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CIP Meeting

THURSDAY, MAY 7, 2015 from 5:45 pm to 8:15 p.m. At Alvin Baggett Recreation Building, 1302 Keene in Galena Park. Call 281-326-5253 for more information.

North Shore Annual Fish Fry - May 16

The 40 th Annual North Shore Rotary Catfish Fry, Crawfish Boil & Auction will be held Saturday May 16 th at the North Shore Rotary Pavilion on Wallisville Road (behind the Fonteno Courthouse Annex).

Live auction begins at 12:30pm. See any North Shore Rotarian for meal (\$10) or raffle tickets (\$100 - ; Grand Prize is Toyota Truck). Contact Event Chairman Mike Williams at 713-560-2810 for more information.

Fiesta Dance

North Shore Seniors will hold a Fiesta Dance Thursday, May 14 from 1 - 4 pm at Grayson/Baldree Bldg., Corpus Christi.

Live band and refreshments. Only \$ 5/per person. For more information, call 713-455-3660.

Channelview ISD launches free Mobile App

The latest news and information from schools in Channelview ISD are now available on smartphones and mobile devices with a new mobile app launched this week.

The district has partnered with SchoolWires to expand its communications outreach with a mobile app that is now available in the on-line iTunes® and Google Play® app stores for free.

The Channelview ISD mobile app will offer a constantly updated feed of district news and events with photos and links to the district's mobile responsive website. The app can also be customized by the user by selecting the schools they are most interested in for news and updates.

Users can also choose to receive push notifications to get breaking news and updates about school closures, calendar changes, or even sports updates.

"We know that our students are more successful in schools when parents are engaged in their learning and school activities," said Greg Ollis, Superintendent of Channelview ISD. "With our new mobile app, parents and community members can stay connected with our schools and with the activities our students are engaged in every day."

Parents and the public are encouraged to download this free mobile app to their smartphones by following the instructions below:

To download on your mobile:
- Visit the App Store® on your Apple Device or the Google Play Store® for Androids.

- Search "Schoolwires" or Channelview ISD

- Then select the Channelview ISD App for FREE download

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- You will need to know your Apple or Google account password. Enter it when prompted.

- When downloading on Apple, please enter your Apple ID when prompted.

- If you are prompted to give a Schoolwires User ID, click the "Skip this Step" link at the bottom of the page.

- For iPad users, they will need to search for it under the iPhone apps.

EPA report on Waste Pits indicates more studies prior to decision

Channelview, South Impoundment included in reports

CHANNELVIEW -- After a series of meetings over the last two years that have taken place in Highlands, the federal EPA agency decided to expand the audience by holding the latest meeting last Thursday evening in Channelview, at the Flukinger Community Center.

There were several obvious reasons for this change in venue. One, the study area has now been expanded to include the South Impoundment below I-10, which is closer to the Channelview residents. Two,

See **WASTE PITS**, page 6



EPA Staff Member Gary Miller, points to a chart that explains the many steps that are required to study and process a Superfund Site before any action can be taken on the ground.

San Jacinto College Chancellor speaks at North Channel luncheon

NORTH CHANNEL -- The Monument Room at San Jacinto College North was packed with students, teachers, and guests wanting to hear the San Jacinto College Chancellor, Dr. Brenda Hellyer, a favorite educator and leader of that institution.

In her keynote talk, Dr. Hellyer gave a status report on the college, and then went on to describe the changes taking place in education and at San Jac, and her vision of the future of the institution and education in general.

She said that the college now has about 30,000 students, of which 8300 are at SJ North. Continued growth has spurred a building program, including a new library and a new Center for Industry & Technology under construction on the North campus. San Jac serves 6 of the surround-



KEYNOTE SPEAKER DR. BRENDA HELLYER, second from right, joins in congratulating the San Jacinto College Outstanding Educator, Amy Ammerman, with Mike Williams of the North Channel Chamber, and Dan Mims of the San Jacinto College Board.

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ONE MAN'S BODY FOUND IN BURNED CAR

Police investigating link between two bodies found in NE Houston



DEPUTIES INVESTIGATE burned car with body of dead man, found at John Ralston and Tidwell Road in Northeast Houston.

