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## CHANNEL CHATTER

### Starting, dismissal times for Channelview schools

When Channelview ISD schools begin classes on August 16, their starting and dismissal times for the 2017-2018 school year are as follows:

- Channelview High School - 7:05 a.m. - 2:35 p.m.
- Aguirre Junior High and Alice Johnson Junior High - 8:35 a.m. - 4:05 p.m.
- Cobb, Crenshaw, DeZavala, Hamblen - 7:45 a.m. - 3:15 p.m.
- Brown, McMullan, Schochler - 8:10 a.m. - 3:40 p.m.
- Barrett-Lee Early Childhood Center (Pre-K) - 8-11:30 a.m. (Morning Session), 12-3:15 p.m., (Afternoon Session).

### San Jacinto Pilot Club Anniversary

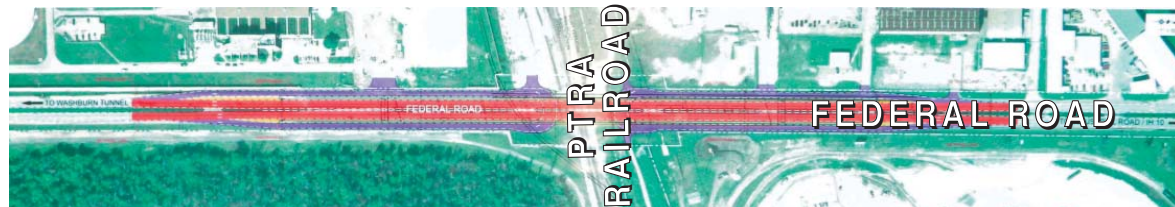
30 years ago, on July 6, 1897, San Jacinto Pilot Club was chartered. Join the club in its celebration of 30 years of service to the North Channel Community. Sunday, August 20, 2017, 2:00 pm - 4:00 p.m. at Pappasito's Cantina, 11831 I-10 East, Houston, TX 77029.

### Safety Meeting

Safety meeting scheduled on Monday, August 21, 2017 at 8:30am at the East Freeway HPD Storefront, 12001-A East Freeway, Houston, Texas.

### Gene Green Town Hall Meeting

• Tuesday, August 29, 6:30 p.m., North Shore Community Fellowship of Faith Church, 444 Maxey Rd., Houston, TX 77013.



RED INDICATES NEW OVERPASS 1100 FEET LONG, AND APPROACHES TOTAL 2760 FEET. PURPLE INDICATES FRONTAGE ROADS AND TURN-AROUNDS.

## Overpass planned for Federal Road

By Gilbert Hoffman

Federal Road in East Harris County was the site this Wednesday morning of a Groundbreaking for a new overpass, that promises to relieve the long waits many drivers have experience at the pair of railroad tracks that cross Federal and lead into the railroad yard. Drivers headed to or from the Washburn Tunnel, or Clinton Drive, have reported many delays due to the activity of the Port Terminal Railroad, which blocks the road with crossing gates and trains.

However, a partnership of federal, state, and coun-



GROUNDBREAKING PARTICIPANTS on Wednesday morning were, L to R, Margie Buentello, North Channel Chamber; Joe Costanza, Engineer; Jeff Norwood, PTRA railroad; Commissioner Jack Morman; Congressman Gene Green; Eliza Paul, TxDOT; David Galnares, Texas Sterling Construction; and John Blount, Harris County Engineering.

ty government agencies has worked out a solution to this problem, which is an overpass over the railroad tracks.

On Wednesday morning, in the traffic circle in front of the Washburn Tunnel, officials gathered to start the \$16.32 Million project, officially known as the Federal Road Grade Separation Project.

Speaking at the ceremony were Congressman Gene Green, Pct. 2 Commissioner Jack Morman, and TxDOT assistant district engineer Eliza Paul. These are the three entities that will pay for the See OVERPASS, page 8

## Good Samaritan rescues fire victim

By Allan Jamail

Jacinto City, TX. – Tuesday August 15, 2017 at 11:30 AM fire departments from Galena Park and Cloverleaf arrived to assist Jacinto City's fire department at a house fire in the 10300 block of Lane Street.

The fire filled the sky with dark smoke, seen from I-10 to Galena Park.

Galena Park Fire Chief Paul Gregory said the three departments together had 18 to 20 firefighters



PHOTO BY ALLAN JAMAIL

Firemen seen working to put out smoldering fires. The Lane street house fire was quickly brought under control but not before the entire back of the home and workshop was destroyed. The cause of the fire is still under investigation.



PHOTO BY LINDA JAMAIL

L – R: Jacinto City Police Officers: Officer Benavides, Lt. Longrigg and Lt. Walker assisting Mike Forbis to safety from his burning home, as firefighters gather in the shade of the garage..

on the scene.

Inside the dwelling had been Jerry Michael Forbis. However, he was

rescued from his burning home by an unidentified lady who noticed the house fire while driving by, and stopped and

ran to his door and got him outside, where arriving police and firemen got him to safety.

### COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP

## GP/JC Rotary welcomes Broussard as new member



ERIC BROUSSARD, center, was welcomed at a recent Rotary Luncheon as a new member of the Galena Park/Jacinto City Rotary Club. Broussard is a City Commissioner in Galena Park. Seen with him are Bryan Clements, president of the club, and Maria Rodriguez, membership chairman. If you are interested in becoming a member of Rotary, call 713-539-8021 for more information. The club is currently conducting a membership drive, and would welcome you as a guest at an upcoming luncheon.

### PATRIOTIC SYMBOL

## Stolen flag replaced by Congressman Green

In July an American flag was stolen that was being flown in front of the Northshore Vacuum store on Uvalde, in honor of Gayle McDermott's son Wesley Riggs, who had been killed in Iraq.

Heartbroken by this cruel and senseless crime, McDermott appealed to Congressman Gene Green for a Congressional Flag to replace the stolen one.

On Wednesday of this week, Green presented McDermott and Connie Sterling with a replacement flag, and spoke in honor of PFC Riggs, thanking them for his service and sacrifice.

