to their high school sports.

HISTORY OF HIGHLANDS ROTARY

On November 24, 1948, the Dayton Rotary Club sponsored the chartering of a new club in Highlands. The first president was Ralph McFarland. While early details about the club have been lost, what is known is the relationship between the club and the business community has always been strong. In the absence of an incorporated government, the club often took a leadership role in the community. Business leaders of yesterday and today make up the president's roll. Jim Carrell, who served as president from 1971-72, later went on to be a District Governor.

During the early 70's the club went through a period of transition, where newer members began to interact with other chapters to learn how to operate properly. Members became more active in the community, with their first major fundraiser in 1971. The Rotary raised an unheard of \$2,400 for the volunteer fire department.

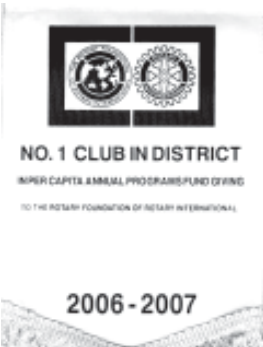
Rotary has continued putting the community first and worked towards its betterment. Its success in raising funds for community projects earned it the reputation among the 57 Houston clubs as the "Biggest Little Club in District 5890."

In November 1998, the club celebrated its 50th anniversary with a banquet attended by 150 present and past members, district and national officials, visiting Rotarians and friends.

In 2006, District 5890 awarded the club president, Steve Miller, "President of the Year" among the district's 57 clubs, because of the outstanding work the club did on Hurricane relief, and other accomplishments. In recent years, the club has been a leader in the Houston District, achieving 100% Paul Harris Fellows in 2007. Membership increased to 26, winning a President's Citation. Donations to the Rotary Foundation of over \$1000 per member made the club #1 in the District, #2 in the World.

PAST PRESIDENTS OF HIGHLANDS ROTARY

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HOW CHILI FEAST FUNDS HAVE BEEN USED

Highlands Rotary Club Donations Thru June 2007

Scholarships for local students	\$196,000
Rotary Foundation (Health & Humanitarian Programs)	72,575
Highlands Fire Department	71,200
Highlands Basketball Pavilion	26,000
Highlands Sports Assoc. Little League ...	16,070
Highlands Boy Scouts	12,895
Highlands Heritage Museum	10,000
Stratford Library	9,000
Highlands Community Center	4,200
Senior Citizens	10,492
Retarded Citizens Assoc.	1,200
St. Stephen's Society Mother's Day Out ...	9,225
Highlands Jamboree	
Highlands Horizons	6,910
Rotary Youth Exchange	5,600
World Peace Conference	1,850
South Africa Aids Project	1,000
El Salvador Water Project	2,000
Sheriff's Department	1,500
Sheriff's Department Highlands Aux. ...	3,500
Crime Watch/Crime Stoppers	1,800
Chinquapin School	4,285
FFA/4-H, Sterling Show Team & Highlands Jr. School	8,600
Highlands Chamber of Commerce	1,656
Cenikor/SADD/ American Diabetes Assoc.	3,328
Highlands Food Pantry	5,302
St. Jude's Catholic Church	3,290
Area Rotary Club's Fundraisers	4,250
Channelview YMCA	300
Miscellaneous Area Fundraisers	1,550
TOTAL DONATIONS	\$495,578

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COMMUNITY & SCHOOL NEWS

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

AUGUST
North Channel Library events
-Thursday, Aug. 14, 10:30 a.m. Baby Time.
-Saturday, August 16, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. Scrapbooking with Mia; 3 p.m. Faithful Paws.
-Tuesday, Aug. 19, 10:30 a.m. Toddler Time; 1:30 p.m. Preschool Story Time.
-Thursday, Aug. 21, 10:30 a.m. Baby Time.

COMPUTER CLASSES
-Introduction to Power Point, Lecture, Aug. 18, 1-3 pm.
-Introduction to Power Point, Practice, Aug. 20, 1-3 pm.
CLASES DE COMPUTACION
-Introduccion a Power Point, Lectura, Aug. 19, 10 am - 12 pm.
-Introduccion a Power Point, Practica, Aug. 21, 10 am - 12 pm.
Library is located at 15741 Wallisville Rd., Houston, TX. 77049. Call 281-457-1631 for more information.