NORTHEAST -- Sheriff's deputies are investigating a man's body that was found in a burned car, at John Ralston and Tidwell Road in Northeast Houston. The incident was reported at about 4 a.m. on Friday morning, May 1.

The car is a silver Infiniti, found off the road about 300

feet, in a wooded area near a canal. The body was apparently in the car before it was torched, deputies said.

Later in the day, deputies said they answered a call about 14 miles away from the scene, at a trail in Meadowbrook Park in the Channelview area. Here a dead man

was found, with a bullet shot to his head.

Deputies said they believe the two incidents are connected, but they did not explain why. Anyone with information is asked to contact the Sheriff's homicide department, at 713-274-9100 or Crime Stoppers at 713-222-TIPS (8477)

Galena Park Charter Amendments

Election Day Saturday, May 9, 2015 7am to 7pm

To the Registered Voters of Galena Park:

The City Charter has not been updated since 1979, more than thirty-five (35) years ago. Many of the articles in the City Charter are outdated and should be brought up to current standards. The City Council appointed a Charter Review Commission of fifteen (15) citizens to study and recommend updates to our Charter. The Charter Review Commission studied the charter along with many other small Texas cities and submitted their suggestions to the City Council. The City Council approved the recommended Charter Amendments to be submitted to the voters of Galena Park for consideration.

Our Special Charter Election will be held on Saturday, May 9, 2015 between the hours of 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., to submit to the qualified voters of the City of Galena Park, Texas, various propositions for amending the City Charter. Please refer to www.cityofgalenapark-tx.gov for the full Notice of Election.

The Ballot Propositions which have been approved by the City Commission/Council to be submitted to the qualified voters of the City are as follows:

PROPOSITION NO. 1

Amend the City Charter of THE CITY OF GALENA PARK, TEXAS to designate the Mayor and Council Members as the City Council.

PROPOSITION NO. 2

Amend the City Charter of THE CITY OF GALENA PARK, TEXAS to provide for a Department of Community Development.

PROPOSITION NO. 3

Amend the City Charter of THE CITY OF GALENA PARK, TEXAS regarding the appointment, qualifications, compensation, term and removal of the Fire Chief and Fire Marshal.

PROPOSITION NO. 4

Amend the City Charter of THE CITY OF GALENA PARK, TEXAS to establish a Police Department and the office of Police Chief and to prescribe the qualifications and duties for that office.

PROPOSITION NO. 5

Amend the City Charter of THE CITY OF GALENA PARK, TEXAS to provide for resolution of conflicting provisions.

PROPOSITION NO. 6

Amend the Charter of THE CITY OF GALENA PARK, TEXAS to provide for three year terms for Mayor and Council Members; provide for staggered terms of office and to provide for term limits.

PROPOSITION NO. 7

Amend the City Charter of THE CITY OF GALENA PARK, TEXAS to provide rules for determining when a position on the governing body becomes vacant or is forfeited, for the removal of members of the governing body for misconduct, and for filling vacancies that occur.

PROPOSITION NO. 8

Amend the City Charter of THE CITY OF GALENA PARK, TEXAS to provide for emergency and public council meetings at locations other than City Hall.

PROPOSITION NO. 9

Amend the City Charter of THE CITY OF GALENA PARK, TEXAS to require Council to provide citizens reasonable opportunity to be heard.

PROPOSITION NO. 10

Amend the City Charter of THE CITY OF GALENA PARK, TEXAS to provide for a city manager form of government where the city council appoints a qualified professional to manage the day-to-day operations of the City, to create the office of City Manager, and to prescribe the duties and responsibilities of the City Manager.

PROPOSITION NO. 11

Amending the City Charter of THE CITY OF GALENA PARK, TEXAS to provide for the appointment of the City Attorney and to prescribe the duties and qualifications of the City Attorney.

PROPOSITION NO. 12

Amend the City Charter of THE CITY OF GALENA PARK, TEXAS to define the power of the Mayor.