In addition to Green, the ceremony was attended by the S. E. Texas Patriot Guard Riders, who stood solemnly as the flag was presented. Their presence was to honor a veterans who had been lost.

SEE PHOTOS AT RIGHT, AND STATEMENT BY THE FAMILY INSIDE.



CONGRESSMAN GENE GREEN, RIGHT, PRESENTS THE FLAG TO GAYLE McDERMOTT, MOTHER OF PFC RIGGS.



PATRIOT GUARD RIDERS STAND IN SALUTE TO HONOR A FALLEN SOLDIER AND PATRIOT.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Hurricane Season Preparedness

The “2017” Hurricane season is once again upon us. Hurricane season started on June 1st and ends November 30th, with the most active months of the season being August through September. Please have a family emergency plan in place for mandatory evacuations or shelter in place events.


Every Family member should know what to expect and what to do in an emergency. Know your escape routes, choose pre-designated meeting locations, and have alternative ways of communications since cell phone service may be down.

Have a plan for your pets as many emergency shelters do not accept pets. The Emergency Alert System (EAS) warns the public about emergency situations through local television and radio. Prepare to

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LETTERS FROM THE CONSTABLE

By Pct. 3 Constable Sherman Eagleton



evacuate if necessary and be sure to keep a full tank of gas at all times. Leave early enough to avoid being trapped by heavy traffic or severe weather.

Take one vehicle for your family to reduce the number of vehicles on the road. Tell your emergency contacts that you're leaving, the direction and/or destination of travel and estimated time of arrival. Unplug electrical equipment and small appliances, turn off water, gas and electricity and shut off valves and breakers when flooding is likely.

Listen to the radio and follow recommended evacuation routes; stay clear of downed power lines, flooded streets and obvious road hazards. Our deputies and dispatchers will be working during a disaster and will be manning the Harris County Emergency Operations Center to provide you with the most up to date information and service. Our 24 hour dispatch center phone number 281-427-4791.

Respectfully,  
Constable Sherman Eagleton

CRCU gives away iPad at New Teacher Luncheon



Photo by Carrie Pryor-Newman  
Yvonne Silva (left) and Macie Schubert (right) from Community Resource Credit Union, present iPads to GCCISD new teachers Rosamonde John (second from left) and Marcus Ebow (middle) after the drawing at the New Teacher Luncheon, sponsored by CRCU. Also pictured is Eloy Chapa (second from right), assistant superintendent for Human Resources.

Prioritize your child’s eyesight this school year

(NAPSI)—The back-to-school season is a great time to check in on your child’s sight. You may know that nearsightedness, or myopia, is a condition where objects up close appear clearly, while objects far away appear blurry. There is also evidence showing that myopia is on the rise. Myopia is often diagnosed in children 8-12 years old and may worsen during teen years. Students with myopia may have trouble seeing their teacher and lessons at the front of the classroom. They may also find it difficult to fully participate in sports and other activities that require seeing objects clearly from a distance.

The National Eye Institute, part of the National Institutes of Health, offers these tips to help. Know the symptoms. Headaches, eyestrain, squinting, and difficulty seeing distant objects are signs and symptoms of myopia. Encourage your kids to speak up. Catching myopia early and introducing treatments—typically, eyeglasses or contact lenses—can help make sure your child gets the most out of school. Encourage your kids to speak up if they are having trouble seeing. Ask your children if they can see the board clearly during class. Get teachers and coaches involved. Ask your child’s

teachers and coaches about signs of myopia; for example, if they’ve noticed your child squinting or struggling to see things at a distance. Spend time outdoors. There is evidence that increasing time outside may reduce risk for myopia, but more research is needed to understand the connection. If your child is experiencing the symptoms of myopia, schedule an appointment with an eye care professional. For more information about myopia, visit <https://nei.nih.gov/health/eyes/myopia>, and for fun eye health resources for kids, visit [www.nei.nih.gov/kids](http://www.nei.nih.gov/kids).

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX RATE

The CHANNELVIEW INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT will hold a public meeting at 7:00 PM ON TUESDAY, AUGUST 29, 2017 in THE JOYCE HENDRIX ESC BOARD ROOM LOCATED AT 828 SHELDON RD, CHANNELVIEW, TX 77530. 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	\$ 1.04	/ \$100 (Proposed rate for maintenance and operations)
School Debt Service Tax		
Approved by Local Voters	\$ .4149	/ \$100 (proposed rate to pay bonded indebtedness)

Comparison of Proposed Budget with Last Year’s Budget

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	2.4301	% increase	or		% (decrease)
Debt service		% increase	or	0.4245	% (decrease)
Total expenditures	2.0781	% increase	or		% (decrease)

Total Appraised Value and Total Taxable Value (as calculated under Tax Code Section 26.04)

	Preceding Tax Year	Current Tax Year
Total appraised value* of all property	\$ 3525014053	\$ 3661076229
Total appraised value* of new property**	\$ 31377998	\$ 62943499
Total taxable value*** of all property	\$ 2901187502	\$ 3013170569
Total taxable value*** of new property**	\$ 25824991	\$ 51804302

\* "Appraised value" is the amount shown on the appraisal roll and defined by Tax Code Section 1.04(8).  
\*\* "New property" is defined by Tax Code Section 26.01(2)(17).  
\*\*\* "Taxable value" is defined by Tax Code Section 1.04(10).

Bonded Indebtedness

Total amount of outstanding and unpaid bonded indebtedness* \$	133,211,228
* Outstanding principal.	

Comparison of Proposed Rates with Last Year’s Rates

	Maintenance & Operations	Interest & Sinking Fund*	Total	Local Revenue Per Student	State Revenue Per Student
Last Year’s Rate	\$ 1.04000	\$ .35600 *	\$ 1.396	\$ 4134	\$ 4857
Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance & Operations Revenue & Pay Debt Service	\$ 1.09	\$ .38000 *	\$ 1.47	\$ 4604	\$ 4609
Proposed Rate	\$ 1.04000	\$ .414000 *	\$ 1.454900	\$ 4325	\$ 4609

\* 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.

