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CHANNEL CHATTER

Channelview HS College Night

Channelview High School's annual College Night will be held at 6 p.m., Nov. 13 in the school cafeteria. Representatives from many major universities and military branches of service will be in attendance. All parents and students are invited to attend.

HCC Northeast open house set for Nov. 15

HOUSTON, TX [November 5, 2014] – As many ponder enrolling in school or returning to upgrade their skills, there are many questions and concerns that can arise.

Most are concerned with how to get started in school, the best training program for their needs and paying for college. For this reason, Houston Community College Northeast invites the community to an open house that is scheduled for Saturday, November 15 from 10 a.m. – 12 noon at the Northeast Campus, 555 Community College Drive, Houston, Texas 77013. Attendees will have the opportunity to learn about a variety of career programs and tour training facilities, and sit in on a few classes.

There will also be an opportunity to speak with student services staff about the enrollment process, scholarships, financial aid and register for the spring 2015 semester. The community is welcome to take a tour the college's library and open computer labs, game rooms and art gallery to see the latest exhibit featuring jazz art.

The Northeast Campus, located off of I-10 East and High-

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Harris County mourns deputy's death; parolee suspect identified in fatal crash

HIGHLANDS, Texas – Tragically, Harris County Sheriff's Deputy Jesse Valdez III, 32, became the 40th HCSO employee to die in the line of duty in the 177-year history of the agency.

Valdez, a patrol deputy, died after a vehicle driven by Kelly Jo Ivey, 29, collided head-on with his patrol car the early morning of October 29, 2014.

Ivey was charged later the same day of the tragic accident with possession of a controlled substance, methamphetamine, as a result of the investigation into the crash. Her initial court appearance was scheduled for last Thursday,

October 30, 2014. Further related charges may be filed later.

Ivey was released from Texas prison on Oct. 2 after serving part of a two-year sentence on a previous, unrelated methamphetamine case.

"We will never forget his service. We will never forget his sacrifice," Sheriff Adrian Garcia said about Valdez early today at a news conference.

The Sheriff's Office, whose five stated core values include "Develop, encourage and care for our Sheriff's Office family," is grieving.

In March, Ivey pleaded guilty to possession of a con-

trolled substance and agreed to the two-year sentence, according to court records. She was released from prison on parole this month, said the Texas Department of Criminal Justice.

Ivey served time behind bars in two earlier theft cases, according to court records. A judge has declined a bond for her.

The morning of Wednesday, October 29, Valdez was traveling eastbound on East Wallisville Road near the intersection with Honeysuckle Street. A dark colored Ford



Deputy Jesse Valdez III



Kelly Jo Ivey

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SEE PAGE 8 FOR BBQ BENEFIT HELD IN GALENA PARK.

Falcons control playoff destiny in 21-6A finale

By Mark Kramer

One win – and they're in.

The Channelview Falcons last regular season game could not come in more dramatic fashion. A victory over the La Porte Bulldogs will lift the Channelview Falcons to their first playoff berth in over 20 years. However, a loss would eliminate the Falcons, who are one of four teams vying for three remaining post-season berths in District 21-6A.

North Shore is sitting alone in first place with a 4-1 record, while Channelview, Deer Park and La Porte all have 3-2 records going into the final week. Beaumont West Brook defeated Port Arthur Memorial to give the Bruins a 3-3 slate and some needed help to clinch a playoff spot – which moves the spotlight solely on the Falcons game against La Porte at 7 p.m. Friday at Ray Maddy Memorial Stadium.

Although the Falcons handed North Shore its only district defeat, it is Channelview's losses to Deer Park and West Brook that make Friday's an all-or-nothing contest. A Channelview win makes the West Brook loss a distant memory, but a win by La Porte moves the Bruins into the postseason since they had defeated Channelview.

Earlier this season, Channelview Head Coach Averion Hurts remarked that the district playoff race could go down to the wire.

"There is not a bad team in this district," he said. "Everyone is tough...from top to bottom. Anyone could beat anybody on any given night. I truly believe we are in one of the toughest districts in the state."

Channelview has enjoyed its most successful seasons in

See PLAYOFF DESTINY, page 6



The passing game and also the running game of Channelview quarterback Jalen Hurts will put La Porte to the test in Friday's playoff-deciding game. Hurts has run for 854 yards and scored over 20 touchdowns on the year, like this one he scored against Deer Park.