PROPOSITION NO. 13

Amend the City Charter of THE CITY OF GALENA PARK, TEXAS to permit all Council Members to participate in administrative oversight of the City and the City Manager.

PROPOSITION NO. 14

Amending the City Charter of THE CITY OF GALENA PARK, TEXAS to require a veto be signed by two Council Members and deleting an obsolete reference.

PROPOSITION NO. 15

Amend the City Charter of THE CITY OF GALENA PARK, TEXAS to provide rules against the hiring of employees who are closely related to members of the City Council.

PROPOSITION NO. 16

Amend the City Charter of THE CITY OF GALENA PARK, TEXAS to provide the City's citizens with the rights of initiative and referendum and recall.

PROPOSITION NO. 17

Amend the City Charter of THE CITY OF GALENA PARK, TEXAS to provide the City's citizens with the right to petition for the amendment of the City Charter.

PROPOSITION NO. 18

Amend the City Charter of THE CITY OF GALENA PARK, TEXAS to provide for a Charter Review Commission.

Section 3. Persons entitled to vote. Only voters of the City of Galena Park, Texas who are qualified under state and federal law shall be allowed to vote in the Election, and each voter shall vote at the polling place designed for the election precinct in which such voters resides: The Election Day Polling Location are at the Following.

Precincts and Polling Places:

Precinct 208

Polling Place:
City Hall 2000 Clinton Drive
Galena Park, Texas 77547

Precinct 81

Polling Place:
Alvin D. Baggett Community Building
1302 Keene Street
Galena Park, Texas 77547

Ms. Mayra Gonzales
City Secretary
2000 Clinton Drive
Galena Park, Texas 77547

For questions or additional information please call the City Secretary's office at (713) 672-2556.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Rep. Babin hosts open house at Deer Park district office



A ribbon cutting for the new office took place in Deer Park last Monday.

Deer Park, TX – U.S. Representative Brian Babin (TX-36) held an open house on Monday at his Deer Park District Office to welcome constituents and highlight the many services offered by his congressional office. Babin explained to the crowd that providing quality constituent services is one of his top priorities and that he has an experienced staff ready to assist local residents.

"I want our constituents to know that we are here to serve them in any way we can," said Rep. Babin. "Whether someone needs help with a federal agency, are trying to find information on federal grants, or are considering applying to a military service academy, our congressional office is here to help. We work under an open door policy and we welcome

any opportunity to assist our constituents and support our local communities."

Constituents needing help with Social Security, Medicare, veterans benefits, disability issues, or any other federal program, can visit the Deer Park District Office at 203 Ivy Avenue, Suite 600, Deer Park, TX 77536, or call at (832) 780-0966 for more information.



Rep. Babin talks about the services they can help with.

Alliance hosts customers and car show



Tatum MacNaughton, Marcy Cozey join Mr. and Mrs. Koonce for displaying their purple and glorious 1939 Chevy Coupe, as Alliance Properties broker Velma Ellison congratulates the winners.



Rayford Langston brought his wife and a 1916 Model T Ford Roadster, the car that put America on Wheels for second place.



Raymond St. Julian took third with this Chevy.



The Crosby Lions Club invites you to

A NIGHT AT THE RACES

When: Saturday, May 9, 2015

Where: American Legion Hall-Crosby, TX

Time: 6:00 p.m.

Tickets \$20

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Extra betting money available- \$1 for \$1, or \$20 for \$25

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COMMUNITY, SCHOOL NEWS

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

MAY North Channel Library events

-Saturday, May 9, ASK a Lawyer, 11 - 12:30 pm.
-Tuesday, May 12, 10:30 am, For the Children; 1:30 pm, Preschool Story Time.
-Wed., May 13, 4:30 pm, Strings Attached.
-Thur., May 14, 10:30 am, Baby Time; 4:30 pm, Mee Teen Program.
COMPUTER CLASSES:
-Intermediate Word, Lecture, May 11, 1-3 pm.
-Intermediate Word, Practice, May 13, 1-3 pm.
•Registration required.
CLASES DE COMPUTACION
-Intermedio Word, Lectura, Mayo 12, 10-12 pm.
-Intermedio Word, Práctica, Mayo 14, 10-12 pm.
-Introducción a Email, Parte 1, Mayo 6, 6-7:45 p.m.
•Se requiere registraci3n.
Library is located at 15741 Wallisville Rd., Houston, TX. 77049. Call 281-457-1631 for more information