AUGUST
Galena Park Library events
-Thursday, Aug. 14, 11 am Baby Time; 3 pm Trees for Houston.
-Tuesday, Aug. 19, 1 pm Fule & Folder Mgmt I; 4 pm Practica de Primeros.
-Wednesday, Aug. 20, 11 am Children's Story Time.
-Thursday, Aug. 21, 11 am Baby Time; 3 pm Family Movie Time.
Library Hours: Monday 10 am-6 pm; Tuesday 12 pm (noon) - 8 pm; Wednesday & Thursday 10 am-6 pm; Friday 1-6pm; Saturday 10 am-5pm.
Please call the library at 713-450-0982 for more details.
The library is located at 1500 Keene St. Galena Park, TX. 77547.

SATURDAY NIGHTS
The Buckshot Jamboree
Enjoy Classic Country music every Saturday night from 7 pm - 10 pm with The Buckshot Jamboree at 7414 Hartman near Old Beaumont Highway. More info, call 281-458-0729 or 832-444-5000.

3RD. MONDAY
AARP Chapter
AARP Chapter #1160 Houston/Northshore meets every 3rd Monday at Alvin Bagget Community Center, 1304 Keene Street Galena Park from 1:30 pm to 3:30 pm.

Tips for homework success: back-to-school

Homework is assigned to children for both practice and in preparation for the school day. Harris County Department of Education curriculum specialist Lisa Felske provides some homework points of reference for the 2014-2015 school year.
Foremost, Felske says it's important for parents to keep up with their child's homework progress.
"You're not there to do the homework for them, but your presence says you care," said Felske, mother to Emma, 12. "Ask your child to explain the short story she is reading or the science concept he has used in science lab. In addition to showing your support, it helps to reinforce the daily lesson."
Felske also offers these tips for homework success:
-Free the homework area of distractions. Turn off the TV and cell phone.
-Set a routine and do homework at the same time and same location each day. A kitchen may have far less distractions than a child's room or the living room. Nonetheless, try to stick to the same routine if possible.
-Be involved in checking over your child's homework assignments. Let your child know there will be consequences for rushing through the work or not completing it.
-The general rule is 10 minutes of homework for each grade level. A sixth grader would have an hour of homework, whereas a first grader might have 10 minutes. When there is too much homework or your child is struggling with the assignments, consider having a parent conference with your child's teacher.
For more information, go to www.hcde-texas.org/ISS.



Channelview ISD welcomes new teachers

McMullan Elementary School's Karla Langham, Courtney Prothro and Jennifer Collins are all smiles during the Channelview Independent School District's New Teacher Orientation recently. The orientation kicked off a week full of workshops during the week that focused on various educational "best practices." All teachers will return in CISD on August 18.

CHURCH ANNIVERSARY,

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2008. The first building was completed in 1945 and served as the sanctuary, office space and classrooms. This building now serves as a worship center for a Hispanic Congregation, Iglesia Bautista Resurreccion, and the church offices.
Shortly after Jacinto City became incorporated, the church took the name of First Baptist Church of Jacinto City, this was in March 1947. In August 1951, on the 7th anniversary, the second building, a new sanctuary was completed. Because of continued growth and the need for more meeting areas, the Education Building was completed in June 1965 and includes classrooms and a nursery for infants and children through the age of three years. With more growth and the desire to reach people throughout the greater North Channel area, the Christian Family Life Center (CFLC) was completed in July 1986 and includes a full size gym, kitchen facilities,

a fellowship area and additional classrooms. A renovation and updating of the sanctuary was completed in time for the church's 50th anniversary.
Bro. Rick Blount will celebrate his 10th anniversary as Pastor at the same time as the 70th anniversary for the church is recognized. Invitations have been sent to many of the previous members, asking them to celebrate with the present members. Following the morning worship service, which begins at 10:50 a.m. a fellowship to follow in the CFLC center.
There have been many changes in Jacinto City but the church has continued to have a strong Christian foundation. Under the leadership of Bro. Blount and a committed congregation, the church accepts the mission to follow God's leadership into the future. If you are looking for a place to worship, you are welcome to come and worship with FBCJC.