Comparison of Proposed Levy with Last Year’s Levy on Average Residence

	Last Year	This Year
Average Market Value of Residences	\$ 110028	\$ 120332
Average Taxable Value of Residences	\$ 83936	\$ 94200
Last Year’s Rate Versus Proposed Rate per \$100 Value	\$ 1.396	\$ 1.4549
Taxes Due on Average Residence	\$ 1171.75	\$ 1370.52
Increase (Decrease) in Taxes		\$ 198.77

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 1.4549. This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the rollback rate of 1.4549.

Fund Balances

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)	\$ 29,570,386
Interest & Sinking Fund Balance(s)	\$ 14,246,480

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 28, 2017 in Galena Park Independent School District Admin. Bldg. 14705 Woodforest Blvd., Houston TX 77015. 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	
Approved by Local Voters	\$0.3200/\$100 (proposed rate to pay bonded indebtedness)

Comparison of Proposed Budget with Last Year’s Budget

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	1.59 % increase
Debt Service	-57.40 % decrease
Total expenditures	-11.62 % decrease

Total Appraised Value and Total Taxable Value (as calculated under Section 26.04, Tax Code)

	Preceding Tax Year	Current Tax Year
Total appraised value* of all property	\$10,292,796,167	\$10,246,683,139
Total appraised value* of new property**	\$415,420,599	\$109,130,525
Total taxable value*** of all property	\$8,238,003,210	\$8,201,095,914
Total taxable value*** of new property**	\$332,488,415	\$87,344,352

\*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 26.01(2)(17), Tax Code.  
\*\*\* "Taxable value" is defined by Section 1.04(10), Tax Code.

Bonded Indebtedness

Total amount of outstanding and unpaid bonded indebtedness* \$367,457,534
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\*Outstanding principal.

Comparison of Proposed Rates with Last Year’s Rates

	Maintenance & Operations	Interest & Sinking Fund*	Total	Local Revenue Per Student	State Revenue Per Student
Last Year’s Rate	\$1.2433	\$0.3200*	\$1.5633	\$5,923	\$4,393
Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance & Operations Revenue & Pay Debt Service	\$1.3121	\$0.3341*	\$1.6462	\$6,179	\$4,381
Proposed Rate	\$1.2433	\$0.3200*	\$1.5633	\$5,904	\$4,381

\*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.

Comparison of Proposed Levy with Last Year’s Levy on Average Residence

	Last Year	This Year
Average Market Value of Residences	\$91,241	\$96,466
Average Taxable Value of Residences	\$55,750	\$61,016
Last Year’s Rate Versus Proposed Rate per \$100 Value	\$1.5633	\$1.5633
Taxes Due on Average Residence	\$871.54	\$953.86
Increase (Decrease) in Taxes		\$82.32

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 \$1.5774. This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the rollback rate of \$1.5774.

Fund Balances

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)	\$142,475,826
Interest & Sinking Fund Balance(s)	\$8,505,543

BACK TO SCHOOL

New principals to lead four Channelview ISD campuses

Students and parents will be greeted by new principals at four Channelview ISD campuses when school begins on August 16.

Emily Laird was appointed as principal of the Barrett-Lee Early Childhood Center, while Robert Laird was named to the top administrative post at Channelview High School. Jose Lopez was selected as principal at Hamblen Elementary School and Ruben Rodriguez will serve as the new DeZavala Elementary principal. The district's Board of Trustees approved the appointments in June.

Learn more about these new principals by reading the profiles below:

**Emily Laird**  
Emily Laird is a Channelview native and a 1998 graduate of Channelview High School. She received her Bachelor's Degree in Elementary Education from Sam Houston State University and her Master's Degree in Educational Leadership from the University of Houston-Clear Lake. Emily was hired as a Pre-Kindergarten teacher in 2008 and was named the 2008-2009 Campus Teacher of the Year. In 2014, she was named assistant principal of the campus. She replaces Judy Lee, who retired



from the district after 43 years of service.

"Being named principal is a great honor," she said. "This is my home town and where my roots have been for my entire life. Early Childhood education is my passion and I strive to create an inviting environment where students feel safe, cared for physically and emotionally and encouraged, while preparing them academically for the next step."

**Robert Laird**  
Robert Laird is a lifelong Channelview resident and graduated from Channelview High School in 1995. He received his Bachelor's Degree from Sam Houston State University and his Master's Degree in Educational Management from the University of Houston-Clear Lake.



After teaching in Dayton and serving as an Agricultural Science teacher and Assistant Principal in Anahuac ISD, Robert was named Assistant Principal at Channelview High School in 2011. In 2012, he was named Associate Principal of the Kolarik Ninth Grade Campus. Cindi Ollis, who served as principal of CHS for several years, retired after 39 years in education.

"I have been in Channelview my entire life and can remember every

teacher I have had since Kindergarten through graduation," he said. "I believe a principal needs to help focus on the whole child, and not just academic needs. If we understand the environment from which our students come, we can more efficiently meet their needs and help our students grow into productive, successful adults."

**Jose Lopez**  
Jose Lopez, who was this year's Campus Principal of the Year for Cobb Elementary School, will move into the principal's role at Hamblen Elementary School. Lopez earned his Bachelor's Degree from University of Texas-Pan American and his Master's Degree from Lamar University. He succeeds Constance Norfleet who retired with more than 25 years in education, 18 of those as an administrator at Hamblen.



Lopez served as a third grade teacher from 2004-2012 in Galena Park ISD before becoming an assistant principal. He then came to Cobb Elementary as a fourth grade bilingual teacher in 2015.

"Hamblen Elementary has a strong history of academic excellence," Lopez said. "Rest assured that one of my goals will be to continue building on what everyone has worked so hard to achieve, and to

use that strong foundation to move us to the next level. Together, we will continue to provide outstanding educational opportunities and academic excellence for our students."

**Ruben Rodriguez**  
Ruben Rodriguez is also a product of Channelview schools, graduating from CHS in 2001. He received his Bachelor's Degree from the University of Houston and his Master's Degree from the University of Houston-Clear Lake.



