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## CHANNEL CHATTER

Here's how to get an industry job, according to local sources :

There are job opportunities in the energy and chemical industries, and members of the Galena Park-Jacinto City Community-Industry Partnership (CIP) want local residents, especially students, to know how to be hired for these good-paying jobs. Speakers from LyondellBasell and Kinder Morgan at the CIP's February meeting explained the requirements at their companies and how to apply.

A high school diploma or GED is a minimum requirement but often not enough to be competitive. Process technology programs at San Jacinto and other community colleges offer 2-year degrees that some companies require. Maintenance work also requires a national certification in a technical field such as machinist or electrician. Mechanical aptitude is needed. Plants also look for people with good math and science skills.

Applicants must be drug-free, able to pass a background check, and able to obtain a Transportation Worker Identification Credential from the Transportation Security Administration.

Making a good impression is essential if granted an interview. Good communication skills, a pleasant attitude. Professional appearance is important: dress appropriately in clean clothes, avoid or at least hide tattoos and piercings, sit up straight, and look at the interviewer.

Often, a good way for an applicant to get a foot in the door is to work for a contractor at one of the plants, especially in maintenance positions such as millwrights, boilermakers, etc. This will give the future applicant a chance to learn about the plant culture, working conditions, employee attitudes and a chance for the plant personnel to witness your work ethics.

Companies told the CIP that they post their job openings online, and application must be made online. Some companies may also post job notices in community newspapers and at community colleges in the area. Those seeking work should check company websites frequently. A company may receive so many applications that a job is posted for fewer than 36 hours.

## HC WCID #36 GROUNDBREAKING

# Water District to get new Tower

CLOVERLEAF—Customers of HC WCID#36 will soon have an upgrade in their water service, according to general manager Billie Vasquez. The District is planning on replacing their old elevated storage tank with a new one, with a larger capacity.

The old tank, purchased from the "Old Ordinance Depot" in Jacinto Port over 65 years ago, had a capacity of 150,000 gallons. It has been refurbished and standpipes have been replaced over the years. The new one, being built in South Dakota by Maguire Iron, will have a capacity of 250,000 gallons. It will be erected by the contractor, W.W. Payton Corp., this summer after the old tank is tipped over and replaced.

The project is jointly financed by a HUD/CDBG grant from the Harris County Community Services Department of \$1,178,622, and a matching grant from the Water District of \$295,000.

Vasquez says there are approximately 4000 customers of the district, with water and sewer service. The new tank will allow the district to move to 80% surface water, rather than 60% currently. The balance of the water comes from wells, she said.

The water district has existed since 1942, created by the Harris County Commissioners Court. It was originally known as Fresh Water Supply District #14, and then later WCID#36.

It should be an interesting sight, when the old tank is taken down and the new one erected this spring.



PICTURED ABOVE  
Harris County Water Control & Improvement District #36 has a water storage tank facility at Freeport and Brownwood streets. There is both a ground storage tank, an elevated tank, and pumps and emergency generators at the site. In the coming months, the Water District will remove the elevated tank and replace it with a much larger new tank. The old tank is over 65 years old, and needs replaced.

PICTURED LEFT  
Board members of HCWCID#36 break ground, symbolically, for the new Elevated Storage Tank. Pictured left to right, Gerardo Leal, Ronald Holder, Maria Koukoulakis, Gerardo Parra (president), and Ola Mae Watts. Water District Manager is Billie Vasquez.

## AG EDUCATION:

# Sheldon FFA raises scholarship dollars at Livestock Sale

Sheldon ISD's Future Farmers of America Show is a Huge Success!

The Sheldon Independent School District is proud of the Sheldon Future Farmers of America students for hosting an open livestock show for local competitors! All in all, there were 132 entries in the Steer, Heifer, Lamb, Goat, and Swine shows. The show gave the students the opportunity to give their animals' ringside exposure. The students also got the chance to practice their showmanship skills, as they prepare to show their animals in future shows.

The Sheldon FFA students not only played host, but they



GRAND CHAMPION STEER was exhibited by Ryan Rodriguez, left, and purchased by Fred Rivas.

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## EAST HOUSTON HOSPITAL

# Scott Stephens partners with local hospital for heart screenings

Houston, TX - Art Garza, Chief Operating Officer of East Houston Regional Medical Center announced the East Houston Regional Medical Center's partnership with the Cody Stephens "Go Big or Go Home" Memorial Foundation and area independent school districts to provide electrocardiograms (EKGs) for students who participate in school sports and other extracurricular activities.

In 2012 with only two months before the 6'9" 289-pound Cody Stephens was slated to join a college football team, he sat down to rest and died of sudden cardiac arrest. He was 18 years old, and he would have received a required EKG by his college football team, a procedure which might have identified his heart problem.

Scott Stephens, Cody's father, approached East Houston Regional Medical Center with a proposal that resulted in 2,216 EKG screenings last year. The staff at East Houston Regional Medical Center

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Pictured at Right are Cody Stephens in a red t-shirt with his father, Scott Stephens in a football field prior to Cody's sudden death.