Channelview teacher named one of five regional Teacher of Year finalists

Cobb Elementary School fifth grade teacher Alexandria Wilkerson's talents truly put her at the head of the class.
Now, everyone in the Greater Houston area knows it.
Wilkerson, who was named Channelview ISD top elementary teacher in May, was recently honored as one of five regional finalists out of more than 80 educators at the Region 4 Teacher of the Year Banquet at the Westin Galleria Hotel in Houston on Aug. 6.
Aguirre Junior High's Matthew Moulton was also recognized as Channelview ISD's Secondary Teacher of the Year at the event.
"I am so extremely proud of both of these teachers," said Greg Ollis, Channelview ISD superintendent. "They have represented our district well."
Ollis couldn't hide his pride over Wilkerson being named a Region 4 Teacher of the Year

finalist. "She's a dynamic educator who does an outstanding job in reaching the minds and hearts of our students," he said. "She is extremely deserving of being named a regional finalist."
Wilkerson has taught for the district for five years and she currently serves as a math specialist at Cobb. She earned her bachelor's degree from the University of Houston and is enrolled in the masters program at the University of St. Thomas.
Cobb Elementary Principal Blake Smith said in Wilkerson's Teacher of the Year nomination, "that she not only connects with the students academically, but she is able to relate to the children's experiences because of the diverse experiences in her life. She feels she can give students the love and encouragement that they might be lacking. She instills these values in her stu-



Alexandria Wilkerson.

dents and teaches them not to settle for anything less."
Wilkerson said she has found teaching to be her true calling. "Since God has blessed me, I believe it's our duty as humans to give back as much as possible in our lifetime and bless others," she noted.

Investigation into male found dead at Mercury Dr.

Houston police are awaiting autopsy results in the death of a male found at 402 Mercury about 4:45 p.m. last Tuesday, Aug. 12.
HPD patrol officers responded to a call of a deceased person in Hunting Bayou. The HPD Dive Team responded to the scene and recovered the



male's body. He suffered no apparent visible injuries.
The investigation is pending the male's cause of death.
Anyone with information in this case is urged to contact the HPD Homicide Division at 713-308-3600.

BELTWAY EAST 2 men killed in a single car crash

The Harris County Sheriff's Office is investigating a single-car accident that killed two men late last Friday night.
The accident happened in the 6200 block of East Sam Houston Parkway North. According to authorities, the two

men were traveling in a Chevrolet Camaro at a high rate of speed around 11:15 p.m.
Officials said the driver of the Camaro tried to pass some cars and drove onto the shoulder losing control of the car

and striking the center wall, then a light pole.
The two men died at the scene and their identities are pending an autopsy report, according to the Sheriff's office.


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TOUCH OF LIFE

By Don Springer

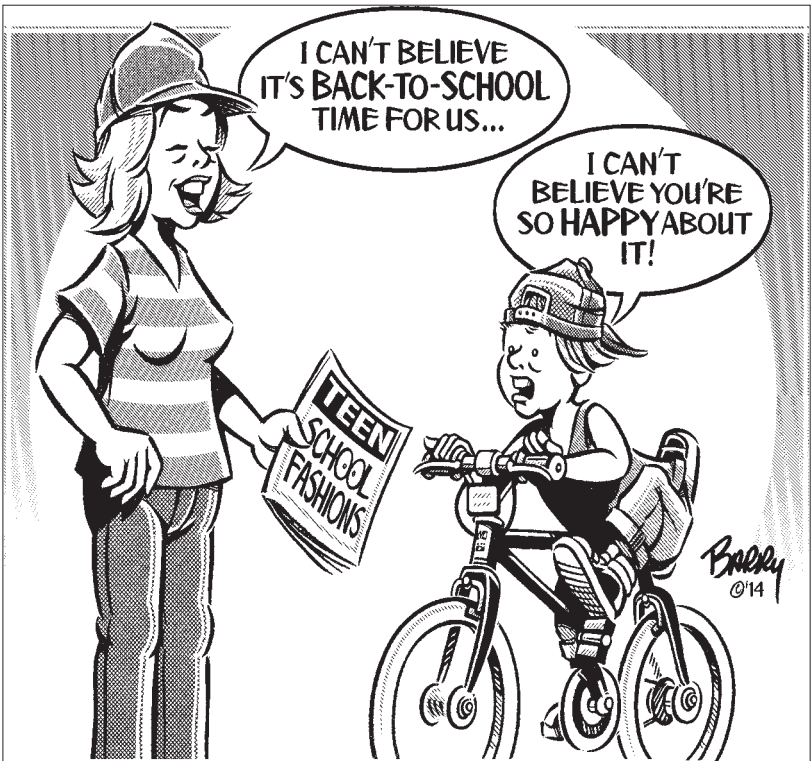


Geeting back on track

Missed a few weeks in writing this column for my Texas readers. Reasons are for work and pleasure. I believe I mentioned earlier I had lost a good portion of my shop building due to a neighbor's dead tree falling upon it and doing significant damage. That happened during a storm on Memorial Day and I am just now getting everything back in shape.