CELEBRATING VETERANS:

North Channel Chamber "Salutes Our Veterans"



Channelview ROTC presented service flags for each of the Armed Forces at last year North Channel Salutes event. This year, the North Channel Area Chamber of Commerce will again salute our military, veterans and first responders with a free lunch and program on Thursday, Nov. 6, 2014 at Armenta's Banquet Hall, 823 Sheldon Rd., 77530.

COMMUNITY INSIGHT:

Old River Terrace United Methodist Church celebrates 75 Years



Old River Terrace United Methodist Church building located at 16102 East Fwy. in Channelview.

Early in 1939, the Methodist Church decided to build a church in Channelview, Texas. The property that was selected by the charter members was 2 blocks north of Market Street. The Texas Annual Conference questioned if people would find the church that far off the main road. That location, now on Interstate 10, became the home of Old River

Terrace United Methodist Church. People did find the church and it has been a means of sharing God's love and grace throughout its 75 year history.

The original wood frame church structure was built in 1939. In 1956, a new sanctuary and classroom buildings were constructed; however,

soon after completion, the original structure burned to the ground. The new sanctuary and classrooms survived and, after numerous renovations due to storms and added structural integrity, still stand today.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

North Shore Senior Dance

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

NOVEMBER

North Channel Library events

-Friday, Nov. 7 & Saturday, Nov. 8 Library Book Sale.
-Monday, Nov. 10, 4:30 pm, Monday Movie Madness.
-Tuesday, Nov. 11, 10:30 am, Toodler Time; 1:30 pm, preschool story time.
-Wednesday, Nov. 12, 1:30 pm & 4:40 pm Strings Attached.
-Thursday, Nov. 13, 10:30 am, Baby Time; 4:30 pm Teen Craft.
COMPUTER CLASSES
-Basic Internet, Lecture, Nov. 10, 1-3 pm.
-Basic Internet, Practice, Nov. 12, 1-3 pm.
-How to buy/sell on Ebay PART 1, November 19, 6-7:45 pm. Registration required.

CLASES DE COMPUTACION

-Lo Básico de Internet, Lectura, Nov. 11, 10-12 pm.
-Lo Básico de Internet, Práctica, Nov. 13, 10-12 pm.
-Como comprar/vender en Ebay PARTE 2, Noviembre 12, 6-7:45 pm. Se require registraci3n.
Library is located at 15741 Wallisville Rd., Houston, TX. 77049. Call 281-457-1631 for more information on other classes.

NOVEMBER

Galena Park Library events

-Tuesday, Nov. 11, 1 pm, Microsoft Word Básico II; 4 pm Microsoft Word Basics II.
-Wednesday, Nov. 12, 11 am, Children's Story Time; 4:30 pm, Practical Skills for Healthy Relationships.
-Thursday, Nov. 13, 11 am, Baby Time.
-Monday, Nov. 18, 1 pm, Microsoft Word Básico II; 4:30 pm, Microsoft Basics III.
-Tuesday, Nov. 19, 11 am, Children's Story Time.
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.

Galena Park ISD Vendor Hour

"The GPISD Purchasing Department will be hosting the first annual GPISD Vendor Hour. Current and future vendors are encouraged to attend to hear information on how to do business with GPISD, current and upcoming local bids, and online award notification. The event will be held at Galena Park ISD Board Room, 14705 Woodforest Blvd, Houston TX 77015 on December 3, 2014 @ 10:00 a.m."

Mother's Day Out classes

Dell Dale Avenue Baptist Church Mother's Day Out Classes for Ages 2 thru 5. The registration fee is \$26.00 per child with a daily tuition of \$14.00 per day. For more information please visit our webpage at WWW.DDABC.ORG. The church is located at 402 Dell Dale Avenue in Channelview. For more information call Kathy at 281 452-3704.

Sheldon ISD starts SMART lunch program

By Ashley Shibley, SISD

Sheldon ISD is finding a way to teach students how to manage their time, even during their lunch period. The district has started a SMART Lunch Program at C.E. King High School intended to teach students the importance of a work and play balance.

SMART stands for: Students Maximizing Achievement Relationships and Time.

