**CHANNEL CHATTER**

Hearing 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 Palisades City Community Industry Partnership (CIP) went local recently to find out how to be hired for those positions. Speakers from Conoco-Phillips and Kinder Morgan met with the CIP’s February meeting explained the requirements at their companies and how to apply.

**H.C. WCID #36 GROUNDBREAKING Water District to get new Tower**

CLOVERLEAF – Contractors for 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 Park over 65 years ago, had a capacity of 150,000 gallons. It has been rehabilitated and standpipes have been replaced over the years. The new one, being built in South Dakota by Magazine Iron, will have a capacity of 250,000 gallons. It will be erected by the contractor, W.W. Pepper Corp. This summer, after the old tank is emptied, the new one will be erected by the contractor.

The project is jointly financed by the Harris County Community Services Department of $3,179,822, and a matching grant from the Water District of $255,000. Vasquez says there are approximately 4,000 customers of the district, with water and sewer service. The new tank will allow the district to serve 90% of the homes in the area, the rest in the areas where the old tanks are located.

**AG EDUCATION:**

Sheldon FFA raises scholarship dollars at Livestock Sale

Sheldon ISD’s Future Farmers of America is in full swing.

The Sheldon Independent School District is proud of the Sheldon Future Farmers of America students for helping at a huge livestock show for local competitors! All in all, there were 132 entries in the show held on Feb. 8th, and Steve’s Park. The show gave the students the opportunity to gain their animal-handling experience. The students also had the opportunity to exhibit their animals, complete with their showmanship skills, as they prepare to show their animals in futures shows.

Applicants for FFA are not only part of a team, but they are leaders in the community.

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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 hospital. The partnership will allow at-risk children to receive screenings (EKGs) for students who participate in school sports and other extracurricular activities.

In 2012 with only two months before the 9th Grade pep rally, Cody Stephens was slated to join a college football team, he lost to coma and died of cardiac arrest. He was 16 years old, and he would have received a required EKG by the college football team, a procedure which might have saved his life.

Scott Stephens, Cody’s father, approached East Houston Regional Medical Center with a proposal that resulted in 2,300 EKGs screenings last year. The staff at East Houston Regional Medical Center

See SCREENINGS, page 8

**PICTURED ABOVE**

Harris County Water Control & Improvement District #36 now 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 much larger new tanks, the skyline over 65 years old, and needs replacement.

**PICTURED LEFT**

Board members of HC WCID #36 break ground, symbolically, for the new Elevated Storage Tank. Pictured left to right, Gerardo Leal, Ronald Holder, Irene Kocabuculeo, Gerardo Perez (president); and Ola Mae Watts. Water District Manager is Billie Vasquez.

**PICTURED below**

At left is the old elevated storage tank purchased by Fred Rivas. At right is the old elevated storage tank placed over the years. The new elevated storage tank has a capacity of 250,000 gallons.

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Congratulations Sheldon FFA Winners!

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Exhibitor: SADIE SIMPSON
Buyer: DENTON LEAGO

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

4TH PLACE BROILERS
Exhibitor: LEONARDO GARCIA
Buyer: MARIO CHAPA

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

7TH PLACE GOAT
Exhibitor: HOLLIE BLACK
Buyer: SHELIA MCGARRY

8TH PLACE GOAT
Exhibitor: GARRETT PADY
Buyer: MARIO CHAPA

9TH PLACE SWINE
Exhibitor: MISINGHIANA HILLARD
Buyer: ROBYN SHAMON-SKS LIVESTOCK

10TH PLACE GOAT
Exhibitor: JACOB CONTRERAS
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Congratulations to all Sheldon FFA Participants
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The urge came to get out of Dodge in a l考 and we thought we’d make a little trip out west and check out Sweetwater, Texas over the weekend. That is, Texas Rangers Cull & McCulloch Rattlesnake Roundup and the fun deren went door

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This one exhibitor had over 50,000 pounds of snakes and the longest was 76 inches. Numerous rattlesnake enthusiasts turned up as early as 7 a.m. to catch a glimpse of the dead snakes before they were brought in over 3800 long buses with school kids arrive in Texas Rangers territory.

Our drive was through the windmill area out below Sweetwater on the way back, a huge time turning directly out by the countryside. The trip was a fun one, the long ride back to Dayton.