MAY Galena Park Library events

-May 11, Monday, 3:30 pm, Teen Time.
-May 13, Wed., 11 am, Story Time; 1 pm, Raton y teclado; 3:30 pm, Mouse & Keyboard.
-May 14, Thur., 11 am, Baby Time; 3:30 pm, Asian Paper Fan Craft.
Please call the library at 713-450-0982 for more details.
The library is located at 1500 Keene St. Galena Park, TX. 77547.

SATURDAY NIGHTS The Buckshot Jamboree

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

2nd & 4th THURSDAY San Jacinto Pilot Club meeting

San Jacinto Pilot Club meets 2nd and 4th Thursdays at noon at the Galena Park ISD Administration Building.

GARAGE SALE
First Baptist Church @ North Channel.
May 16, 2015, 8 am - 1 pm.
13817 Force Street.

GALENA PARK ISD:

Students succeed at Junior VASE

On Saturday, May 2, Galena Park Middle School had a group of talented students participate in the Junior VASE (Visual Arts Scholastic Event) art competition. Junior VASE competitions differ from many other art competitions in that students not only submit artwork, they also interview with judges about the inspiration behind the piece and the process with which it was created. Upon interviewing students and judging their artwork, the judges bestow a score to each student. This is a four-point scale where 1 is average, 2 is good, 3 is excellent and 4 is superior. Only a rating of Superior receives a Gold Medal. Of the 10 artworks entered, 9 received a Superior rating and earned a gold medal. "These students worked hard all year. What's exciting is, not only did their artwork receive accolades, but their interviews went extremely well too. The judges were impressed with their skills and knowledge," said Wesley Frey, GPMS art teacher.



Ernesto Resendiz, 2 Gold Medals; Anthony Maldonado, 1 Gold Medal; Marcela Banda-Estrada, 1 Gold Medal; Maria Cortes, 1 Gold Medal and The Silver Medallion; Hunter Blake, 2 Gold Medals; Guadalupe Lombera, 2 Gold Medals.

One of the students, Maria Cortes, was also presented a Silver Medallion, which is the highest honor a student can receive at this event. The Silver

Medallion represents the judges' favorite artworks chosen from the gold medal winners - the best of the best and very few are given.

CHANNELVIEW ISD:

Winning T-Shirt design



The first-ever Gifted and Talented T-Shirt Contest was recently held for all elementary GT students in ChannelView ISD. The GT Advisory Committee members judged all entries submitted by each of the seven campuses. Irene Nichols, a fifth grader at Hamblen Elementary School, was the clear winner with her colorful design of reaching to the stars, with her theme, "GT-Explore with us!" Irene is shown here after she was presented the first shirt by district coordinators Pam Latiolais, left, and Heather Gilpin. Irene was very excited to see her design come to life. All students in the GT program received a shirt the next day compliments of the district.

GALENA PARK ISD

Educators of the month



Tammy Calaway (left), curriculum instructional coach at Shirley J. Williamson Elementary, and Ajani Euryspthee (right), special education teacher at Galena Park Middle School, have been named North Channel Area Chamber of Commerce Educators of the Month for April. Both teachers affect students' lives, encouraging and influencing them to do their best, do the right thing, and never give up.



Toshiba donates to De Zavala Elementary

De Zavala Elementary in ChannelView ISD recently received a donation of many items from Toshiba that will be used in the classroom. Proudly showing some of the Toshiba Tablet PCs, bags and other school supplies received were students Jayden Deskins, left, Luis Martinez, Jair Lara, Rosalva Gracia and Miriam Sanchez. Standing in back are De Zavala Principal Manuel Escalante and Michael Springs from Toshiba.