After graduating from college, Rodriguez was hired as a math teacher at Alice Johnson Junior High in 2006 named Campus Teacher of the Year in 2010. He was promoted to Assistant Principal in 2011.

"As principal, my goal is to instill a sense of mastery and self-confidence in our children that inspires a love of learning," Rodriguez said. "I plan to formulate a strong learning community with staff and parents to academically motivate our children to attain a positive self-concept of themselves as learners and future leaders. I am confident that DeZavala Elementary will continue to be a safe, loving, caring, and fun place where our children can learn and grow."

COMMUNITY EVENTS

East Houston Democrats meeting

You are invited to join the East Houston Democrats for their Monthly Membership Meeting on Thursday, August 17 at 6:30 p.m. Meetings are held at the Milton Lusk Youth Activity Center located at 1092 Mercury Drive, Jacinto City. Should you have any questions, please contact President Linda Britten at 281.782.6437 or Treasurer Charlotte Jackson at 832.896.1633.

AARP Chapter meeting

AARP chapter 1160 will have their monthly meeting on Monday 21st, 2017. The meeting will be held at the Alvin Baggett Community Building located at 1302 Keene Street Galena Park at 1:30 pm. The guest speaker will be Christina Garza from the Houston FBI office. Refreshments will be served and guest are welcome. Topic will be a FBI overview and their response to scams affecting senior..

Evening San Jacinto Pilot Club Meeting

This newly chartered club meets on on the 1st Tuesday of each month at 7 pm at the Woodforest Presbyterian Church. For more information, see the Facebook page entitled Evening San Jacinto Pilot Club or call 832-264-1565 / 832-289-4762.

Galena Park Senior Dance

Senior Dance is every Monday at the Alvin D. Building, 1302 Keene St., Galena Park. 7 pm - 9 pm. No cover charge. Live band Country music. Call for more information: 713-455-7335.

North Shore Senior Dance

North Shore Seniors holds a dance every Thursday from 1 - 4 pm at the Grayson/Baldree Building, Corpus Christi street. Live bands and refreshments. Cost is \$ 5/per person. For more information call 713-455-3660.

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.

San Jacinto Pilot Club meeting

The Club meets the 2nd Thursday of each month at LyondellBasell on Sheldon Road at noon. For more information, please visit [www.SanJacintoPilot.com](http://www.SanJacintoPilot.com).

Trip Israel

Join Wayne & Patsy Moss on a trip to ISRAEL! March 2018. Call for more information. 281-447-4307.

SHELDON ISD hosts first summer STEM camp



About 90 students attended first summer STEAM Camp.

By Becky Zalesnik,  
Sheldon ISD  
Director of Innovative Programs

On July 31 through August 3rd, Sheldon ISD hosted its first ever STEM Camp for middle school students. The students that attended were the 7th graders that have been accepted into the Sheldon Middle School STEM Academy for the upcoming school year. There were 90+ students in attendance each day that worked closely with the 10 STEM teachers, their assistant principals, the Campus STEM facilitator (Annette Clark) and the Director of Innovative Programs (Becky Zalesnik) throughout the week. Activities for the camp included learning about STEM careers and having guest speakers from ExxonMobil, Sheldon Lake State Park and Environmental Learning Center, and Lyondellbasell. The guest speakers were brought in to help introduce the students to people in STEM careers in their community and make those career connections early in the program.

The highlight of the week was the completion of the student's first project-based learning activity, which consisted of a working Rube Goldberg machine designed and built by an assigned team of students. This project helped them learn how to incorporate the 21st century skills of Communication, Collaboration, Critical Thinking and Creativity all while following the steps in the Engineering Design Process that they will be using all year in their STEM classes.

The students in the summer camp were exposed to all of the elements that will be an everyday part of the STEM academy learning environment that that they will experience this year in their advanced schedule. These will include PBLs (Project Based Learning in all core subjects) as well as a STEM Lab class for Computer Science and Engineering credit for high school and an AVID (Advancement Via Individual Determination) class. All students will also be allowed to choose two elective courses to complete this rigorous schedule to allow them to remain in all of the other fun programs offered at

school such as athletics, band, choir, art, etc. The goal this year of the STEM academy is to begin with a cohort group of students and begin focusing on not just teaching the content, but the skills that will be needed for them to be successful in a 21st century workforce.

The final day of camp ended with a bang as we had over 300 parents/students/community partners and Sheldon ISD personnel attend the Induction Ceremony where all of the students received their Sheldon STEM pin. This pin represents their place in the elite group of students that are ready to meet the challenges in our STEM program that will aim to prepare our students not just for tests, but for success in the future workforce.

At Sheldon ISD we are taking College and Career Readiness to a whole new level by implementing programs such as the STEM Academy that will provide our students with opportunities for rewarding jobs and careers beyond high school. This program is not just a "game changer" for our school and students but for our community as well.



Fall classes begin  
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OPINION PAGE

How to Help Your Child Prepare for Kindergarten

(StatePoint) Kindergarten is an exciting time for children, but it can also be a stressful time of change -- not just for little ones, but for parents, too. Although each child is unique and develops at his or her own pace, most educators and experts agree that four key areas of development are essential for further growth and achievement in school.

To help your child prepare for kindergarten and make a smooth transition, here are a few ways to support these key areas of development at home:

• **Vocabulary and Oral Language Development:** Encourage your child to communicate through words. Have your child tell you a story, asking questions that invite description. For example, if your child says a dog was chasing a stick, ask what color was the dog? Did he run fast or slowly? Was the stick big or small? In public, give your child opportunities to speak for him or herself or make requests. If he or she is asked what they want to eat and drink at a restaurant, let your child reply, even if you know the answer.

• **Social-Emotional Skills:** Children will use social-emotional skills every day once in kindergarten, whether they're asking a teacher for help, being polite to classmates or following instructions. Scheduling a fun, unstructured play date is a great way to let children interact with peers, helping them learn to share and express themselves through play.