Thanks to some hunting buddies for turning us on to the Little Red Rond Stocktones in San Antonio just off I-10. Good food, good steaks but no blue chexx. Always, try to stop there when we make it that direction and that trip was no exception.

The trip was going as well, that after supper at the Little Red Rond we thought we’d make it back to Bartmore but the highway signs and 1-10 west was the Grand Parkway. We looked at each other, thought back to 3-5 hour detour between San Antonio and Lafayette, and decided to call it a night in Shullenburgh.

An early morning wake up got us back to the Cowboy Club and a lot of traffic. As always, felt good to be back home.

Texas Rangers

Vote in the Liberty Playhouse Theatre

A few days ago I had occasion to get to the beautiful city of Liberty, just a few miles over the county line. My destination was the Liberty County Courthouse and I left my camera at home. I should have packed it with me along with my wallet. This was mid-February and I believe everything in Liberty was closed at that time. I needed to visit.

What made the trip worthwhile was that I parked it on a public lot and found a great little restaurant that looked like it had been around for a couple of years but did look like it had been there for a good five or ten years. I enjoyed the visit and hope to return to Liberty sometime in the future, visit the Liberty County Courthouse and I believe everything in Liberty was closed at that time. I needed to visit.

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NORTH CHANNEL

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TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

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

PERMIT NO. WQP01541900

APPLICATION AND PRELIMINARY DECISION. Smith MIP, L.P., 1400 Woodforest Drive, Suite 320, The Woodlands, Texas 77381, has applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) for a renewal of TPDES Permit No. 3202-2014, which authorizes the discharge of treated domestic wastewater at a 0.49x average flow rate not exceeded by 50,000 gallons per day. TCEQ received this application on August 1, 2013.

The facility is located at 29035 Sandhill Road, Crosby, approximately 1.750 feet north of the intersection of Farm-to-Market Road 1942 and Sandhill Road in Harris County, Texas 77322. The treated effluent is discharged to an unmonitored drainage ditch along Farm-to-Market Road 1942; hence to Harris County Road Control District (HCCRD) Drain 112b, which discharges to Cypress Bayou Above Tributary in Segment No. 3, 1902 of the Trinity-San Jacinto Coastal Basins. The unmonitored receiving waters are considered natural receptor. Use of the proposed discharge location is not anticipated to have a significant adverse impact on the receiving waterbody and the water quality of the natural receptor.

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 application is complete, the permits are consistent with applicable laws and regulations, and all necessary permits, authorizations, and approvals have been obtained. 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 East Main Street, Crosby, Texas. This link to electronic information of the site or facility's general location is provided as a public service and is not part of the application or notice. For exact location of the facility, refer to the application.

PUBLIC COMMENT: PUBLIC MEETING. You may submit public comments or request a public meeting about this application. The purpose of public meetings is to provide a forum for public comment. The TCEQ holds a public meeting if the Executive Director determines that there is significant public interest in the application or if requested by a local legist. A public meeting is not a contested case hearing.

OPPORTUNITY FOR A CONTESTED CASE HEARING. After the deadline for submitting public testimony, the Executive Director will consider all public comments and prepare a response to all relevant material, and significant public comments. Unless the application is directly challenged or a contested case hearing requested, 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 lawsuit where a state or federal agency acts to protect the public interest.

To REQUEST a CONTESTED CASE HEARING, YOU MUST INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING ITEMS IN YOUR REQUEST:
• your name, address, phone number, and email address
• a description of your interest and of your property or activities relative to the facility: a specific description of how you would be adversely affected by the facility's operation in a way that is not adequately addressed by the general public; and the statement: “[I] 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 name of the group that is represented by the individual requesting the hearing and the group who would be adversely affected by the proposed facility or activity; provide the information requested above for the affected group; identify the location and distance from the facility or activity; explain how and why the member would be adversely affected, and explain how the intervenors 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 applications, public comments, and any other documentation to the Commission for 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 remove a permit for discharge of wastewater if the permittee fails to provide without cause, within a reasonable time, the opportunity for a contested case hearing if certain criteria are met.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ACTION. If the Executive Director decides to take final approval of the application under a timely contested case hearing request or request for reconsideration is granted, the Executive Director may not issue a final permit without first acting on the application. The Executive Director will act on the application for 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 in the application, registration for email updates, you will be included on the mailing list for this specific application to receive future notices published by the Office of the Chief Clerk. Email requests to be placed on the mailing list for a specific application must include a specific application name and permit number and (c) the (i) application for a permit for discharge of wastewater if the permittee fails to provide without cause, within a reasonable time, the opportunity for a contested case hearing if certain criteria are met. Executive Director Action. If the Executive Director decides to take final approval of the application under a timely contested case hearing request or request for reconsideration is granted, the Executive Director may not issue a final permit without first acting on the application. The Executive Director will act on the application for the TCEQ Commissioners for their consideration at a scheduled Commission meeting.