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# SHELDON ISD 2014

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## GRAND CHAMPIONS



**GRAND CHAMPION STEER**  
Exhibitor: RYAN RODRIGUEZ  
Buyer: FRED RIVAS



**GRAND CHAMPION SWINE**  
Exhibitor: MARC CHAPA  
Buyer: MATT DAVIS-NORTH SHORE ROTARY



**GRAND CHAMPION GOAT**  
Exhibitor: KYLE KELLY  
Buyer: JOHN & LESLIE KELLY



**GRAND CHAMPION LAMB**  
Exhibitor: EMILLEE DENTON  
Buyer: MATT DAVIS-NORTH SHORE ROTARY



**GRAND CHAMPION RABBITS**  
Exhibitor: GARRETT PADY  
Buyer: SCOTT & PAM BARBER



**GRAND CHAMPION BROILERS**  
Exhibitor: EMILLEE DENTON  
Buyer: CARMEN MAGLIEVAZ



**GRAND CHAMPION FOOD SHOW**  
Exhibitor: GARRETT PADY  
Buyer: LORENA GARCIA-MSL ENTERTAINMENT



**GRAND CHAMPION HORTICULTURE**  
Exhibitor: EMILLEE DENTON  
Buyer: JOHN & LESLIE KELLY



**GRAND CHAMPION AG MECHANICS**  
Exhibitor: SAQUINNSHA HILLARD/LAUREEN HAYWARD  
Buyer: DENISE SMESNY-SHELDON ISD



**GRAND CHAMPION DECORATED CAKE**  
Exhibitor: LOGAN ROSS  
Buyer: SHELIA MCCRARY



**RESERVE CHAMPION HORTICULTURE**  
Exhibitor: LANE PATTERSON  
Buyer: ROBYN SHAMOON-SKS LIVESTOCK

## RESERVE CHAMPIONS



**RESERVE CHAMPION STEER**  
Exhibitor: ALEX LARA  
Buyer: MATT DAVIS-NORTH SHORE ROTARY



**RESERVE CHAMPION SWINE**  
Exhibitor: MADISYN COMSTOCK  
Buyer: DR. DANO NINO



**RESERVE CHAMPION GOAT**  
Exhibitor: LOGAN ROSS  
Buyer: LLOYD & CATHY VAUGHN



**RESERVE CHAMPION DECORATED CAKE**  
Exhibitor: SANDIE OPIELA  
Buyer: ROBYN SHAMOON-SKS LIVESTOCK



**RESERVE CHAMPION BROILERS**  
Exhibitor: KAYDEE DENTON  
Buyer: SCOTT & PAM BARBER



**RESERVE CHAMPION AG MECHANICS**  
Exhibitor: HOLLY BLACK  
Buyer: ROBYN SHAMOON-SKS LIVESTOCK



**RESERVE CHAMPION FOOD SHOW**  
Exhibitor: GARRETT PADY  
Buyer: SHELIA MCCRARY

### FFA, Continued from page 1

also competed in this year's show. The Sheldon FFA had over 50 entries, thanks to the addition of a few new categories. The categories included Steers, Heifer, Lamb, Goats, Swine, Rabbits, Chickens, Ag Mech, Horticulture, Decorated Cake, and Food Shows. The new categories were a hit with the students who want to be involved, but do not wish to raise an animal.

The show's big finale was the annual auction. Sheldon stu-

dents earned thousands of dollars auctioning off their prized animals and projects. Sheldon ISD would like to congratulate all of these students on their hard work and dedication. The Future Farmers of America program helps these students learn valuable skills that they will use as they continue to be successful in their lives. *Contributed by Ashley Shibley.*



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## COMMUNITY CREDIT UNION

### Congratulations to all the Winners!

United Community applauds all  
of the FFA Participants  
on a job well done.

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# FFA LIVESTOCK SHOW

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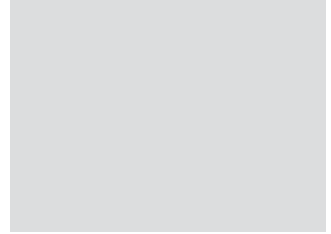
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Exhibitor: KALYN KELLY  
Buyer: MARIO CHAPA