• **Small Motor Control:** Developing small motor skills can be as easy as coloring with your child and cutting with scissors -- anything that gets those fingers and toes moving! Other great activities include putting puzzles together, building with blocks, throwing, catching and kicking a ball, riding a tricycle as well as activities like running, jumping and climbing.

• **Attention to Sensory and Visual Detail:** Paying attention to one's senses is

a mindful practice that can help prepare children for the academic world of kindergarten. Noticing textures, smells and tastes, and using language to describe these details, fosters vocabulary development and encourages children to compare and contrast their experiences. At snack time, ask your child to describe the food

with words like sweet or sour, crunchy or juicy, rough or smooth. When playing with puzzles,

ask your child to sort the puzzle pieces and then describe what colors, patterns, edges, or other visual details the pieces share.

Parents may find certain tools useful towards helping children learn core school and life skills. For example, Leap-Frog's LeapStart Learning System gets kids excited about counting, learning to read, problem solving and more with fun, re-playable activities. An ergonomic stylus reads invisible dots on every page, triggering questions, challenges, songs, jokes and more.

Engaging new content featuring popular children's characters and the availability of Leap-Frog's acclaimed Learn to Read series give children the tools they need to build tomorrow's skills today.

Don't worry if your child hasn't mastered all his or her letters, sounds and numbers by the time school starts. Children come to kindergarten at many different levels. The teacher will practice these skills with your child throughout the school year, but you can help by continuing to reinforce them at home.



Abbott signs 3 bills with few likely to reach his desk in final week

AUSTIN — Three bills reached Gov. Greg Abbott's desk last week, with the 30-day special session of the Texas Legislature set to expire Aug. 16.

Abbott signed all three into law on Aug. 11:

-- Senate Bill 5, increasing criminal penalties for voter fraud, by Kelly Hancock, R-North Richland Hills, and sponsored in the House by Dan Huberty, R-Kingwood;

-- Senate Bill 20, the "sunset bill" that extends the life of the Texas Medical Board and several other healthcare-regulating state boards, by Van Taylor, R-Plano, and sponsored in the House by Larry Gonzales, R-Round Rock; and

-- Senate Bill 60, relating to the funding of those revived healthcare boards, also by Taylor and sponsored by Gonzales.

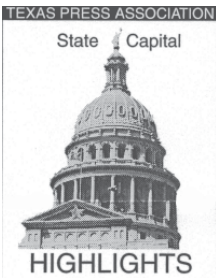
Two more bills headed to the governor for consideration are:

-- HB 13 by Giovanni Capriglione, R-Southlake, and Sen. Donna Campbell, R-New Braunfels, legislation requiring emergency healthcare providers to report complications from abortions and for the Health and Human Services Commission to publish the data; and

-- HB 214 by John Smith, R-Amarillo, and Sen. Brandon Creighton, R-Conroe, banning abortion coverage through the federal Affordable Care Act and allowing private insurers to offer abortion coverage.

And, in an Aug. 12 week-end session, the House debated and tentatively passed SB 1, legislation lowering the property tax rollback rate and requiring voter approval to increase the rate above the threshold. The House-amended version differed from the one passed in the Senate, however, and as of deadline it was unclear whether the two sides could reach a compromise. With time running out, the House and Senate did concur on amendments to SB 6, a bill to reform municipal annexation, but a municipal annexation reform bill was still unsettled. Negotiators for both bodies are working toward settlement on that and other bills on the governor's call as the Aug. 16 deadline inches closer.

STATE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS By Ed Sterling



Racing against the clock are bills that would:

-- Increase the average salary and benefits of Texas teachers;

-- Provide a more flexible and rewarding salary and benefit system for Texas teachers;

-- Establish a spending limit for political subdivisions and curb their power;

-- Ban local regulations of the use of hand-held mobile communication devices while driving; and

-- Ensure action is taken to reduce the maternal mortality rate in Texas.

Gov. Abbott, on June 6, called for legislation addressing the previously mentioned issues and a few others to be solved in the current special session, after lawmakers were unable to fulfill his legislative priorities during the 140-day regular session that ended May 29.

Judge dismisses suit

Austin U.S. District Court Judge Sam Sparks on Aug. 9 dismissed as moot Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton's lawsuit requesting the court to consolidate several lawsuits challenging the constitutionality of SB 4.

Paxton's lawsuit, filed preemptively in support of the legislation widely referred to as the "show me your papers" immigration bill, was passed by the state Legislature and signed into law by Gov.

Abbott on May 7.

In a news release, Paxton reacted to Sparks' ruling in Texas and Ken Paxton v. Travis County et al., claiming the ruling by Judge Sparks would have no effect on the merits of SB 4 cases pending in San Antonio courts and that he plans to keep fighting.

Scheduled to take effect Sept. 1, SB 4 requires law enforcement agencies across Texas to detain individuals pursuant to the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement's federal detainer program.

In his ruling, Sparks said Paxton does not have standing to bring suit because the law has not taken effect and therefore no violation has occurred.

Hegar to send revenue

Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar on Aug. 9 announced his office would send cities, counties, transit systems and special purpose taxing districts \$779.2 million in local sales tax allocations for August.

The amount is 1.3 percent more than in August 2016. Allocations are based on sales made in June by businesses that report tax monthly, and sales made in April, May and June by quarterly filers.

Mark White laid to rest

The body of former Gov. Mark White lay in state in the Capitol Rotunda on Aug. 9 and burial followed in the Texas State Cemetery.

White died at age 77 at his home in Houston on Aug. 5. He was the 43rd governor of Texas, serving from 1983 to 1987. He also served as Texas attorney general from 1979 to 1983, and as Texas secretary of state from 1973 to 1977.

Governor Abbott signs Legislation to crack down on mail-in ballot fraud

AUSTIN — August 11, 2017 - Governor Greg Abbott today signed Senate Bill 5 (SB 5) to increase penalties for mail-in ballot fraud in Texas. As part of the Governor's special session agenda, this bill will improve the integrity of the ballot box and ensure voter confidence in Texas elections.