All written public comments and public hearing requests must be submitted to the Office of the Chief Clerk, MC 159, Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, P.O. Box 13011, Austin, TX 78711-3011, or electronically at www.tceq.texas.gov/about/commissions.html within 30 days from the date of newspaper publication of this notice.

AFFIDAVIT OF INFORMATION RECEIVED. If you need more information about this permit application or the permitting process, please call the TCEQ Public Education Program, Toll-Free: 1-833-436-TEQX or 1-800-797-TEQX, or email information@tceq.texas.gov at 1-800-797-TEQX. General information about the TCEQ can be found at our website at www.TCEQ.state.tx.us.

Additional information may also be obtained from Smith MIP, L.P. at the address stated above or by calling Mr. Morgan Cole at (832) 249-0207.

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COMMUNITY NEWS

Galena Park football players build more than muscles during off season

During their offseason, the Galena Park High School Varsity Football teams and coaches worked tirelessly to get in shape for the upcoming season. The team, led by Head Coach Mark Durham, is looking forward to a successful season.

The team focuses on building not just physical strength, but also mental strength. "Athletes are more than just physical beings," Durham said. "They build character. They become leaders," Durham added.

The opportunity to give back to the community by leading books and volunteering in the community is an important part of this in action gives them a firsthand look at the impact they can have on young athletes. However, the younger students weren't the only ones who enjoyed the experience. "These kids, tough football players probably get a bigger kick out of it than the little ones. When they walk in the classroom wearing their jerseys, they could have been playing for the NFL," Durham said.

All money raised from donations at the March 22 game will go directly to Angel Flight South Central, an organization that helps fly children to and from the local airports in their communities to hospitals.

**COMMUNITY CALENDAR**

Galena Park Library
- Events
  - Thursdays, March 20 and 27: 12-4 pm Pre-Toddler Time.
  - Thursdays, March 27 and 28: 1:30 pm Toddler Time.
  - Thursdays, March 27: 3-4 pm Board Game Day.
  - Thursdays, March 27 and 28: 10:30 am Family Movie Time.
  - Thursdays, March 27: 11 am Baby Time.
  - Thursdays, March 27: 4:30 pm Basic Practice.
  - Thursdays, March 30: 11 am Children's Story Time.
  - Thursdays, March 30: 11 am Family Movie Time.
- Location: 1500 Keene St. Galena Park, TX 77049
- Call 713-455-0068 for more information on other programs.

North Channel Library
- Events
  - Thursdays, March 20 and 27: 12-4 pm Pre-Toddler Time.
  - Thursdays, March 27 and 28: 1:30 pm Toddler Time.
- Location: 19101 Corpus Christi St. Harris, County Public Library, Houston, TX 77064
- Call 281-457-1631 for more information on other programs.

FREE TAX HELP

Free tax help for Seniors at the Library

The Tax-Aide program sponsored by the AARP and AARP Foundation offers free tax preparation to seniors age 60 and older and will also assist low and moderate income seniors.

Free tax preparation is available to you from March 10 through Tax Day, April 15. Taxpayers should bring the following with them:

- Social Security cards for yourself and all dependents
- A copy of last year’s tax return
- W-2 forms from each employer
- Unemployment compensation statements
- 1099 forms (1099-INT, 1099-R, etc.)
- Child care provider information
- Receipts or cancelled checks for transaction details
- Some type of picture ID

For more information, call 1-888-297-7669 or visit www.aarp.org/taxaide.
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