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House approves Rep. Babin Amendment to restrict administration's dealings with Iran

Washington, DC –The U.S. House of Representatives last night approved an amendment offered by Rep. Brian Babin to prohibit nuclear nonproliferation funds from being used in contracts with Iran unless the country is required to stop the pursuit and development of nuclear weapons. Babin's amendment to the Energy and Water Appropriations Act (H.R. 2028) passed unanimously by voice vote.

The Babin amendment to the Department of Energy's Defense Department nuclear nonproliferation program states very clearly that, "None of the funds ...may be made available to enter into new contracts with, or new agreements for Federal assistance to the Islamic Republic of Iran except for contracts or agreements

that require the Islamic Republic of Iran to cease the pursuit, acquisition, and development of nuclear weapons technology."

"This is one more effort among many that is needed and will help us rein in an Administration that seems fully committed to agreeing to a bad deal with Iran, which will in my view lead the world down the dangerous path to a nuclear Iran," said Rep. Babin. "I believe Congress must do everything it can to stop a bad deal with Iran and my amendment is one more tool in our toolbox to help us do just that."

The Energy and Water Appropriations Act (H.R. 2028) passed the House of Representatives by a vote of 240-177.

CAPITAL UPDATE

By Sen. Brandon Creighton

Under the Dome

Property Tax Relief (SB 1760): Standing strong for taxpayer rights was a promise I made to the citizens of Senate District 4. My signature property tax relief legislation, SB 1760, levels the playing field for Texas Taxpayers. I'm thankful my Senate colleagues voted to pass this landmark legislation yesterday.

Below are a few highlights of the bill:

- Taxpayers due a refund will no longer have to apply to receive it.
- It provides interest rate equality for taxpayers by increasing the interest rate on refunds due to taxpayers to 9.5%.
- It requires local taxing entities (applies to

school districts and all other taxing jurisdictions) to justify the necessity of a tax increase on notices and election ballots.

- It allows a court hearing on appraisal dispute to give preference to the testimony of an independent licensed appraiser.

- And, requires the Texas Comptroller to compile and annually publish a ranked list of tax rates by entity; determining tax rate increases.

An amendment by Senator Paul Bettencourt was also added to this bill requiring a local government have a 60% vote of the governing body instead of the current 50% if they wish to increase taxes.



House, Senate produce disparate versions of tax relief

AUSTIN — Legislation approved by the House and Senate last week reveal widely differing views on how to bring about tax relief to Texans in fiscal years 2016 and 2017.

Speaker Joe Straus lauded the preliminary approval of House Bill 31, legislation to reduce the state sales tax from 6.25 percent to 5.95 percent, resulting in a \$2.66 billion revenue decrease, and House Bill 32, legislation cutting the franchise tax paid by many businesses by 25 percent and resulting in a statewide revenue decrease of \$2.56 billion. Both bills were written by House Ways and Means Chair Dennis Bonnen, R-Angleton, along with several members credited as coauthors.

The bills, in combination, are intended to provide a form of tax relief that would be insulated from the powers of local taxing entities and appraisal districts. Straus said the House "looks forward to a productive conversation with the Senate about how best to deliver results on this issue and the many others that matter to our economy and to Texas families."

Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick, on the other hand, praised the Senate's preliminary approval of Senate Bill 1760 authored by Freshman Sen. Brandon Creighton, R-Conroe. "Sen. Creighton's bill gives homeowners the ability to hold local government accountable for the demands they place on taxpayers," Patrick said, and called the measure "another step in an overall plan to reduce property taxes for homeowners and businesses."

SB 1760 would, if adopted by the House in its present form:

- Remove the requirement that taxpayers due a refund have to apply for it;
- Increase the interest rate on refunds due to taxpayers to 9.5 percent;
- Require local taxing entities to justify the necessity of a tax increase on notices and election ballots;
- Allow a court hearing an appraisal dispute to give preference to the testimony of an independent licensed appraiser;
- Require the state comptroller to compile and annually publish a ranked list of tax rates by entity; and
- Require a local governmental body that wishes to exceed the effective tax rate to

STATE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS

By Ed Sterling



first have a vote of at least 60 percent of the governing body in support of the tax increase.