**3RD PLACE SWINE**  
Exhibitor: ADRIANNA PENA  
Buyer: KEVIN LEAGO



**3RD PLACE GOAT**  
Exhibitor: KELTON DAVIS  
Buyer: CHRIS JONES-RODEO READY CUSTOM LEATHER



**3RD PLACE RABBITS**  
Exhibitor: KELTON DAVIS  
Buyer: MIKE ABEL



**3RD PLACE BROILERS**  
Exhibitor: KELTON DAVIS  
Buyer: CARMEN MAGLIEVAZ



**4TH PLACE SWINE**  
Exhibitor: KAYDEE DENTON  
Buyer: KEVIN LEAGO



**4TH PLACE GOAT**  
Exhibitor: SANDIE OPIELA  
Buyer: DESTINY FREASIER-CRUISES BY LEAH



**4TH PLACE RABBITS**  
Exhibitor: SKILER ALDEN  
Buyer: PAUL LABONTE-COMMUNITY BAPTIST CHURCH



**4TH PLACE BROILERS**  
Exhibitor: ALEX LAURA  
Buyer: DESTINY FREASIER-CRUISES BY LEAH



**5TH PLACE SWINE**  
Exhibitor: MADISON MAGLIEVAZ  
Buyer: DENISE SMESNY-SHELDON ISD



**5TH PLACE GOAT**  
Exhibitor: KEVIN MCRAE Buyers: CHRIS JONES-RODEO READY CUSTOM LEATHER/CODY LANGLEY



**5TH PLACE BROILERS**  
Exhibitor: LEONARDO GARCIA  
Buyer: MARIO CHAPA



**6TH PLACE SWINE**  
Exhibitor: SAMANTHA DOERR  
Buyer: ROBYN SHAMOON-SKS LIVESTOCK



**6TH PLACE GOAT**  
Exhibitor: MIKENZIE ROSS  
Buyer: ROBERT FLETCHER-RSRA ESCORT SERVICES



**7TH PLACE GOAT**  
Exhibitor: HOLLY BLACK  
Buyer: SHELIA MCCRARY



**8TH PLACE SWINE**  
Exhibitor: SHAQUINN SHA HILLIARD  
Buyer: MARIO CHAPA



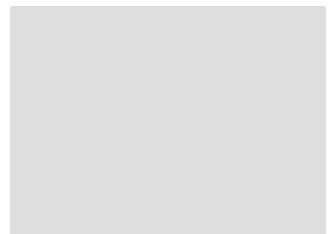
**8TH PLACE GOAT**  
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Buyer: CARMEN MAGLIEVAZ



**9TH PLACE SWINE**  
Exhibitor: LOGAN ROSS  
Buyer: MIKE ABEL



**9TH PLACE GOAT**  
Exhibitor: DILLION BARBER  
Buyer: CODY LANGLEY



**10TH PLACE GOAT**  
Exhibitor: JACOB CONTRERAS  
Buyer: ROBYN SHAMOON-SKS LIVESTOCK

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OPINION PAGE

TWO CENTS WORTH

By Charlie A. Farrar



Texas Rangers territory

The urge came to get out of Dodge for a bit and we did; me & the Mrs. made a little trip out west of Fort Worth and Abilene to Sweetwater, Texas over the weekend. That is Texas Rangers Call's & McCrae's old territory or part of it from the Rio Grande to Amarillo. With the miles we traveled, would probably have taken the Rangers a month or more on horse-back. We ended up going to the Sweetwater Annual Rattlesnake Roundup and the gun show next door wishing and hoping.

Counted 62 dead skunks on the road and beside it on the trip to Sweetwater...incredible!

There were some very large Western Diamond-back Rattlesnakes in the show pits this year. They brought in over 3800 pounds of snakes and the longest was 76 inches. Numerous rattlesnake trinkets and tricks were for sale by the vendors. We hit it as soon as it opens so we were ready to go by time the thousands of school kids arrive in buses.

This one exhibitor had on his 18" high snake boots and crawled over the wall into a mass of rattlers and started spreading them out with his boots. Big pile of them and

numerous ones taking a strike at his legs. Some would say awesome but old Charlie says Holy Guacamole and no way.

Our drive was through the wind mill area out below Sweetwater on the way back; looks like huge fans turning slowly out in the countryside by the hundreds. The trip continued through San Marcos on the way back to Baytown.

Thanks to some hunting buddies for turning me onto the Little Red Barn Steakhouse in San Antonio just off I-10. Good food, good steaks but no blue cheese. Always try to stop there when we make it that direction and this trip was no exception.

The trip was going so well, that after supper at the Little Red Barn, we thought we'd make it back to Baytown but the highway sign said I-10E was closed at the Grand Parkway. We looked at each other, thought back to our 3.5 hour detour between Baton Rouge and Lafayette, and decided to call it a night in Schulenburg.

An early morning wake up got us back to Baytown with not a lot of traffic. As always, felt good to be back home.

LETTERS

To The Editor

Dear Editor,

I would like to say Thank You to the Barbers Hill/Dayton Press, our placemat sponsors, our silent and live auction item donors, to our community leaders, for all their help, and to all of our Fantastic Pilots who helped make our annual Gala fundraiser a HUGE SUCCESS!! I would especially like to thank Angela K. Motz of the Hometown Journey Magazine for taking and sharing pictures of our Gala with us.

We had a great turnout in spite of so many events going on that weekend. As of now, we have made more in auctions and sponsorships than we have in previous years!!

We could not have done this, without all of everyone's help. Again I say - THANK YOU TO ALL OF YOU!!!!

Linda Polk, President  
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READY FOR SOME SPRING WEATHER?



Many registered but few voted in primaries

AUSTIN — Looking back at the March 4 primaries, Texas boasted 13,601,324 voters registered in time to cast a ballot.

An estimated 9 percent of the overall number of registered voters (about 1.3 million)



voted in the Republican primary and 4 percent (500,000) voted in the Democratic primary.

Runoffs between the top two vote-getting candidates in a number of contests are scheduled for Tuesday, May 27, the day after the federal holiday, Memorial Day. Votes count big in any election, but as historic participation records reveal, the portion of the electorate that actually votes in runoffs is an even thinner slice of the whole. And voter turnout is especially low in mid-term (non-presidential election year) runoffs, as those set for May 27 will be. Usually about 2 percent of registered voters cast a ballot in those.

Next, let's look at the final component of the March 4 primary ballot — propositions — reflecting interests of the Texas Democratic and Texas Republican parties. Propositions and percentages of votes in favor or against each, as posted by Office of the Texas Secretary of State's Elections Division, are as follows.

STATE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS

By Ed Sterling

Republican Prop. 1: Ability to freely express religious beliefs and prayer in public.

-In Favor: 1,311,353 (97.24%)

-Against: 37,117 (2.75%)

Republican Prop. 2: Expanding locations where concealed handgun-permit holders may carry.

-In Favor: 1,160,360 (86.92%)

-Against: 174,594 (13.07%)

Republican Prop. 3: Abolish the state franchise tax to encourage business growth.