During the lunch hour, students are given the opportunity to make choices about how to use their time. The lunch period is split into two 30 minute sessions, so a student can attend a tutorial if needed during one half and eat lunch in the second half, or vice versa. KHS also offers other activities for students who are not in need of tutorials. Students can spend the time using the computer lab, meeting with a group for a project, in the library, or in the gym.

"I enjoy SMART Lunch because it allows me more time to study and get extra help from my teachers," said Yanet Salinas, KHS student.



C.E. King students putting on practice SMART lunch program.

Photo by C.E. King student Jesus Perez

Administrators and teachers at KHS recognized that many students had to make an important decision after each school day- participate in extra-curricular activities or attend tutorials. Sheldon ISD wants students to be able to do both and to do them successfully.

"SMART Lunch allows students to be accountable for their actions and grades," said Jumana Walton, KHS teacher.

The flexibility of the SMART Lunch schedule is de-

signed to give them the time that they need to succeed in the classroom, so they can thrive in their extra-curricular activities. These are skills that will also prepare Sheldon ISD students for the real world when they graduate.

"Developing the skill of time management will help our students become successful adults. We know that people who manage their time are disciplined, efficient and effective," said Demetrius McCall, KHS principal.

United Community Credit Union named one of Houston's best places to work

October 20, 2014 — It's no secret that Credit Unions are ranked among the best financial institutions, but several Houston area credit unions have also been given the distinction of *Best Places to Work*.

The award, issued by the Houston Business Journal, honors top employers for their unique workplace cultures, amenities, benefits and worker-retention and attraction strategies. Once a company is nominated, the employees complete a detailed survey allowing them to rate their employer on these key aspects.

United Community Credit Union, based in East Houston, was named to this list for the first time in 2014.

"It is an honor to be selected as one of the *Best Places to*

Work," says Jamie Philley, Assistant Vice President of Human Resources at United Community. "Our management team works really hard to make sure that our employees feel valued, and that they enjoy coming to work each day."



According to survey results, things that set United Community Credit Union apart included:

-Excellent Benefits: United Community offers a top tier benefits package, which includes a very competitive 401K plan and a lucrative PTO buy-back program.

-Social Engagement: The credit union offers an abundance of employee social activities, such as TopGolf, Softball, Volleyball and a rewards based employee volunteerism program.

-Senior Management: The senior management team at United Community, led by CEO Joe Harwell, ranked extremely high on parts of the survey that dealt with the employee's trust in senior management and also management effectiveness.

United Community Credit Union has nearly 50 employees and over 10,000 members. The credit union was established in 1950 to serve local educators, and today has over \$85 million in assets.

Three musketeers take the stage

Sword fighting! Damsels in distress! An evil Cardinal! Heroic musketeers! With an exciting comedic twist, the North Shore Senior High School Theatre Arts Department is bringing the classic play, THE THREE MUSKETEERS, to the stage. As D'Artagnan and his sister enter the glistening city of Paris, our hero is not prepared for the Cardinal and his sinister plans to overtake the throne for himself. With the aid of Athos, Porthos, and Aramis, D'Artagnan battles to save the king and defeat the face of evil. THE THREE MUSKETEERS is a fun adventure for all ages.

Three Musketeers will be available for public performances on November 7, 8, 13, 14 & 15 at 7:00 p.m. each night. Pre-sale tickets are available at North Shore Senior High School for \$5. Tickets are \$10 at the door. Contact Veronica Stell at 832-386-4260 for details.



Opportunities through education



Mario Lopez (left) visits his former welding instructor, Joe Gaul (right), at Galena Park High School.

Mario Lopez, a 2014 Galena Park High School graduate, participated in the welding program for three years – an experience that led to opportunity. Shortly after graduation Lopez was hired by FLUOR where he is currently a carpenter's helper. He is also on the IIF (Incident and Injury Free) team and assists with new hire orientations. "I am very appreciative for the opportunity I had at Galena Park High School. Fortunately that experience and exposure led to an opportunity to be hired by FLUOR," Lopez said. As his skill set grows, he will have more opportunities to move up. "Education matters," said Joe Gaul, welding instructor at GPHS. "This is what we do. We work to prepare these students to become productive citizens and lifelong learners. Earning a high school diploma is only a first step, but it's an important one," Gaul added.