Bills aim to retool certification

Speaker Straus on April 27 welcomed the House's passage of HB 6, HB 7 and House Joint Resolution 111, measures that work together toward undoing the state's practice of using general revenue-dedicated balances for certifying other parts of the state budget.

"For more than two decades the state increasingly collected billions of dollars in fees for one purpose, but then used that money instead to certify spending in other areas of the budget," Straus explained in a news release from his office. "The House began working to end that practice almost three years ago, and in the 2013 session, the Legislature reduced the use of dedicated funds for budget certification by nearly \$1 billion."

"This session, the House is well on its way to reducing that amount even further, from \$4.5 billion to \$2.9 billion. And if voters approve HJR 111, which the House passed today, we will end this practice altogether in the coming years."

Senate approves ethics bill

On April 28, the Senate approved SB 19, an omnibus bill that includes multiple initiatives from the governor's emergency item on ethics reform.

Written by freshman Sen.

Van Taylor, R-Dallas, the bill expands personal financial statement reporting requirements for each state officer, elected official or candidate to include the disclosure of written contracts for goods or services with governmental entities if the aggregate value of those contracts exceeds \$10,000 per reporting year.

SB 19 also contains various provisions to curb perceived conflicts of interest, such as a prohibition against a person who is registered as a lobbyist from serving in elective office unless that person is an elected officer for a political subdivision with a population of 150,000 or less, or the presiding officer of a political subdivision of 50,000 or less, provided they do not receive a salary or wage from the political subdivision.

Texas to reciprocate with Ohio

Gov. Greg Abbott on April 28 issued an official proclamation that the state of Texas now recognizes valid concealed handgun licenses issued on or after March 23, 2015 by the state of Ohio as long as Ohio licensees comply with all Texas laws, rules and regulations governing the use and carrying of concealed handguns.

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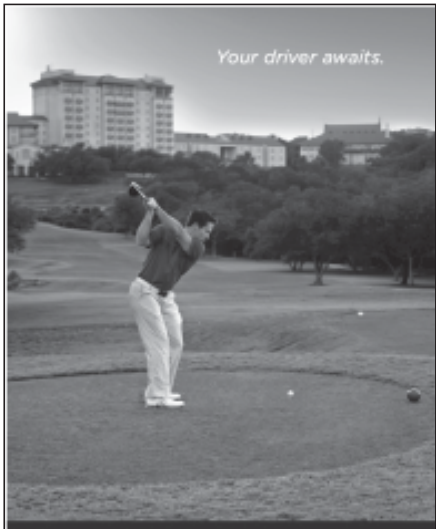
This year, the Cougars again join numerous communities across America in providing an all-night, chemical-free party for graduating seniors as an alternative to the traditional drinking parties. Project Graduation has been proven as a better way for graduates to celebrate. It not only will keep our young adults off the streets and possibly prevent a tragedy, but also will send a powerful message that their community cares about them.

One of the most difficult aspects of Project Graduation is raising the large amount of funding as prizes necessary to make such a large scale event successful. We have found that many of the expenses necessary for the event are apud well in advance of the graduation event, so it is a tremendous help to us to be able to know that contributions will be coming in so the budget can be ket on track. The time for contributing to this outstanding event is now, as we are incurring some of the heaviest expenses with entertainment, food and prizes. If you are unable to contribute at this time but could contribute prior to th event, please contact us with what you will be able to donate and we will follow up later.

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Photo by Mima Trujillo.



Bobby Gene Mott



Bobby Gene Mott, 55, of Houston, Texas, passed from this life on April 26, 2015. Bobby was born September 12, 1959 in Paris, Arkansas to parents, Robert Scott and Anna Bell Mott. He made a living as a diesel mechanic in the Sheldon area.

He is survived by his best friend and partner, Patsy Harris; by sons, Michael Mott and Chris Mott; by grandchildren, Vanessa Mott and Aaron Mott; by

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step-children, Billy & Haley Munsinger; and by sisters, Tracey McKamie; Mary Goff and Louise Terry; by brothers, Jimmy Mott and Robert Mott.