-In Favor: 1,152,521 (88.47%)

-Against: 150,132 (11.52%)

Republican Prop. 4: Welfare recipients to be tested for drugs before receiving benefits.

-In Favor: 1,280,839 (94.90%)

-Against: 68,729 (5.09%)

Republican Prop. 5: Elected officials and staff be subject to same laws as constituents.

-In Favor: 1,344,230 (99.36%)

-Against: 8,583 (0.63%)

Republican Prop. 6: Repeal The Affordable Care Act.

-In Favor: 1,253,915 (93.00%)

-Against: 94,310 (6.99%)

Democratic Prop. 1: Immigration reform.

-In Favor: 477,578 (86.46%)

-Against: 74,744 (13.53%)

Democratic Prop. 2: A living wage for all Texas.

-In Favor: 498,360 (89.09%)

-Against: 60,977 (10.90%)

Democratic Prop. 3: Medicaid expansion.

-In Favor: 495,788 (88.95%)

-Against: 61,567 (11.04%)

Democratic Prop. 4: On non-discrimination legislation.

- In Favor: 488,148 (88.11%)

- Against: 65,850 (11.88%)

Tax revenue increases

State sales tax revenue in February was \$2.2 billion, up 5.8 percent compared to February 2013, State Comptroller Susan Combs said last week. "Sales tax revenue continues its growth streak and has now increased for 47 consecutive months," Combs said. "Growth in tax collections was seen across all major economic sectors including oil and gas, wholesale trade and the services sector." Combs said the state would send cities, counties, transit systems and special purpose taxing districts their March local sales tax allocations totaling \$553 million, up 4.1 percent compared to March 2013.

Protection ruling to come

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is proposing to protect the lesser prairie-chicken as threatened under the Endangered Species Act and a ruling on the bird's status is expected March 30.

The bird's Texas habitat includes short grass and mixed grass prairies in 24 counties of the Panhandle region, where energy companies have interests.

A lesser prairie-chicken advisory committee that first met in February 2010 produced a list of recommendations, and one was that industries operating in lesser prairie-chicken habitat develop best management practices to minimize impact. Many oil and gas companies responded, saying they voluntarily would enroll acreage in a habitat conservation plan for the bird.

In 2012, a conservation compromise was struck between the State of Texas and the federal government over the listing and proposed protection of the dune sagebrush lizard and its West Texas shinnery oak dunes habitat where oil, gas and wind energy development operations are sited.

DWI enforcement steps up

Texas Department of Public Safety on March 6 announced a planned increase of DWI patrols, before, during and after spring break, running from March 7 to March 23. For the duration of the enforcement period, state troopers' focus has been on "high-risk locations" at times when alcohol-related crashes are most frequent.

During last year's spring break enforcement period, the agency reported, more than 1,000 DWI arrests with enforcement also were made, resulting in more than 11,400 speeding citations, 1,600 seat belt/child safety seat tickets, 552 fugitive arrests and 463 felony arrests during the period.

TOUCH OF LIFE

By Don Springer



Visit to the Liberty Opry Theatre

A few days ago I had occasion to travel to the fair city of Liberty, just a few short miles away. My destination was the Liberty County Courthouse and I learned one thing immediately. I should have packed a parking place to go along with me. This was mid-morning and I believe everyone in Liberty County had business the same time I needed to visit.

While looking for a place to park I passed the Liberty Opry Theatre which brought back some memories. Haven't been there for a couple of years but did have a chance to go a time or two about three years back. Thoroughly enjoyed the visits and hope to return again although this year that won't be in the cards.

Noticed the coming attraction on March 22 will be "It's Just Us," a show built around local talent and that should be good. Saw a show along that line once and was impressed by the talent. Of course the Liberty Opry Band will be part of the show along with the rest of the cast. That is a pretty good musical group.

As mentioned, I hope to return for another show, perhaps next year, and would certainly recommend a visit for others. The cost is \$15 per person with discounts for the younger set and possibly for seniors although I don't remember for certain.

When I was first introduced to this event I was told it was all country western. My experience has been a little different. It certainly has a country-western bent but I found a number of other selections outside that realm that I enjoyed immensely. Shows begin at 7 p. m. and I suggest a reservation. You might luck out buying your ticket that night but I think it is chancy.

Noticed future billings include a "Tribute to Buddy Holly and Ritchie Valens" coming on April 6 which is only a short time away. That should be a very good show and it is a little more on the expensive side as the tickets are \$30.

Visit the Liberty Opry Theatre and have an enjoyable evening.

Flat land, straight roads—All the years I have traveled to Texas on business and pleasure I have marveled at the level land and straight roads. Coming from the Appalachian Mountain country I don't see a lot of that. I keep mentioning that to Dave as we travel. It always comes to mind on US90 between Crosby and Dayton. There is hardly a bend in the road after leaving Crosby until entering Dayton.

In the Appalachians one is lucky to have a mile or so of straight roads and hardly any level spots. The interstate system changed that a little but not much. These straight flat roads are a real asset both in construction and traveling.

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

LIFESTYLE

★  
OBITUARIES

Rosemary (Gomez) Vasquez

Rosemary (Gomez) Vasquez, 67, passed away Wednesday, March 12, 2014 in Webster, Texas. She was born February 16, 1947 in Victoria, Texas to Raymond and Mary Gomez. She later moved to Pasadena, Texas with her husband, Jesse.

Rosemary was a loving wife, mother, sister and friend who enjoyed spending time with her family.