SAN JACINTO COLLEGE

November concerts to feature a wide range of musical styles

PASADENA, Texas – San Jacinto College will host concerts in November featuring a wide range of Baroque, jazz, steel band, and brass band music. All concerts are free and open to the public. The San Jacinto College North Campus concerts will take place in the Dr. Charles Grant Fine Arts Center, 5800 Uvalde Road in Houston.

North Campus concerts

On Friday, Nov. 14, from noon to 1 p.m., the Fine Arts Friday concert series kicks off with music by the Cathedral Brass Quintet. The group includes San Jacinto College faculty brass musicians who teach and host summer music camps. Selections will include "Rondeau," "Fanfare from La Peri," "Old

Hundredth," "Bankelsangerlieder," and other well-known brass compositions. The Fine Arts Friday concert series is a partnership between Galena Park ISD and San Jacinto College to promote musical arts.

On Tuesday, Nov. 18, at 7:30 p.m., the student jazz band, under the direction of Amanda Dickson, will host a concert that will feature a wide range of jazz selections including "Manteca," "Freddie Freeloader," "Spain," "I Got Rhythm," and swing-era classics like "In the Mood." An arrangement of "Maria" will feature high-note trumpet artist Frank Saavedra.

San Jacinto College offers music degrees and courses, as well as private music lessons at all three campuses.

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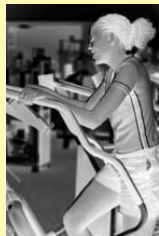
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OPINION PAGE

TEXAS
With Russell A. Graves

Sierra Madera

The sight must have been a spectacular one. While estimates vary, sometime around 100 million years ago, the skies above what would later become the dry desert grasslands between Fort Stockton and Marathon, Texas glowed in a brilliant light. Some scientist say that it was a comet while others say it might have been a meteor but either way, something big slammed into the

and rises nearly 800 feet above the desert floor and is only 600 feet shy of towering a mile above sea level. The structure was formed when the extraterrestrial object slammed into the earth and caused the underlying limestone to be projected upwards in the collision.

Think of it like this: When you drop a stone into water, a crater is first created and then a central peak rebounds in the



View of Sierra Madera

earth and created a enormous scar on the landscape. Estimates say the object was as big as a football field. Considering the size of the blemish on the earth, it is remarkable that an object so small can create a scar so enormous. A scar so big - most don't even know its there.

Somewhere south of Fort Stockton on US Highway 385, a mountain peak rises curiously from the desert landscape. Detached from the Glass Mountains further south, the singular peak stands juxtaposed in the surrounding landscape of scrub mesquite and a ring of smaller foothills around the periphery. Between the hills and the peak is a big, flat plain of mesquite and creosote bush. In all, the astrobleme is enormous at about eight miles across.

The mountain (or using a geological term, central uplift) is five miles across

middle of the crater. This is how Madera Mountain was created. Unlike the fluidity of water, the hard rock limestone's peak froze forever in mid-rebound. Now it sets off the east side of the highway as a Texas curiosity.

The feature is so rare, it is the only impact crater of its kind in the United States with a central mountain peak and one of the few that you can still drive across. While the peak sits on private property, it is still very visible from the road. In fact, highway signs signal when you cross into the crater on one sign and herald your exit on the other.

It is truly a fascinating piece of natural history.

Any questions or comments? Contact Russell at russell@russellgraves.com or visit his website at www.russellgraves.com.

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Secretary of State posts early voting turnout numbers

AUSTIN — The Secretary of State's Elections Division on Oct. 31 posted early voting turnouts for each of the state's 15 highest-population counties: Harris, Dallas, Tarrant, Bexar, Travis, Collin, Denton, El Paso, Fort Bend, Hidalgo, Montgomery, Williamson, Galveston, Nueces and Cameron.

Of the 8,978,313 registered voters in those counties, 1,715,731 voted early in person or by mail. That's a 19.11 percent cumulative early voting percentage. To compare with the last midterm election, in 2010, the cumulative early voting total for those 15 counties was 1,731,589 ballots cast out of 8,339,034 registered voters, or 20.76 percent of the total.