Much to my surprise I had some problems in getting a contractor to do the repair work and worked on that problem for over a month. Finally I was successful and signed with a local contractor who did a great job in tearing out the battered walls and roof of the building and restoring it. Job was finally completed last Thursday. Now I'm in the process of moving stored items from my garage and other places back to their rightful place in the shop. One good thing is that my shop is now nice and clean, probably better than the house, and I have also thrown out, given away or sold some items that I no longer use and they were just taking up space.

Over the 40 plus years I have lived at my current address I have had several construction jobs in my house, shop and property.



There is one thing I can say about all of them. In my view the best time in any construction project is the minute they are completed!

Earlier in my lifetime I have done significant remodeling to my property but no longer. It was surprising to me how much stuff was tucked away in the corners and on the shelves that I haven't used in years. I'm glad it is now mostly gone.

Had another problem that I also took care of this summer. A stubborn insect here in West Virginia attacked many of our blue spruce trees a few years back. I had six on my land that were nice trees, about 20 feet tall, decorating my

lawn. I was proud of them and they all fell victim to the insects. Tried recommended sprays, etc. but nothing worked and I had to have them removed. My heart sank with each of them as they disappeared via a chain saw. Now my property looks a little naked in places.

Also spent 10 days or so in Dayton Beach, Fla. basking in the sun and visiting other places in the area. I got a little sunburn from too much time on the beach. Not enough sun screen after playing in the ocean. I am basically a mountain person and should know by now I don't do well on the beach.

A Sad Loss of a Friend
For the past 15 winters and one summer I have been traveling to Crosby for three months or so. Have enjoyed every visit and believe I have many friends there that I truly adore. A few weeks ago I lost one of my dearest. I was late in hearing about as my Courier for that week got laid aside and I didn't read it for some time after it was delivered.

I refer to the death of Jackie Greenwade whom I've come to enjoy as a friend over most of those years. Here of late she has met me at the door of Crosby United Methodist Church most weeks with a big hug, smile and words of welcome. I was truly saddened when I read of her death. Most of our visits with one another were church centered but I did see her occasionally in one or more of Crosby's shopping places. If she ever had a bad day, and I know she must have, I never saw one. She always had that big smile and good words for me and I shall never forget them or her.

Her husband Leonard was lost to us a few years back and he was much the same. He too was an every Sunday greeter and UMC and I always felt good when he welcomed me with a warm handshake. I would like to think that I would someday approach the level of Christian spirit that I saw emanating from those two every time I saw either of them. It will be a sad day for me when I return to Crosby, walk into church next January, and not see either of them.

Such are the people, places and things that have touched my life in my home!

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STATE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS

By Ed Sterling

Class of 2013 achieves highest graduation rate

AUSTIN — The class of 2013 Texas high school on-time graduation rate was 88 percent, the highest on record and 0.3 percentage points higher than the previous record set by the class of 2012, Texas Education Commissioner Michael Williams announced on Aug. 5.

The figures are included in the Texas Education Agency report, Secondary School Completion and Dropouts in Texas Public Schools, 2012-13.

"We've set the bar high for Texas students to ensure every graduate is ready for college or career, and they have consistently demonstrated that they are up to the challenge," commented Gov. Rick Perry.

Williams pointed out that graduation rates for African-American, Hispanic and white students have increased steadily since the class of 2007.

Out of 2,189,442 students who attended Grades 7-12 in Texas public schools during the 2012-13 school year, 1.6 percent were reported to have dropped out that year, a decrease of 0.1 percentage points from 2011-12, Williams said.

In other news, the Texas Education Agency on Aug. 8 released the 2014 state school accountability ratings for more than 1,200 school districts and charters, and more than 8,500 campuses. Ninety percent of school districts and charters across Texas achieved the rating of "Met Standard."