She is preceded in death by her parents, Raymond and Mary Gomez; brother, David W. Gomez and nephew, David W. Gomez, Jr. Left to cherish her memory are her husband, Jesse T. Vasquez; sons, James Marcus Vasquez and Jesse Gomez Vasquez, III; brothers and sisters, Raymond D. Gomez, Theresa Gomez Gutierrez, Ponce Gomez, Alice A. Gomez; grandchildren, Mark Jr., Kieara, Isaia, Zaira, Eric, L.J., and Kaitlin.

Friends joined Rosemary's family for visitation Monday, March 17, 2014 from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. in the chapel of Carter Funeral Home. The Rosary was recited at 7:00 p.m. Monday



evening. Funeral services were held at 11:00 a.m. Tuesday, March 18, 2014 in the chapel of Carter Funeral Home, Houston, Texas. Condolences may be shared online at: [www.carterfuneralhouston.com](http://www.carterfuneralhouston.com)

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Working Out

By Dr. Mark Trice  
Maranatha Church

It seems like everywhere you turn you hear someone talking, twitting, or Facebooking about how they've begun working out to get in shape for the summer. They know what's coming (shorts and swimsuits), and they want to look their very best, so they've begun taking their physical condition seriously and are pushing their bodies to get them in line.

Just as those people know what's coming in the natural, we know what's coming in the spiritual. We will be confronted, daily,

by a world that doesn't want to see Jesus live big in us. We will have choices to make and stands to take. We will have battles to fight and times in which we must choose to rest in Him and watch Him fight our battles for us. So how do we prepare for all of this? How do we "work out" in the spirit until we become strong men and women of God?

Just as working out your body involves daily exercise, working out your spirit man involves daily investment in the Word and in fellowship with Him. To be spiritually strong, we must spend time reading and studying the Word of God; we cannot grow as God

Joseph King Landers, Jr.

Joseph King Landers, Jr., 72, known to friends as "Jake", passed from this life March 15, 2014 in Houston, Texas. Jake was born June 6, 1941 in Blawknex, Pennsylvania to parents, Joseph King Sr. and Helen Virginia Landers. He served his country in the U.S. Navy and worked as welding inspector for many years.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Joseph Sr. & Helen Virginia and by his stepmother, Mary Alma Landers; by sister, Patricia Gregory and brother, Patrick Ronald Landers.

He is survived by his wife of almost 32 years, Peggy Jean Landers; by daughters, Laura Lee Crabb & husband David, Leesa Lynn Myers & husband Ron; by stepsons Buddy Garner & wife, Betty; Timothy Garner & wife, Cheryl; Duane Garner & wife, Misty; stepdaughters, Bridget Strouse & husband, Rick; and Kathy Howard & husband, Lynn; by grandchildren, Alex Garretson, Taylor Peary and Andrew Myers; as well as by 15 step-grandchildren and 13 step-great-grandchildren.

A visitation was held Tuesday, March 18, 2014 from 5-8:00 p.m. at South Drive Baptist Church, 15229 South Drive, Channelview, Texas with services at South Drive Baptist, 11:00 a.m. Wednesday, March 19, 2014. Burial followed church services in Huffman Cemetery, in Huffman, Texas under the direction of Carter Funeral Home.

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wants us to without it. To be spiritually strong, we must also fellowship with Him all the time (1 Thess 5:17—Pray without ceasing) so that we grow to truly KNOW Him.

Growing strong in the Lord is a process just like growing strong physically is a process. Jesus is coming after a glorious church, and our strength as individuals is part of that glory. Let's work out! Let's get glorious!

Rodeo trail ride

For decades, *Go Texan Day* in Harris County has traditionally been linked to the annual Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo. The date is generally on the Friday prior to the Rodeo Parade. *Go Texan Day* was February 28<sup>th</sup> this year with official proclamation through the mayor's office. The goal of *Go Texan Day* is to build pride in the Texan and Western heritage through special events and emphases in businesses, organizations, and schools. Jeans, boots, buckles, and hats are pulled out of the closet and make an annual appearance on *Go Texan Friday*, or at the Saturday parade, or at the daily performances at Reliant Park. The reality is that most of those who *Go Texan* are just dressing up and playing the part for a few hours.

In contrast to the starched shirts and shiny boots for show- time at the rodeo, authentic ranchers have sweat on their hatbands and manure on their boots. Roping and riding is not just an annual event in an arena for these men and women. Ranching is a business that balances the futures market, current beef prices, fluctuating feed and fuel costs with the goal of making a profit in a highly competitive world. Even with the advances of 21<sup>st</sup> century technology, an authentic *Go Texan* is the basics of riding horses

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By Tim Edwards

and handling cattle while battling coyotes, snakes, rain, cold, heat, drought, flood, 365 days of the year.

*Go Texan* as a night of entertainment at the Houston Rodeo in contrast to *Go Texan* as lifestyle and livelihood is analogous to a spiritual reality. Just as Jesus taught through parables, the contrast between rodeo and ranching proclaims an applicable spiritual truth. A ritual of church attendance without intentionality, focus, and purpose is similar to merely being a spectator at a *Go Texan* parade or rodeo. Involvement as Christ-followers in the mission and ministry of the Church is likened to the trail riders who brand the cattle, and round up the strays. A real life, working ranch proves beneficial to the community and profitable for the rancher. *Go Texan* is authentic only when there is the blood, sweat, and tears of the cattle business. Similarly, a spiritual trail ride is authentic when Christ-followers are consistent in the round up of the strays. Missional, round-

up passion impacts the world; rodeo-styled religion will just be an entertainment event.