He is preceded in death by his parents, by one sister, Joyce Goff and by step-daughter & step-grandchild, Shonda & Brandon Munsinger.

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IN RE: JONATHAN DAVID METZNER, d.o.b. 11/04/08
A minor child under the age of eighteen years old

JAMES MADDOX and wife
MARGARET MADDOX,
Petitioners

vs.
Docket No. V-15-084_

LESLIE METZNER,
Respondent/Mother
AND
JONATHAN BLAKE,
Respondent/Father

ORDER OF PUBLICATION and
NOTICE OF HEARING

It appearing from the Petition for Termination of Parental Rights in this cause that the address and domicile of the Respondents, LESLIE METZNER and JONATHAN BLAKE, is unknown and cannot be ascertained so that ordinary process cannot be served upon the Respondent.

It is therefore ordered that the Respondent, LESLIE METZNER and JONATHAN BLAKE, will appear and make defense within thirty (30) days to the Petition, or the same will be taken for confessed as to default and set for hearing ex parte. If there is no answer, **a hearing will be held on the 22nd day of July, 2015 at 9:00 a.m.** Failure to answer or appear may result in termination of the Respondents' parental rights to the child referenced above.

A copy of this order and notice of hearing shall be published for four consecutive weeks in the Highlands Star, a newspaper published in Huffman, Texas, the last known residence for the Respondents, LESLIE METZNER and JONATHAN BLAKE.

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COMMUNITY NEWS

Community's strong show of support fuels record-setting Relay For Life

If there's strength in numbers, then cancer might have met its match.

The Relay for Life-Houston North Channel's "Carnival of Hope" brought in record crowds, participation and fundraising totals, as more than \$127,000 was raised to toward the American Cancer Society's cancer research efforts. The grand fundraising total is expected to increase by the time the Relay calendar year ends on Aug. 31.

Thousands of community supporters passed through the gates of the North Shore High School Ninth Grade Campus track at the annual event May 1. In addition, 54 teams had campsites around the track and over 175 cancer survivors participated in the ceremonies.

"Because of our outstanding teams and community, we have far surpassed our goals," said Darcy Blackstock, event co-chair. "We have received so much feedback about record amount of teams, survivors and participants. This is truly a blessing and a great reflection of our community giving back."

Carnival-themed special events, games, music and food added to the night's lively atmosphere. Briggs Equipment was this year's Event Sponsor and the North Shore Rotary Club and Chic-Fil-A were Gold Sponsors. Dow Emergency Center was a Silver Sponsor, while LyondellBasell Industries and Dependable Diesel were Bronze Sponsors. East Houston Regional Medical Center and Electro-Quip were Signature Sponsors. The San Jacinto Pilot Club was a Specialty Underwriter for the event and Kroger and Borden's were In-Kind Sponsors.

At dusk, the Luminaria Ceremony was held to remember those who valiantly fought the fight, those who continue to fight and those who have lost their battle with cancer. Guests at the Relay purchased bags and designed them in memory or in honor of a family member or friend and the bag was placed around the track. As the stadium lights went dark, candles inside were lit for the ceremony.



More than 175 cancer survivors participated in the Survivor's Lap at the Relay for Life-Houston North Channel.



Cancer survivors are greeted onto the track through a spirit line of many supporters at the Relay for Life-Houston North Channel at the North Shore High School Ninth Grade Campus Track on May 1.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear North Channel Star,

As a 93 year old survivor of prostate cancer for 20 year now, I was never so honored and bless as I was on May 1st at the "Relay For Life" event.

Those who staged the event and all the volunteers were wonderful.

But what really impressed me were all the school children who were a big part of it all. They were awesome!

May God richly Bless Them all!!

D.B. Radican
Corpus Christi St.

Special event chairpersons for Relay led those in attendance in a variety of fun activities throughout the night, including the "Fight Back" ceremony at midnight. Closing

ceremonies were held as time edged the end of the event at 1 a.m.

For more information on Relay for Life, please log on to www.relayforlife.org/north-channeltx



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