Sales tax revenue increases

State sales tax revenue in July was \$2.34 billion, up 6.3 percent compared to July 2013, state Comptroller Susan Combs reported Aug. 6.

"The growth in sales tax revenues reflected strength in both business and consumer spending," Combs said. "The increase was led by remittances from the construction, services, and oil and natural gas-related sectors, as well as from retail trade and restaurants. Fiscal year-to-date, state sales tax collections are now up 5.3 percent."

Cities, counties, transit systems and special purpose taxing districts will receive August local sales tax allocations totaling \$706.9 million, up 5.3 percent compared to August 2013, Combs said.

Many new businesses open

Texas Secretary of State Nandita Berry on July 30 released numbers charting

new Texas businesses in the first half of 2014.

"Texas continues to show strong economic performance month after month," Berry said. "That performance can be seen in the high number of businesses formations filed with my office since the beginning of this year."

From Jan. 1 through June 30, Berry's office received filings for 80,039 new businesses, an 11 percent increase compared to the same time period in 2013.

SpaceX to receive incentive

Gov. Rick Perry on Aug. 4 announced the state is offering \$2.3 million from the Texas Enterprise Fund to lure a SpaceX commercial rocket launch facility to a site near Brownsville in Cameron County.

Contingent upon final approval of local agreements and receipt of additional required permits, this facility will create 300 jobs and pump \$85 million in capital investment into the local economy, Perry said.

Perry has met with SpaceX founder Elon Musk and provided letters in support of SpaceX in efforts to get Federal Aviation Administration clearance for the site. Since 2003, SpaceX has operated a rocket development facility in McGregor that currently employs more than 250 people.

Spill recovery gets boost

Texas Commission on Environmental Quality on July 30 posted RestoreTheTexasCoast.org, a dedicated online resource for recovery efforts in the 2010 Deepwater Horizon oil spill disaster. The site features links and background information on the three funding sources available and gives details on the state's recovery efforts.

Federal RESTORE Act funding will be made available to Texas and the other states with coastline along the Gulf of Mexico. President Obama signed the Resources and Ecosystems Sustainability, Tourist Opportunities, and Revived Economies of the Gulf Coast States Act of 2012 in July 2012. The Act established a new Trust Fund in the U.S Treasury known as the Gulf Coast Restoration Trust Fund.

TCEQ Commissioner Toby Baker is planning "listening sessions" later this year in Corpus Christi, Galveston, South Padre Island and Beaumont where participants can provide information on projects they want funded.

States settle with Wyeth

Texas and 41 other states on Aug. 6 secured a \$35 million agreement with drug maker Wyeth Pharmaceuticals Inc., a wholly owned subsidiary of Pfizer Inc.

The agreement resolves a multistate investigation against Wyeth for unlawfully promoting its immunosuppressive drug Rapamune, said Texas Attorney General Greg Abbott, who worked on the agreement with other state attorneys general. Under the settlement agreement, Pfizer must pay the State of Texas a total of \$2.387 million, Abbott said.

Enforcement totals are in

Texas Department of Public Safety on Aug. 5 reported that highway patrol troopers made 1,051 DWI arrests during a special enforcement period that spanned 11 days from June 27 to July 7.