"It is a primary function of government to protect a citizen's right to vote, and I will not allow the integrity of the ballot box to be compromised in Texas," said Governor Abbott. "As Attorney General, I prosecuted countless cases of mail-in ballot fraud, and yet this problem continues to persist. Thanks to the efforts of the legislature and authors Sen. Kelly Hancock and Rep. Craig Goldman, Texas has strengthened penalties against those that commit mail-in ballot fraud."

Teacher Retirement Health Care and School Finance

AUSTIN — August 15, 2017 -- Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick issued the following statement on the final passage of House Bill 21 early this morning.

"Before the Special Session last month, I made a commitment to retired teachers to boost TRS-Care and HB 21 will do that. It reduces premiums for retirees who are not Medicaid eligible and deductibles for retirees over the age of 65. It will also assist those retirees with adult disabled children. HB 21 includes the \$212 million dollars that the Senate originally allocated for TRS-Care and I am proud to announce that we have kept this commitment.

"I am also very proud that HB 21 includes \$60 million in first time ever funding for charter school facilities -- another priority for me. Other funding in HB 21 includes:

-\$150 million for ASATR funding

-\$60 million for fast growth school districts facilities

-\$41 million small district adjustment

-\$40 million for autism and dyslexia grant programs

"As I promised, this \$563 million funding package will help our retired teachers and address some of the most critical issues facing our schools without tapping either the Rainy Day Fund or the Foundation School Program. I am proud of Senate Education Chairman Larry Taylor, R-Friendwood, and the Senate's hard work on this bill and look forward to Gov. Abbott signing it into law."

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS AND PARTIES:

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New Teacher Breakfast



Michelle Duhon, principal at Stephen F. Austin Elementary, shows Alexis (Stafford) Hancock, a new teacher at Austin, the schedule for the first day of New Teacher Inservice at Goose Creek CISD.



Al Richard (left), president of the Goose Creek CISD Board of Trustees, greets Ariel Reitmeier, a new teacher at Baytown Junior School, during the New Teacher Breakfast at Highlands Junior School. Reitmeier was a student at Goose Creek Memorial High School when Richard was the school's principal.

Aliece Daniels, a Ross S. Sterling High School graduate, shows off the bag she received at the New Teacher Breakfast. Daniels will teach first grade at Bowie Elementary.



Photos by Carrie Pryor-Newman

Goose Creek CISD grads are new teachers



Welcome back, Goose Creek CISD Grads! New Elem GC Teachers (Grads): Twenty-nine new teachers for the 2017-18 school year at Goose Creek CISD elementary schools are graduates of a GCCISD high school. Several will teach at their former elementary schools.



New Sec. Teachers – GC Grads: Eighteen Goose Creek CISD graduates are new teachers at GCCISD secondary schools for the 2017-18 school year.

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**OBITUARIES**

**Alfred Leroy Wilson**

After a hard fought battle with cancer, Alfred Leroy Wilson died on July 27th, 2017 at Harbor Hospice Inpatient Facility in Houston at the age of 68. He leaves behind his son Chad.

Leroy was born on November 20, 1948 in Houston, TX, to father Pryor H. Wilson, Jr. and mother Margaret Clark Wilson. He grew up with two sisters, one brother and two half-brothers. As a teenager, he worked in the Merchant Marine and traveled the world. During the Vietnam War he served in the navy from 1968- 1970.

On January 1, 1971, he married Priscilla Robinson. They resided in Channelview and raised one child. After working for Southern Pacific Railroad and One Shell Plaza, Leroy went into business for himself as a used car lot owner where his love of cars and skills at auto detailing were an asset to his success.

Leroy will be remembered for his generosity with family, friends, and strangers. He frequently opened his home up to anyone in need of a meal, shower, or warm bed to sleep in up until the last month of his life.

**Leroy Hugh Pike Sr.**

Leroy Hugh Pike Sr., 68, of Highlands, Texas passed away on Monday, August 7, 2017. He was born on March 14, 1949 in Port Arthur, Texas to Clarence Lelan Pike and Emma Lee Schram Kennison. He was the owner of Original Riverfront RV Park in Highlands. Leroy was full of life and lived his to the fullest. He had no regrets and did what he wanted when he wanted. Leroy enjoyed motorcycles, fishing, boats but most of all his grand kids. He will be dearly missed by all who knew and loved him.

Leroy is survived by his son Chad, brother Pryor H. Wilson III, sister Francis Courville, and ex-wife Priscilla Watson; and numerous nieces and nephews. He is preceded in death by his parents; his sister, Sherry Guerra, brothers Bobby and Raymond Holbert, and step father Earl Holbert.

A memorial service to celebrate his life will be held on Friday, August 18th, 2017 at 1:30 PM at Houston National Cemetery (10410 Veteran's Memorial Drive, Houston, Texas 77038). All family, friends, and friends of the family are invited to join us. Please plan to arrive no later than 1:15 to attend the service. In lieu of flowers, please send donations to Wounded Warrior Project and Maranatha Church in Mount Belvieu, Texas. The family would like to thank everyone for all their prayers and support at this difficult time.

Williamson; sisters, Linda Miller and Kay McIntosh; brothers, James Nathan Pike and Lelan Pike; grandsons, Austin Lacombe and Ayden Lacombe; granddaughters, Abigail Lacombe and Audrey Lacombe; and a host of extended family and friends.

A Celebration of Life will be held at Sterling White Funeral Home on Saturday, August 19, 2017 at 10:00 am. Interment will be private. Arrangements have been entrusted to Sterling White Funeral Home, 11011 Crosby-Lynchburg Rd., Highlands, Texas 77562. To offer condolences to the family, please visit [www.sterlingwhite.com](http://www.sterlingwhite.com)

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## CHANNELVIEW Deputies kill suspect during warrant

CHANNELVIEW, Texas – Deputies fatally shoot a Channelview man during a warrant.

The shooting happened around 5:00 a.m. last Friday, August 11 in the 900 block of Ashland Street.

Deputies said the suspect opened fire when they tried to enter the apartment.

There was a woman and a child inside the apartment when the shooting occurred, but they were not hurt.