After polls close at 7 p.m. on Election Day, Nov. 4, anyone with an Internet connection will be able to access vote tabulations posted by the Office of the Secretary of State at the website www.sos.state.tx.us. Election results in races for statewide offices will be recapped in next week's State Capital Highlights column.

Governor greets Toyota
Gov. Rick Perry on Oct. 27 welcomed New York, N.Y.-based Toyota Motor North America Inc. to Plano, where its new headquarters will be built. The manufacturer's relocation to Plano is supported by a \$40 million investment from the business-luring Texas Enterprise Fund administered by the governor's office.

The facility, to be completed in late 2016 or early 2017, will bring nearly 4,000 jobs and more than \$300 million in capital investment to North Texas, according to Perry's Oct. 27 statement. Toyota Motor North America, combined with 21 on-site suppliers, already supports some 6,000

STATE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS
By Ed Sterling

jobs in San Antonio, including 2,900 from its \$2.3 billion manufacturing plant.

TxDOT ends gravel policy
Texas Department of Transportation



portation in the summer of 2013 announced a plan to convert 83 miles of "significantly damaged paved roads" in the Eagle Ford Shale energy-producing region to gravel surface as a temporary budget-cutting measure.

In an Oct. 24 letter to the Legislative Budget Board, TxDOT announced the formal termination of its "high-end unpaved road conversion policy" and requested access to \$402 million in additional funding for Fiscal Year 2015 with half going to safety projects across the state and the remainder toward roadways affected by the state's growing energy sector.

Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst praised TxDOT's announcement, saying, "Texas families and businesses in both rural and urban areas deserve a

comprehensive first-rate transportation system and they'll get it."

Nurse recovers from Ebola

Texas Department of State Health Services Commissioner Dr. David Lakey on Oct. 28 expressed relief when Amber Vinson, a nurse with Texas Health Presbyterian Hospital Dallas, was declared free of the Ebola virus last week. She was in isolation and receiving treatment at Emory University Hospital in Atlanta.

"We are so pleased that Amber Vinson has been declared free of Ebola. She is one of the health care workers who bravely provided care to the first Ebola patient diagnosed in the United States. Through excellent health care and her own courage, she beat the disease. Based on the clinical and lab findings, people are not at risk of getting the disease from her, and she has been completely cleared. We wish her the best as she transitions back to a normal life, and we welcome her back home to Texas," Lakey said in an official statement.

Summit focuses on bullying

"Bullying remains one of the most prevalent and widely discussed topics pertaining to school safety and security," Texas Education Agency announced during Texas Safe Schools Week, Oct. 19-25.

During the week, Texas School Safety Center at Texas State University in San Marcos and the Texas Education Agency spotlighted resources available to help school districts and charters address and combat bullying and cyber-bullying on campuses. Also, Texas School Safety Center presented the 2nd Annual Texas Bully Prevention Summit on Oct. 30 in San Marcos.

Drought conditions persist

Gov. Perry on Oct. 28 announced the renewal of the emergency disaster proclamation the governor originally he signed in July 2011, certifying that exceptional drought conditions posed a threat of imminent disaster in specified counties in Texas.

This month, the proclamation applies to 98 of the state's 254 counties. In contrast, the proclamation applied to 113 specified counties last month. The drought proclamation directs that "all necessary measures, both public and private" as authorized by state law "be implemented to meet that threat" and "all rules and regulations that may inhibit or prevent prompt response to this threat are suspended for the duration of the state of disaster."

HINTS FOR HOMEOWNERS

Top cold Weather home efficiency tips

(NAPSI)—Homeowners can prepare for cold weather by taking simple energy efficiency measures that will reduce energy consumption and heating bills.