Also, 15,000 speeding citations were given, plus more than 2,500 seat belt/child safety seat citations, 626 fugitive arrests and 564 felony arrests.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX RATE					
The Galena Park Independent School District will hold a public meeting at 5:30 pm, August 25, 2014 in 14705 Woodforest Blvd., Houston, TX 77015, GPISD Admin. Bldg., Board Room. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the school district's budget that will determine the tax rate that will be adopted. Public participation in the discussion is invited.					
The tax rate that is ultimately adopted at this meeting or at a separate meeting at a later date may not exceed the proposed rate shown below unless the district publishes a revised notice containing the same information and comparisons set out below and holds another public meeting to discuss the revised notice.					
Maintenance Tax	\$1.2433/\$100 (proposed rate for maintenance and operations)				
School Debt Service Tax	\$0.2701/\$100 (proposed mte to pay bonded indebtedness)				
Approved by Local Voters					
<u>Comparison of Proposed Budget with Last Year's Budget</u>					
The applicable percentage increase or decrease (or difference) in the amount budgeted in the preceding fiscal year and the amount budgeted for the fiscal year that begins during the current tax year is indicated for each of the following expenditure categories.					
Maintenance and operations	5.6244 % increase				
Debt Service	-0.1042 % increase				
Total expenditures	5.0892 % increase				
<u>Total Appraised Value and Total Taxable Value</u> (as calculated under Section 26.04, Tax Code)					
	<u>Preceding Tax Year</u>	<u>Current Tax Year</u>			
Total appraised value* of all property	\$8,431,262,719	\$8,754,166,914			
Total appraised value* of new property**	\$215,065,160	\$363,588,894			
Total taxable value*** of all property	\$6,750,523,429	\$7,009,057,934			
Total taxable value*** of new property**	\$172,192,760	\$291,108,868			
*Appraised value is the amount shown on the appraisal roll and defined by Section 1.04(8), Tax Code. ** "New property" is defined by Section 26.012(17), Tax Code. *** "Taxable value" is defined by Section 1.04(10), Tax Code.					
<u>Bonded Indebtedness</u>					
Total amount of outstanding and unpaid bonded indebtedness* \$195,248,668					
*Outstanding principal.					
<u>Comparison of Proposed Rates with Last Year's Rates</u>					
	<u>Maintenance & Operations</u>	<u>Interest & Sinking Fund*</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Local Revenue Per Student</u>	<u>State Revenue Per Student</u>
Last Year's Rate	\$1.2433	\$0.2701*	\$1.5134	\$4,843	\$5,009
Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance & Operations Revenue & Pay Debt Service	\$1.3024	\$0.2657*	\$1.5681	\$5,164	\$4,830
Proposed Rate	\$1.2433	\$0.2701*	\$1.5134	\$4,926	\$4,923
*The Interest & Sinking Fund tax revenue is used to pay for bonded indebtedness on construction, equipment, or both. The bonds, and the tax rate necessary to pay those bonds, were approved by the voters of this district.					
<u>Comparison of Proposed Levy with Last Year's Levy on Average Residence</u>					
	<u>Last Year</u>	<u>This Year</u>			
Average Market Value of Residences	\$70,127	\$73,874			
Average Taxable Value of Residences	\$47,059	\$48,871			
Last Year's Rate Versus Proposed Rate per \$100 Value	\$1.5134	\$1.5134			
Taxes Due on Average Residence	\$712.19	\$739.61			
Increase (Decrease) in Taxes		\$27.42			
Under state law, the dollar amount of school taxes imposed on the residence homestead of a person 65 years of age or older or of the surviving spouse of such a person, if the surviving spouse was 55 years of age or older when the person died, may not be increased above the amount paid in the first year after the person turned 65, regardless of changes in tax rate or property value.					
Notice of Rollback Rate: The highest tax rate the district can adopt before requiring voter approval at an election is \$1.5137. This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the rollback rate of \$1.5137.					
<u>Fund Balances</u>					
The following estimated balances will remain at the end of the current fiscal year and are not encumbered with or by a corresponding debt obligation, less estimated funds necessary for operating the district before receipt of the first state aid payment.					
Maintenance and Operations Fund Balance(s)	\$88,550,527				
Interest & Sinking Fund Balance(s)	\$10,048,809				

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LIFESTYLE

Joshua Rhodes of Crosby
named to College Dean’s list

ATCHINSON, KS (Aug. 18, 2014) — Benedictine College is pleased to announce that Joshua Rhodes of Crosby, TX has demonstrated the academic excellence necessary to earn a place on the Dean’s List for the Spring Semester of 2014. Joshua Rhodes is the child of Mr Brady Rhodes of Crosby, TX.

Any full time student carrying a minimum of 12 hours and a grade point average of

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BIBLE

TRIVIA

by Wilson Casey

1. Is the book of Gomorrah in the Old or New Testament or neither?
2. In Matthew 24, heaven and earth may pass away, but Jesus’ “what” shall not? Life, Children, Love, Words

3. To what type person did Saul seek relief when an evil spirit tormented him? Harpist, Sorceress, Madman, Soldier
4. What two weapons did David use to kill Goliath? Spear/Rock, Sword/Mallet, Sling/Stone, Axe/Knife
5. The grain of what seed did Jesus liken to the kingdom of heaven? Mustard, Barley, Apple, Corn
6. What daughter of Leah was defiled by Shechem? Bathsheba, Dinah, Elisabeth, Anna
- ANSWERS: 1) Neither; 2) Words; 3) Harpist; 4) Sling/Stone; 5) Mustard; 6) Dinah

LITTLE

BIDDY BITS

By Danny Biddy

Lean on Me

I noticed something in the woods behind a friend’s house. A tall pine tree had fallen, but caught in the limbs of another tree. At the point, the trunk of the fallen pine had turned upward and started growing straight again.