The suspect is described as a Hispanic male but he has not been identified.

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NOTICE OF RECEIPT OF APPLICATION AND INTENT TO OBTAIN AIR PERMIT

STATE AIR QUALITY PERMIT NUMBER 101199 AND  
NONATTAINMENT PERMIT NUMBER N158M1

**APPLICATION** Kinder Morgan Crude & Condensate LLC, has applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) for an amendment to State Air Quality Permit Number 101199 and modification to Nonattainment Air Quality Permit Number N158M1, which would authorize modification to the Galena Park Terminal located at 407 Clinton Drive, Galena Park, Harris County, Texas 77547. This link to an electronic map of the site or facility's general location is provided as a public courtesy and not part of the application or notice. For exact location, refer to application. <http://www.tceq.texas.gov/assets/public/hb610/index.html?lat=29.725&lng=-95.24583&zoom=13&type=r>. The facility will emit the following air contaminants: carbon monoxide, hydrogen sulfide, nitrogen oxides, organic compounds, particulate matter including particulate matter with diameters of 10 microns or less and 2.5 microns or less and sulfur dioxide.

This application was submitted to the TCEQ on July 24, 2017. The application will be available for viewing and copying at the TCEQ central office, the TCEQ Houston regional office, and the Harris County Public Library – Galena Park Branch, 1500 Keene Street, Galena Park, Harris County, Texas, beginning the first day of publication of this notice. The facility's compliance file, if any exists, is available for public review in the Houston regional office of the TCEQ.

The executive director has determined the application is administratively complete and will conduct a technical review of the application.

**PUBLIC COMMENT/PUBLIC MEETING** You may submit public comments, a request for a public meeting or, request a contested case hearing to the Office of the Chief Clerk at the address below. The TCEQ will consider all public comments in developing a final decision on the application. After the deadline for public comments, the executive director will prepare a response to all public comments.

The purpose of a public meeting is to provide the opportunity to submit comments or ask questions about the application. A public meeting about the application will be held if the executive director determines that there is a significant degree of public interest in the application, if requested by an interested person, or if requested by a local legislator. A public meeting is not a contested case hearing.

After technical review of the application is complete, the executive director may prepare a draft permit and will issue a preliminary decision on the application. Notice of Application and Preliminary Decision for an Air Quality Permit will then be published and mailed to those who made comments, submitted hearing requests or are on the mailing list for this application. That notice will contain the final deadline for submitting public comments.

**OPPORTUNITY FOR A CONTESTED CASE HEARING** You may request a contested case hearing. A contested case hearing is a legal proceeding similar to a civil trial in state district court. A contested case hearing will only be granted based on disputed issues of fact that are relevant and material to the Commission's decision on the application. Further, the Commission will only grant a hearing on those issues submitted during the public comment period and not withdrawn.

A person who may be affected by emissions of air contaminants from the facility is entitled to request a hearing. If requesting a contested case hearing, you must submit the following: (1) your name (or for a group or association, an official representative), mailing address, daytime phone number; (2) applicant's name and permit number; (3) the statement "[I/we] request a contested case hearing"; (4) a specific description of how you would be adversely affected by the application and air emissions from the facility in a way not common to the general public; (5) the location and distance of your property relative to the facility; (6) a description of how you use the property which may be impacted by the facility; and (7) a list of all disputed issues of fact that you submit during the comment period. If the request is made by a group or an association, one or more members who have standing to request a hearing must be identified by name and physical address. The interests the group or association seeks to protect, must also be identified. You may also submit your proposed adjustments to the application/permit which would satisfy your concerns.

Additional notice will be provided. If a hearing request is timely filed, following the close of all applicable comment and request periods, the Executive Director will forward the application and any requests for contested case hearing to the Commissioners for their consideration at a scheduled Commission meeting. The Commission may only grant a request for a contested case hearing on issues the requestor submitted in their timely comments that were not subsequently withdrawn. If a hearing is granted, the subject of a hearing will be limited to disputed issues of fact or mixed questions of fact and law relating to relevant and material air quality concerns submitted during the comment period. Issues such as property values, noise, traffic safety, and zoning are outside of the Commission's jurisdiction to address in this proceeding.

**MAILING LIST** In addition to submitting public comments, you may ask to be placed on a mailing list to receive future public notices for this specific application mailed by the Office of the Chief Clerk by sending a written request to the Office of the Chief Clerk at the address below.

**AGENCY CONTACTS AND INFORMATION.** Public comments and requests must be submitted either electronically at [www.tceq.texas.gov/about/comments.html](http://www.tceq.texas.gov/about/comments.html), or in writing to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, Office of the Chief Clerk, MC-105, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087. Any personal information you submit to the TCEQ will become part of the agency's record; this includes email addresses. For more information about this permit application or the permitting process, please call the Public Education Program toll free at 1-800-687-4040. Si desea información en Español, puede llamar al 1-800-687-4040.

Further information may also be obtained from Kinder Morgan Crude & Condensate LLC, 1001 Louisiana Street, Suite 1000, Houston, Texas 77002-5089 or by calling Mr. J. Cliff McCowan, SME Air Program, at (336) 547-3672.

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It is the policy of the Galena Park Independent School District not to discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, disability, sexual orientation or age in admission, treatment in its employment practices as required by Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 as amended; Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972; the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, as amended; and Section 504 of Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended.

The Galena Park Independent School District will take steps to assure that lack of English language skills will not be a barrier to admission and participation in all educational and vocational programs.

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Public Hearing

Business US Highway (BU) 90U  
From Interstate Highway 610 to East of Mesa Road  
CSJ: 0028-01-067  
Harris County, Texas

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) Houston District, as the lead agency, is proposing to widen Business US Highway (BU) 90U from Interstate Highway 610 to east of Mesa Road, in Houston, Harris County, Texas. The total distance of the project is approximately 1.2 miles. This notice advises the public that environmental documents are available for public review and that TxDOT will be conducting a public hearing on the proposed project. The hearing will be held on Tuesday, September 5, 2017, at the Eden Event Center, 7450 North Wayside Drive, Houston, Texas 77028. Displays will be available for viewing at 5:30 pm with the formal hearing starting at 6:30 pm. The purpose of the hearing is to present the planned improvements and to receive public comment on the proposed project.