What You Can Do

- Install and set a programmable thermostat. Homeowners can save an estimated 10 percent per year on heating costs by using a programmable thermostat and setting the heat to run only when they're home.
- Use sunlight to your advantage. During winter months, take advantage of sunlight by opening curtains during the day to allow the sun to naturally heat your home.
- Reduce energy for water heating. Water heating accounts for roughly 14 to 18 percent of most home utility bills. Reduce costs by making sure your water heater is set no higher than 120 degrees Fahrenheit and wrapping a water heater jacket around it if it's more than five years old.
- Use a heavy-duty, clear plastic sheet on a frame or tape clear plastic film to the inside of your window frames. Make sure the plastic is sealed tightly to the frame to help reduce infiltration.
- Install tight-fitting, insulating drapes or shades on windows that feel drafty after weatherizing.
- When using the oven, resist the temptation to open the door to check on a dish's progress. Every time you do, the temperature inside is reduced by as much as 25 degrees, forcing it to work even harder (and use more energy) to get back to the proper cooking temperature.
- Keep your fireplace damper closed unless a fire is burning. Keeping the damper open is like keeping a window wide open; it lets warm air go right up the chimney.
- Have a technician inspect and confirm that your appliances are running as efficiently as possible, so you can conserve fuel and save money.
- Hire a professional to maintain your heating system. Arrange for annual maintenance with a qualified technician. This includes checking the airflow over the coil, checking that the combustion process and heat exchanger are operating safely, and ensuring proper airflow to each room.
- Clean the air filters once a month and replace them regularly.
- Consider purchasing a propane generator. When other power sources fail, a propane generator can keep your house operating without interruption. Propane is an approved clean alternative fuel under the Clean Air Act. It's a nontoxic, American-made fuel that doesn't contaminate groundwater or soil and a low-carbon alternative fuel that produces significantly fewer greenhouse gas emissions than most other energy sources.
- Call your propane provider to discuss contracts, delivery options and payment plans that fit your budget and needs, advise the experts at the Propane Education & Research Council.

"By planning ahead and taking steps to reduce energy consumption, homeowners can help make sure everyone has a comfortable and safe winter," says Roy Willis, PERC president and CEO.

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LIFESTYLE



High attendance rate

Ms. Guerrero's class had the highest attendance rate at Travis Elementary School (GCCISD) for the first six weeks. Pictured are (bottom row, l to r) Juan Nevares, Julissa Huerta, Juan De La Garza, Alexys Cipriano, Anthony Vasquez, Victoria Pedroza, Estrella Simental, (top row, l to r) Ms. Guerrero, Luis Reyes, Jacqueline Mares, Stephanie Cardenas, Alejandro Munguia, Karen Vega and Saul Cabrera.



Kids celebrate 'mustache week'

(l to r) Jamaya Kirkwood, Ellis Wong, Leslie Casimiro and (back) Remy Robbins, students at Travis Elementary wear their mustaches on "Mustache" You Not to Do Drugs Day during Red Ribbon Week.

Photo by Carrie Pryor-Newman



Highlands Food Pantry gets donation

Sampson Masonic Lodge #231 made a \$1000.00 donation to the Highlands local Food Pantry. In the picture from Left to right is Craig Sorrels (Master of the Sampson Masonic Lodge #231) and Melissa Harpster (Director of Highlands local Food Pantry). The money will help provide Thanksgiving Baskets to those in need in the Highlands area.

OBITUARIES

Jerry Allen Miller
(October 7, 1953 – October 25, 2014)



Jerry Miller of Elkhart died on October 25, 2014 at the Palestine Regional Medical Center. He was born on October 7, 1953 in Crosby to Charlie and Georgia Miller. Jerry grew up in Crosby and graduated from Crosby High School in 1971. He had a career in oil field construction in the East Texas area. He loved spending time with his family and hunting with his son.

Jerry was preceded in death by his father Charlie Miller, step mother Pearl Miller, step father L.L. Snider, grandparents Emil and Mary Kovalcik. He is survived by his devoted wife Jamie, sons J.W. and Lance, step daughter Lindsay Smith, and his mother Georgia K. Snider.

Services for Jerry were held on Wednesday, October 29, 2014 at the Bailey and Foster Funeral Chapel in Palestine, Texas. Jason Harris and Tim Henson officiated the funeral service. Burial was at the Palestine City Cemetery. Arrangements were under the direction of Bailey and Foster Funeral Home.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to : Neches High School FFA, P.O. Box 310, Neches, Tx. 75779.

Highlands Church of Christ Fall Gospel meeting

Join us from November 6th to 8th 2014 at the Highlands Church of Christ Fall Gospel Meeting with John Moore.

-November 6 at 7 pm: From suffering to strenght!

-November 7 at 7 pm: What was Jesus like?

-November 8 at 11 am: Did Jesus really rise from the grave?

-November 8 at 12 pm: Lunch on the grounds (lunch will be provided)

-November 8 at 1 pm: Why did Jesus die on the Cross?