It was a picture of Galatians 6:2, “Carry each other’s burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ.” May the Lord use us to break someone’s fall and help him or her start upward again. One day we may need someone to do that for us.

Danny R. Biddy, Pastor of the Church on Old River since 1977.
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This is a family from Honduras. Serena Berry, pictured between the two boys, is also from Honduras. Serena was adopted by her mother, Patsy Berry when she was 14 months old. Serena felt compelled to go on a mission trip to give something back, she feels very grateful for having been adopted because she knows her life could have been very different; she might have even been one of those who walked so far to have a better life. Serena is a member of Trinity Episcopal Church Baytown.

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SPORTS

SPORTS HEALTH

Six things every student athlete should know before taking the field

HOUSTON (Aug. 7, 2014) – With the fall sports season gearing up, young athletes (and parents too) should consider these tips to ensure they are fit for play:

Sports Physical Exams are a must

All athletes should have a physical exam and if indicated a heart exam before preseason training begins. A physical exam can detect a heart murmur while an electrocardiogram (ECG) can identify underlying cardiac conditions that can cause serious and sometimes fatal complications during strenuous activity. This is especially important in the Texas heat, which adds to the physical toll of a workout. A normal physical exam will help to identify any lingering injuries or problem areas that could jeopardize an athlete's health.

Students should be in shape before strenuous practice begins

It is essential that athletes are already training and in

shape before the strenuous practice begins. Athletes who go into practices unprepared will put unnecessary and even dangerous strain on their bodies. If the student athlete has not maintained regular physical activity during the summer or especially in the weeks leading up to practice, it is important to inform the coach and encourage the athlete to ease slowly into the activity.

Warm-ups and cool-downs go a long way in preventing injury

There are several ways athletes can prevent injury as they get into peak physical condition. Jogging or dynamic stretching before a workout decreases the likelihood of muscle and joint injuries. Start every workout with a warm-up that emphasizes the muscle groups that will be used most in the workout. An appropriate cool-down helps the body recover faster from workouts and also decreases the chance of future injury. The best way to do this is through a slow

jog or similar aerobic activity. The workout should end with static stretches to loosen up muscles that were used in the workout.

Hydration is key

The importance of hydration during exercise cannot be stressed enough. Athletes who are going into their workouts unprepared for the heat and level of intensity will especially need to pay attention to symptoms of dehydration and heat exhaustion. Athletes appearing exceptionally sluggish, disoriented, or confused could likely be suffering from heat exhaustion and should be cooled down immediately and given water. If these symptoms persist or are not handled appropriately, the athlete's condition may worsen and lead to severe dehydration or heat stroke. Coaches, athletic trainers and students should have an emergency plan in

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Coaches certified in first aid and CPR

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CIP MEETING,

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susceptible to illnesses such as cancer, she said.

When trying to studying environmental stress factors and pollution, she presented a slide that showed how many factors might be involved, and said that studies must account for interactions and usually more than one factor involved in causing a disease.

She did acknowledge, however, that lung cancer can be related to the location one lives or works, as can cardiac arrest, and asthma. She said that these diseases have a significant correlation to air pollution.

In a study of cancer "hot

spots" in the whole nation, or those areas that have the highest risk for cancer, she said that Los Angeles and Houston were prominent. She said that studies show that in Houston, the cancer risk is 4 to 10 times higher in the poorest neighborhoods.

For further information, Hamilton referred the audience to a website: www.bcm.edu/environmentalhealth.

CIP Facilitator Diane Sheridan referenced a cancer study done by the Texas Health Department last year. It showed in zip codes 77015, 77547, and 77029 that lung cancer in males was slightly higher than the State average. The complete study is at: cluster.txhealthdept/txcancerregistry.