Our Mission is share the good news of forgiveness and faith in the grace of Jesus Christ. God provides the way for all persons to be at the ultimate roundup. Jesus illustrated this roundup in a parable of a 1<sup>st</sup> century Good Shepherd. *If a man has a hundred sheep and one of them gets lost, what will he do? Won't he leave the ninety-nine others in the wilderness and go to search for the one that is lost until he finds it? And when he has found it, he will joyfully carry it home on his shoulders. When he arrives, he will call together his friends and neighbors, saying, 'Rejoice with me because I have found my lost sheep.' Luke 15:4-6*

The 2014 Houston Rodeo will be advertised often during the next 3 weeks. Let this continual media focus connect you to the spiritual analogy of this *NewsView* lesson. The *Go Texan* application for the Church and each Christ-follower is to be Missional!

BIBLE TRIVIA  
by Wilson Casey

1. Is the book of Jonathan in the Old or New Testament or neither?
2. Who escaped Damascus when the disciples took him by

night, and let him down by the wall in a basket? Naboth, David, Saul, Peter

3. From Luke 23, what does Pilate suggest be done to Jesus, that he be chastised and ...? Hung, Stoned, Crucified, Released

4. When Abraham dwelled between Kadesh and Shur, where did he sojourn? Gerar, Nimrod, Aj, Tarsus

5. From Genesis 41, what Egyptian woman was the wife of Joseph? Euodia, Syntyche, Asenath, Gomer

6. Whose mother-in-law was Naomi and sister-in-law, Ruth? Deborah, Orpah, Adah, Rizzpah

ANSWERS: 1) Neither; 2) Saul; 3) Released; 4) Gerar; 5) Asenath; 6) Orpah

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"So! The best you can do is 'cook' us up a song?" I said smiling.

What we had was a good thing hindering the best thing. Is there something good, or maybe not so good, in your life in the way of what is needed most? "Let us throw off everything that hinders, especially the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us." (Hebrews 12:1)

Annie "Po" LaVoice Shuptrine

Annie "Po" LaVoice Shuptrine, 76, loving mother and grandmother, passed away Sunday, March 9, 2014 in Houston, Texas. Annie was born August 30, 1937 in Texarkana, Arkansas to Roy and Elsie Walston. She is preceded in death by her husband, Willard Shuptrine, Sr.; sons, Robert and David Shuptrine; sister, Betty Pate. She is survived by her son, Willard Shuptrine, Jr. and wife, Sharon; daughter, Lisa Gibbs; brother, Roy Douglas Walston; daughters-in-law, Lisa, Kelly, Tracy; sister-in-law, Pat; grandchildren, Ashley, Matthew, Jason, Mesha, Kyle, Michael, Miranda, Aaron, Jessica, Michelle; great-grandchildren, Hunter, Triston, Adalyn, Kayson; as well as numerous extended family members and friends. Funeral services will be held at 1:00 p.m. Thursday, March 13,

2014 at First Baptist Church of Jacinto City, 10701 Wiggins, Jacinto City, Texas 77029, with Pastor Rick Blount to officiate. Friends are welcome to join Annie's family after 10 a.m. Thursday at the church for visitation before the funeral service.

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### NOTICE OF APPLICATION AND PRELIMINARY DECISION FOR TPDES PERMIT FOR MUNICIPAL WASTEWATER RENEWAL

PERMIT NO. WQ0014500001

**APPLICATION AND PRELIMINARY DECISION.** Sralia MHP, LP, 1400 Woodloch Forest Drive, Suite 120, The Woodlands, Texas 77380, has applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) for a renewal of TPDES Permit No. WQ0014500001, which authorizes the discharge of treated domestic wastewater at a daily average flow not to exceed 20,000 gallons per day. TCEQ received this application on August 1, 2013.

The facility is located at 13535 Saralla Road, Crosby, approximately 1,750 feet north of the intersection of Farm-to-Market Road 1942 and Saralla Road in Harris County, Texas 77532. The treated effluent is discharged to an unnamed drainage ditch along Saralla Road; thence to unnamed drainage ditch along Farm-to-Market Road 1942; thence to Harris County Flood Control District (HCFCD) Ditch No. Q122-00-00; thence to Cedar Bayou Above Tidal in Segment No. 0902 of the Trinity-San Jacinto Coastal Basin. The unclassified receiving water uses are minimal aquatic life use for the unnamed drainage ditch along Saralla Road and unnamed drainage ditch along Farm-to-Market Road 1942; limited aquatic life use for the HCFCD Ditch No. Q122-00-00. The designated uses for Segment No. 0902 are high aquatic life use, public water supply and primary contact recreation. All determinations are preliminary and subject to additional review and/or revisions.

The TCEQ Executive Director has completed the technical review of the application and prepared a draft permit. The draft permit, if approved, would establish the conditions under which the facility must operate. The Executive Director has made a preliminary decision that this permit, if issued, meets all statutory and regulatory requirements. The permit application, Executive Director's preliminary decision, and draft permit are available for viewing and copying at the Harris County Public Library, Crosby Branch, 135 Hare Road, Crosby, Texas. This link to an electronic map of the site or facility's general location is provided as a public courtesy and is not part of the application or notice. For exact location of the facility, refer to the application. <http://www.tceq.texas.gov/assets/public/hb610/index.html?lat=29.881351&lng=-95.037148&zoom=13&type=r>

**PUBLIC COMMENT / PUBLIC MEETING.** You may submit public comments or request a public meeting about this application. The purpose of a public meeting is to provide the opportunity to submit comments or to ask questions about the application. TCEQ holds a public meeting if the Executive Director determines that there is a significant degree of public interest in the application or if requested by a local legislator. A public meeting is not a contested case hearing.