Highlands Church of Christ is located at 215 Clear Lake Rd. in Highlands, TX. 77562. 281-426-2742.

Please reserve for this event via email at highlandschurchofchrist@yahoo.com

CHURCH LISTINGS

CROSBY, HIGHLANDS, HUFFMAN, BAYTOWN

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• Church of the Resurrection, meeting at Crosby Brethren Church, 5202 1st Street, Crosby. 832-661-9693.

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Channelview ISD hosts HASPRA meeting

Channelview ISD hosted the October meeting of the Houston Area School Public Relations Association (HASPRA) – and the keynote speaker was a face that is familiar to avid Houston Texans football fans.

Drew Dougherty, host of Texans TV and featured shows including Texans Extra Points on KTRK-TV, Channel 13 and many others, spoke to the group CISD's Joyce Hendrix Educational Support Center.

HASPRA is the regional group of the Texas School Public Relations Association that includes all TSPRA members from Houston-Beaumont area public school districts.

Dougherty, who is the Texans' integrated media manager, spoke to the group about social media and its advantages and disadvantages in communicating messages to specific audiences.

Dougherty oversees all of the Texans video programming. In addition, he is a regular contributor to Texans Radio on Sports Radio 610 AM. He described his workday as going to practices and interviewing players and coaches. He describes game days at NRG Stadium as extremely busy, as on the videoboard hosting the pre- and post-game shows, as well as all in-game score updates and community features. Home and away, he can be seen live on Fox Sports Southwest's "Texans Countdown to Kickoff" pregame shows.



Drew Dougherty, integrated media manager for the Houston Texans, speaks to members of the Houston Area School Public Relations Association recently. Dougherty is host of Texans TV and featured shows including Texans Extra Points on KTRK-TV. Dougherty oversees all of the Texans video programming. In addition, he is a regular contributor to Texans Radio on Sports Radio 610 AM.

"With integrated media being used to communicate more with our parents and others in Texas public schools, we were very interested in hearing with Drew had to say," said Mark Kramer, Channelview's public relations officer and former TSPRA vice president. "Of course, we were all extremely curious about his role with the Texans and his day-to-day interaction with the team. We appreciate him taking time out of his extremely busy schedule to speak to our group."

Districts represented at the HASPRA meeting in Channel-

view included Aldine, Alvin, Barbers Hill, Cypress-Fairbanks, Deer Park, Dickinson, Harris County Department of Education, Galena Park ISD, La Porte, New Caney, Pasadena and Waller.

TSPRA is a non-profit, professional organization dedicated to promoting public schools through effective communications. With more than 800 members, TSPRA is comprised primarily of public information and communications professionals who serve the public school districts and education organizations of Texas.

LyondellBasell wins reliability program of the year award

Channelview site claims top honor

HOUSTON – October 28, 2014 – LyondellBasell Channelview IPOD (Intermediates, POSM and Derivatives) Complex was recognized for its use of best reliability practices worldwide with the Emerson Reliability Program of the Year award.

"For a large industrial facility like ours, a major accomplishment is avoiding downtime," said Christopher Ryan, reliability engineering manager of the award-winning facility. "On an annual basis, we are able to avoid unplanned downtime by about 3 to 5 percent on average. Because we perform major scheduled maintenance in the form of turnarounds on a set schedule, we need to operate safely and reliably between these turnarounds."

Channelview joined 84 companies in submitting entries. Each company received a one day, on site assessment visit from the Emerson team before the final four companies were chosen. Finalists were judged on an integrated maintenance philosophy, documented return on investment, effective work process flows, effective use of technologies and good communications.



Pictured from left to right: Jim Nyquist – Emerson Group Vice President, Plant Web Solutions; Christopher Ryan – LyondellBasell Channelview Reliability Manager; Ron Martin – Emerson Vice President/General Manager Reliability and Augie DiGiovanni – Emerson Vice President Reliability.

"We have 2,000 acres, more than 600 employees and over 77,000 pieces of equipment," said Ryan. "Our mission is to provide engineering and maintenance to the site and to proactively maintain all of the assets to achieve equipment reliability. We don't treat reliability as just our department. It's a team function with op-

erations, maintenance and reliability all involved."