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Romans 8:38-39

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Crosby Independent School District Invitation for Bids Sale of 23.918 Acres of Land

The Crosby Independent School District (CISD) is soliciting sealed bids from interested parties for the sale of a tract of land containing 23.918 acres, such property being described as Block 1, Restricted Reserve B of Newport Elementary, an addition in Harris County, Texas, according to the map or plat thereof recorded under Film Code 526050 of the Map Records of Harris County, Texas SAVE AND EXCEPT land dedicated to public for cut back corner as shown on the plat. The property is located at the southwest corner of the intersection of North Diamondhead Boulevard and FM 2100 (Crosby-Huffman Road) in Crosby, Texas. The bid documents may be picked up weekdays between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. beginning July 10, 2014 at the CISD Superintendent's office at 706 Runneburg Road, Crosby, Texas 77532. Interested parties also may contact Fred Fargo at 713-455-0246 to obtain a copy of the bid package.

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place to deal with heat illness. If an athlete loses consciousness or faints, move him or her to a cooler area and call 911 immediately. Sports drinks can be used during long, high intensity workouts, but should not be a substitute for water.

Nutrition can make or break performance

Nutrition can make or break an athlete's performance well before a practice begins. Supplements are not a viable substitution for healthy eating habits. When it comes to carbohydrates, athletes should be eating whole grains such as brown rice, oatmeal, and whole wheat bread. Lean protein should also be consumed at each meal. Good examples of lean proteins are egg whites, Greek yogurt, peanuts, fish, and chicken. Fresh fruits and vegetables contain nutrients that are vital for injury prevention and recovery. The key is to balance all of these foods and maintain healthy habits off of the field.

Use your head
According to the American Journal of Sports Medicine, the

rate of concussions in U.S. high school athletes more than doubled between 2005 and 2012. Typically caused by bump, blow or jolt to the head or body, concussions can cause brain bleeds, traumatic brain injury or seizures and can affect future brain function and cognition. Players – especially those playing high-impact sports – need to be very cautious and take precautions to protect their heads, including a pre-season baseline concussion exam conducted by a specialist with extensive training in the diagnosis and management of concussion. If a concussion occurs, it is important that the athlete undergo a post injury evaluation as soon as possible, which can be compared to their pre injury baseline to determine any effects following the injury. Under Texas state law, any school-age athlete who exhibits signs and symptoms of concussion must be removed from play immediately and is not allowed to participate in games or practices until the athlete has been evaluated and given clearance by a physician.

RATINGS,

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mance Gaps. Recognitions were given to Aguirre Junior High in Mathematics, Brown Elementary in Reading/English Language Arts and Channelview High School for Post Secondary Awareness.

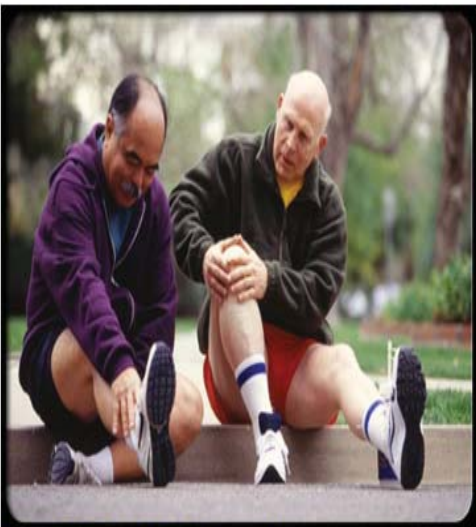
"Continuous improvement is always our goal, and we are encouraged by the progress of our students," Ollis said. "There will always be new challenges that lie ahead, but by working together, we will give them the knowledge and resources they will need to be successful."

In Aldine, which last year had 20 schools that did not meet standards, this year only 8 schools were rated low. However, these included two of their five main high schools, Nimitz and Eisenhower. To bring the overall ratings up from last year, Aldine said that principals studied data and created improvement plans and implemented them with more staff training.

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9. make mistakes disappear

10. put a point on a pencil

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12. sketch; do math tests

13. write on an erasable board

14. work out math problems

What do they mean? Match each one to its definition:

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1. tell tales out of school

2. school of thought

3. school of hard knocks

4. old school

5. school someone

6. class act

A. way of thinking about something

B. learned through life, not a class

C. tell secrets one shouldn't

D. the best

E. used to work well in the past

F. teach or train

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