**OPPORTUNITY FOR A CONTESTED CASE HEARING.** After the deadline for submitting public comments, the Executive Director will consider all timely comments and prepare a response to all relevant and material, or significant public comments. Unless the application is directly referred for a contested case hearing, the response to comments will be mailed to everyone who submitted public comments and to those persons who are on the mailing list for this application. If comments are received, the mailing will also provide instructions for requesting a contested case hearing or reconsideration of the Executive Director's decision. A contested case hearing is a legal proceeding similar to a civil trial in a state district court.

**TO REQUEST A CONTESTED CASE HEARING, YOU MUST INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING ITEMS IN YOUR REQUEST:** your name; address, phone number; applicant's name and permit number; the location and distance of your property/activities relative to the facility; a specific description of how you would be adversely affected by the facility in a way not common to the general public; and the statement "[I/we] request a contested case hearing." If the request for contested case hearing is filed on behalf of a group or association, the request must designate the group's representative for receiving future correspondence; identify an individual member of the group who would be adversely affected by the proposed facility or activity; provide the information discussed above regarding the affected member's location and distance from the facility or activity; explain how and why the member would be affected; and explain how the interests the group seeks to protect are germane to the group's purpose.

Following the close of all applicable comment and request periods, the Executive Director will forward the application and any requests for reconsideration or for a contested case hearing to the TCEQ Commissioners for their consideration at a scheduled Commission meeting.

The Commission will only grant a contested case hearing 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 issues that were raised in timely filed comments that were not subsequently withdrawn. TCEQ may act on an application to renew a permit for discharge of wastewater without providing an opportunity for a contested case hearing if certain criteria are met.

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ACTION.** The Executive Director may issue final approval of the application unless a timely contested case hearing request or request for reconsideration is filed. If a timely hearing request or request for reconsideration is filed, the Executive Director will not issue final approval of the permit and will forward the application and request to the TCEQ Commissioners for their consideration at a scheduled Commission meeting.

**MAILING LIST.** If you submit public comments, a request for a contested case hearing or a reconsideration of the Executive Director's decision, you will be added to the mailing list for this specific application to receive future public notices mailed by the Office of the Chief Clerk. In addition, you may request to be placed on: (1) the permanent mailing list for a specific applicant name and permit number; and/or (2) the mailing list for a specific county. If you wish to be placed on the permanent and/or the county mailing list, clearly specify which list(s) and send your request to TCEQ Office of the Chief Clerk at the address below.

All written public comments and public meeting requests must be submitted to the Office of the Chief Clerk, MC 105, Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, TX 78711-3087 or electronically at [www.tceq.texas.gov/about/comments.html](http://www.tceq.texas.gov/about/comments.html) within 30 days from the date of newspaper publication of this notice.

**AGENCY CONTACTS AND INFORMATION.** If you need more information about this permit application or the permitting process, please call the TCEQ Public Education Program, Toll Free, at 1-800-687-4040. Si desea información en Español, puede llamar al 1-800-687-4040. General information about the TCEQ can be found at our web site at [www.TCEQ.texas.gov](http://www.TCEQ.texas.gov).

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Sign up for the Event on the website, [www.sheldonisd.com](http://www.sheldonisd.com). Money raised is used for scholarships through the Sheldon Education Foundation.

### MARCH 22, SATURDAY

#### Single Parent Family Picnic

Picnic to take place at First Baptist Church of Sheldon, 10910 Sheldon Rd., Houston, TX 77044 from 1:30 to 4:30 pm. One canned food per person will be donated to the Church's Emergency Food Pantry. Live music, free games and ice cream, contests and much more. For more details, please call 281-724-0068.

### MARCH

#### Galena Park Library events

-Thursday, March 20, 11 am Baby Time; 3:30 pm Family Movie Time.  
-Tuesday, March 25, 1 pm Basics Practice.  
-Wednesday, March 26, 11 am Children's Story Time  
-Thursday, March 27, 11 am Baby Time.  
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### MARCH

#### North Channel Library events

-Thursday, March 20 10:30 am Baby Time. 12-4 pm AARP Tax Help.  
-Friday, March 21, 1:30 pm Strings Attached Knitting Group  
-Monday, March 24, 4:30 pm Board Game Day  
-Tuesday, March 25, 10:30 am Toddler Time; 1:30 pm Pre-school Story Time.  
-Wednesday, March 26, 10 am Book Club; 4:30 pm Tween Time.  
-Thursday, March 27, 10:30 am Baby Time; 12-4 pm AARP Tax Help.  
The North Channel Book club meets on March 26 at 10 am. The book to be discussed this month is "In a Heartbeat" by Leigh Anne and Sean Tuohy. 15741 Wallisville Rd., Houston, TX. 77049. Call 281-457-1631 for more information on other programs/classes.

### FEBRUARY-APRIL

#### Free tax help for Seniors at the Library

The Tax-Aide program sponsored by the IRS and AARP Foundation. The program is designed to assist taxpayers age 60 and over but will also assist low and moderate income filers.