Reliability has continued to increase at the plant with one unit rising from 93.26 percent in 2011 to 99.49 percent in 2013. The Channelview Complex also saved operations and maintenance 5 to 10 percent over the past three years while producing more than 15 percent savings.

PLAYOFF DESTINY,

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years, with a 7-2 overall record. The key to that success has been the Falcons high-powered offensive attack – led by Hurts' youngest son Jalen at quarterback and running-back Chris Jefferson. This season, Channelview's offense

leads 21-6A and is ranked third in the area with 4,783 total yards.

Hurts, a junior, and Jefferson, a senior, have caught the eyes of many college recruiters. Hurts has been a dual threat at quarterback that can throw precision passes and also burn defenses with his running ability. He has thrown for 2,340 yards, ran for 854 yards and scored 20 touchdowns. Jefferson, who was last year's district MVP, is having another stellar season with 1,405 yards rushing and 22 touchdowns.

As far as the receiving corps, Hurts likes to spread the ball around to several targets. Etterious Giles is the team's leading receiver with 706 yards and five touchdowns, while Bryant Valentine also had five touchdowns and 507 total yards. Jefferson has also proven to be a more than capable receiver out of the backfield with 461 yards. Anthony Means is also a pass-catching threat with three touchdowns.

On defense, the Falcons will need to brace for a strong dose of the La Porte running game, as the Bulldogs have churned out more than 2,300 yards on the ground this season. Austin Upshaw is their leading rusher with 802 yards and eight touchdowns, while Britt Grant is an equally effective runner with 730 yards and seven touchdowns.

If Channelview's high-scoring offense holds true to form and with the home crowd behind them, the shades of the 1993 Channelview Falcon playoff run could become a reality.

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DEPUTY DEATH,
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Explorer SUV travelling westbound on East Wallisville Road, crossed into the east-bound lane of traffic striking the deputy's marked patrol unit. Valdez's vehicle was spun counter clockwise into a roadside drainage ditch, as the Explorer spun into the center of the intersection.

EMS personnel were called to the scene where extraction tools were used to withdraw the deputy from his severely damaged vehicle.

The accident happened near the Highlands Fire Department's Station #2 on Wallisville, and they were the first units on the scene. Later, Baytown EMS and Fire arrived to help rescue, and stand-by for the helicopter flight.

The deputy was transported via LifeFlight to Memorial Hermann Trauma Center, where he was pronounced deceased at approximately 1:00 a.m.

Ivey was transported by ground to the same hospital. A male, Casey William Byfield, passenger and apparently Ivey's boyfriend, was cooperative with authorities after the accident. He was treated on scene and released. But he was arrested last Friday, October 31 at 12:30 a.m. in the 700 block of Bright Penny Lane. His charges are unknown.

Several BBQ benefits
held for Valdez family



Friends and law enforcement associates of Jesse Valdez have held benefits to raise money for his son and family after his tragic death. Here the Mayor of Galena Park, Esmeralda Moya, helps serve at a BBQ benefit. There was also a benefit held at the Courthouse on Wallisville by Valdez' BBQ cooking team and other law enforcement officers.

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Old building of Old River Terrace United Methodist Church in Channelview, Texas.

On Sunday, November 16, 2014, there will be a celebration of the 75th Anniversary of Old River Terrace. Current Pastor Greg Smith will officiate a service of worship with testimonies from former & current members, former pastors, old and new songs/hymns, and a sermon from former pastor Rev. Mark Fleming. The festivities begin at 9:00a.m. with coffee & donuts; worship begins at 10:30a.m., followed by a BBQ dinner on the grounds.

If you have been associated with Old River Terrace over the years, we hope you will join us on November 16. If you are looking for a church home, come and join us. Our motto at ORT is "A Church called to be Amazing" and we have lived that motto for 75 years. We intend to continue to "be amazing" for another 75 years and more.

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CITRINE



Citrine, the other birthstone for November is known as the "healing quartz". This golden gemstone is said to support vitality and health while encouraging and guiding hope, energy and warmth within the wearer. Citrine can be found in a variety of shades ranging from pastel yellow to dark brownish orange. It is one of the most affordable of gemstones and plentiful in nature. Citrine is found most frequently in Brazil, Bolivia, and Spain.

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