The project proposes to widen the BU 90U roadway from a four-lane undivided rural roadway to a six-lane urban facility with a continuous left turn lane. Sidewalks as well as a curb and gutter drainage system would be constructed as part of the proposed project. The typical width of the right-of-way (ROW) would increase to 120 feet from an existing typical width of 100 feet. The proposed improvements would potentially require approximately 2.47 acres of additional ROW. The purpose of the proposed project is to reduce congestion and enhance safety in northeast Houston. The proposed project would displace five businesses in four commercial structures, but no residences. Information about the TxDOT Relocation Assistance Program, benefits and services for displacees, as well as information about the tentative schedules for ROW acquisition and construction, can be obtained from the TxDOT district office at the address listed below. Relocation assistance is available for displaced persons and businesses. The proposed project will encroach into the 100-year floodplain of Hunting Bayou.

Any environmental documentation or studies, maps showing the project location and design, tentative construction schedules, and other information regarding the project are on file and available for inspection by appointment Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. at the TxDOT Houston District Office, located at 7600 Washington Avenue, Houston, Texas 77007, and at TxDOT's North Harris Area Office, located at 16803 Eastex Freeway, Humble, Texas 77396. To schedule an appointment at the Houston District please contact Hamid Youssefi at (713) 802-5503, or at the North Harris Area Office contact Mr. John Elam, P.E. at (281) 319-6400. The project information can also be viewed online at TxDOT's website: <http://www.txdot.gov/inside-txdot/get-involved/about/hearings-meetings/houston/090517.html>. This information also will be available for inspection at the hearing. Verbal and written comments from the public regarding the project are requested and may be presented at the hearing, or submitted in person or by mail to the TxDOT Houston District Office, or via email to [hou-piowebmail@txdot.gov](mailto:hou-piowebmail@txdot.gov). Comments must be received on or before September 20, 2017 to be part of the official hearing record.

The hearing will be conducted in English. Persons interested in attending the hearing who have special communication or accommodation needs, are encouraged to contact the TxDOT District Public Information Officer at (713) 802-5076. Requests should be made at least two days prior to the hearing. Every reasonable effort will be made to accommodate these needs.

The environmental review, consultation, and other actions required by applicable Federal environmental laws for this project are being, or have been, carried-out by TxDOT pursuant to 23 U.S.C. 327 and a Memorandum of Understanding dated December 16, 2014, and executed by FHWA and TxDOT.

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that Original Letters of Administration for Docket No. 457,578; Estate of MARGIE NETTLES, Deceased; In Probate Court No. 2, of Harris County, Texas, Deceased, were issued on August 1, 2017.

JESSIE OWEN

The residence address of the administrator is in Harris County, Texas. The mailing address is:

c/o Weston Cotten  
5223 Garth Rd.  
Baytown, TX 77521

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. Dated this August 10, 2017.

*Weston Cotten*  
by WESTON COTTEN  
Attorney for the Estate

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COMMUNITY NEWS

Chamber Casino night makes all a winner

NORTH SHORE – Participants in the North Channel Area Foundation Casino Night had a great time last Friday night, and for everyone it was a “win-win” in one way or another. Games of Blackjack, Poker, and Roulette kept everyone entertained, and a silent auction helped raise money for the Foundation. Great food was furnished by Chef Jerry from the Holiday Inn Channelview. Prize winners included the following:

Round of Golf for 4 @ Tour 18 with Taylor Made duffle bag and Chamber cap donated by Tour 18 - Winner: Monica Cortez

Super Car detail & BBQ Utensils donated by Bates Collision Centers - Winner: Hugh Callander

60 Minutes Massage & wine basket donated by Natural Indulgence - Winner: Dana Lemmons

Two(2) Lady Antebellum Concert Tickets donated by Capital Bank - Winner: Julie Fallin

Fly Over Houston for four(4) donated by Ronny Dwairy - Winner: Traicy Marak

Technology Basket donated by Halo Branded Solutions June Harris - Winner: Mo Siddiqui

\$150 Pappas Gift Card with Wine Basket donated by Bill & Debbie Palko - Winner: Sara Garza

Ruger Model 8605 9 MM Luger Pistol donated by Bestway Oilfield - Winner: Jim Wadzinski

Whataburger for a year and misc. donated by Whataburger - Winner: Andrew Davila

Event Title Sponsor was Ronny Dwairy and Bestway Oilfield. Other sponsors included Amegy Bank, Community Toyota/Honda/Kia, and Arkema. Jacinto City provided the Town Center.



HOORAY as the players beat the House in this Blackjack round. Players included Cassie Daniel, Jim Wadzinski, Julie Fallin and others having fun, not fortune.



PICK A CARD, ANY CARD. J.P. JOE STEPHENS seems to be having some trouble making up his mind, as he tries a hand of Blackjack.



A POKER TABLE full of North Shore Rotarians might be termed a Full House. Players included Rotary president Adam Lund, and Dr. Donald Nino.

Overpass,

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improvements. The federal government will contribute \$10.06 Million, Harris County will pay \$3.34 Million for design and utility relocation, and \$2.98 for construction, while TxDOT will be responsible for management and cost overruns. The project is scheduled to take 22 months to complete.

In his remarks, Commissioner Morman pointed out the importance of Federal Road, relieving traffic from parallel arteries such as Beltway 8 and the East Loop.

The design of the overpass, by engineering firm J. A. Costanza and Associates, shows a 2760 length, of which 1110 feet in the middle is the actual bridge over the railroad tracks.

Construction will be phased to allow rail and vehicle traffic to continue.

STATEMENT TO THE FAMILY, REGARDING FLAG PRESENTATION, BY A FRIEND

I want to thank everyone who is here today, especially Congressman Gene Green and Bobby Stroka with the extraordinary Patriot Guard Riders for their respect and devotion to the Veterans and whole military community.

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