-- North Channel Branch of Harris, County Public Library, Thursday noon to 4 p.m.  
Services are ongoing until Tuesday, April 15th.

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  - Child care provider information
  - Receipts or cancelled checks if itemizing deductions
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- For more information, call 1-888-227-7669 or visit [www.aarp.org/taxaide](http://www.aarp.org/taxaide).

## Galena Park football players build more than muscles during offseason

During their offseason, the Galena Park High School Yellow Jacket football players and coaches took time to visit with kindergarten, first and second grade students at Galena Park, Jacinto City, MacArthur and Woodland Acres Elementary Schools. Offseason generally focuses on strength and speed training. Head Coach David Handal believes offseason should also include character training. "Athletics is more than just physical might, brute force and sheer speed. These players learn to work as a team. They build character. They become leaders," Handal said.

Handal and his coaching staff encourage all athletes to give back to the community by reading books and volunteering. The opportunity to put this in action gave them a first-hand look at the impact they could have on young students. However, the youngsters weren't the only ones who enjoyed the experience. "These big, tough football play-



Galena Park High School football players and coach David Handal interacting with elementary kids

ers probably got a bigger kick out of it than the little ones. When they walked in the classrooms wearing their jerseys, they could have been players from the NFL as far as the elementary students were concerned. They were the

focus of all the attention and questions. This gave them a deeper understanding of the impact they can have on others. It helped them realize, whether they want it or not, they are role models," Handal added.

## Baseball team to host breast cancer awareness game March 22

HOUSTON, Texas - The San Jacinto College baseball team will help raise funds for Angel Flight South Central, an organization that helps breast cancer patients, at the fifth annual Play Pink game on Saturday, March 22. San Jacinto College will face off against conference rival Alvin Community College for a double header, with the first game starting at 4 p.m. at John Ray Harrison Field on the North Campus located at 5800 Uvalde Road in Houston.

Assistant coach Jimmy Durham lost his wife, Michele, to breast cancer 10 years ago. At the time, Durham was on the coaching staff at New Mexico Junior College in Hobbs, New Mexico. While Michele was being treated in Houston, the couple used the services of Angel Flight South Central (formerly Grace Flight of America) to fly Michele and occasionally one or all of her children so that they would not be far from their mother from New Mexico and Houston free of charge.

"They allowed the entire family to be together at least some of the time, and gave our children an opportunity to be with their mother," said Durham who is now in his eighth season as an assistant coach at San Jacinto College.

Angel Flight South Central provides free air transportation for medical and humanitarian purposes.

The organization's goal is to remove the transportation burden from patients so they can receive specialized medical treatment that may not be



available to them locally. Angel Flight South Central also has a ground crew that drives patients to and from the local airports in their communities to hospitals.

All money raised from donations at the March 22 game will go directly to Angel Flight South Central. Fans are encouraged to wear pink to support the cause, and can bid on auction items.

San Jacinto College baseball games are free to attend, but donations will be accepted for admission to the Play Pink game.

For information about Angel Flight South Central, or to make donations, visit [www.angelflightsc.org](http://www.angelflightsc.org)

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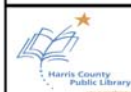
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SCHOOL NEWS

Galena Park ISD hosts first annual prose and poetry showcase

On March 4, 2014, 45 elementary students participated in the First Annual Prose and Poetry Showcase sponsored by the Galena Park ISD Elementary Language Arts Department. Student categories for the event were kindergarten/first grade, second/third grade, and fourth/fifth grade. The top performers at each campus were selected to participate in the showcase after winning competitions at their individual campuses. Students used voice, gestures, costumes, and props to dramatically represent the piece of literature they selected for the crowd seated in the North Shore Senior High auditorium. Some of these talented students even wrote their own pieces to perform for the showcase. Other student presented poems in Spanish, representing the diversity of languages and culture in the District. "This event is a culmination of many activities that support reading success," said Janis Gaul, Program Director for Elementary Language Arts in GPISD. "Students had to read a variety of texts to select a piece to perform. They then had to re-read the selection to understand it. This was followed by oral recitation practice over time to make it perfect, which led to becoming campus winners. The talent on display was exceptional, and we look forward to future events to showcase our students."

This event will now become a yearly opportunity for all GPISD elementary students to demonstrate their outstanding language, interpretation, and performance skills.

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ter agreed to provide the screenings as a pro bono service. "East Houston Regional Medical Center is a shining example of partnering together with our foundation to provide this invaluable service to the parents and students in the Crosby, Galena Park, and Channelview ISDs," said Mr. Stephens. "I am passionate about including EKGs for students' athletic physicals because I pay the price everyday of not doing it."

Success stories in the East Houston Regional Medical Center-area abound. From the 2,216 completed EKGs, approximately 4.5% of the students required additional follow up as directed by the cardiologists.

For more information about Scott Stephens' efforts, including House Bill 1319 from the 2013 session, please go to [CodyStephensFoundation.org](http://CodyStephensFoundation.org).

For additional information about the ISD EKG program at East Houston Regional Medical Center, please contact Art Garza at 713-393-2520.

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Channelview HS Band shines at Disney competition



During Spring Break, members of the Channelview High School band traveled and competed in Orlando, Fla. at the Festival Disney Competition. The second band received an Excellent rating and placed fourth in its class. The Wind Ensemble received a Superior rating and placed fifth overall in the two day competition. Proudly showing Channelview's trophies are, from left, band members Kevin Portillo, Alice Hale, Victor Nino and Dani Solis.

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