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H-E-B donates Turkeys  
H-E-B donates 10 turkeys to Horace Mann Junior School in Goose Creek ISD for their faculty Thanksgiving dinner, since several HMJ staff members are still displaced due to Hurricane Harvey. The HMJ Band will play at the Grand Opening of H-E-B December 6. Pictured are (from left) Erica Tran, HMJ principal; Kim Kelly, H-E-B community coordinator, Gary Schmalfeldt, H-E-B unit director and Jose Chaidez, HMJ assistant band director.  

ExxonMobil donates to Partner Schools  
The Goose Creek CID Board of Trustees approved a donation from ExxonMobil in the amount of $15,000. The funds will be used for the Goose Creek CISD and ExxonMobil Partners in Education program, with $2,500 allocated for each of the following campuses: Travis Elementary, Victoria Walker Elementary, San Jacinto Elementary, Lee High School, Baytown Junior School and Cedar Bayou Junior High School. Pictured are Dr. Joseph Farnsworth, principal of Robert E. Lee High School; Connie Tillson from ExxonMobil; Randall O’Brien, GCISD superintendent and Al Richard, GCCISD board president.
Channelview ISD recently hosted its first Community Lunch. Students from the north, south, east and west branches of the district gathered at the high school cafeteria for lunch. In total, the event served over 1,500 students.

LyondellBasell Channelview helps with reforestation

Jennifer Andrews of LyondellBasell’s Channelview Complex (center), her sister Thelma Andrews (right) and her daughter Stanger Andrews (left) are some of the volunteers at the Prairie Plant-a-Thon at Sheldon Lake Park. Eric Fender of LyondellBasell’s Channelview Complex (left), his son Dean (center) and his daughter Kai (right) volunteered at Prairie Plant-a-Thon at Sheldon Lake Park.

HOPE Candlelight Service

Heights of Heroes Events, Inc., will host its sixteenth annual candlelight service on 7 p.m. on December 6 at San Jacinto College North Campus. Proceeds will benefit San Jacinto College’s community outreach programs. Volunteers and members of the community are invited to attend. For information please contact Velma Chesnut at 713-445-5565.

Galena Park Senior Dance

Senior Dance is every Tuesday at the Alvin D. Building, 1308 Shiner St., Galena Park. 7 p.m. - 9 p.m. No cover charge. Live band County Roads. For more information, call 713-455-7278.

North Shore Senior Dance

North Shore Senior Dance takes place every Thursday from 7-9 p.m. at the GreenBeeSwimCenter, Corpus Christi street. Live bands and entertainment. Cost: 5 $ per person. For more information call 713-455-5565.

The Buckshot Jamboree

Enjoy Classic Country music every Saturday night from 7 pm - 10 pm at the Buckshot Jamboree at 1414 Ingram near Old Beaumont Highway. More Info, call 281-458-0195 or 832-606-1000.

San Jacinto Pilot Club meeting

The Club meets the 2nd Thursday of each month at Alwyn Bank on 9-10, at noon. For more information, please visit www.SanJacintoPilot.com.

Evening San Jacinto Pilot Club

This newly chartered club meets on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 7 pm at the Woodforest Presbyterian Church. For more information, see the Facebook page entitled Evening San Jacinto Pilot Club on 832-606-1000.

Trip Israel


Swimming Pool

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Squyres after an extensive cost analysis to repair the damaged pool determined that due to the long term interest of the city it would be best to demolish the old pool and replace it with a new modern pool.

Squyres said, “The pool will be ready to open in the early spring and while we have not set the weekly schedule and fee yet we would like to have it open prior to Memorial Day weekend.”

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“Thanksgiving should be a time of celebration with family and friends, and we are encouraging everyone to take some simple but potentially life-saving steps to celebrate responsibly,” said DPS Director Steven McCall. “DPS Troopers will also be on the lookout for drivers who needlessly endanger others by disregarding the law. Everyone, especially motorists, has a part to play in keeping our roadways safe, and it is imperative that we all work together to make this the safest Thanksgiving holiday ever.”

DPS Troopers, and other Texas law enforcement agencies, will be on the road enforcement this weekend looking for drunk drivers, speeding, seat belt/child safety, no insurance and citations and warnings. In 2016, DPS troopers made 17,660 arrests for drunk driving, saving more than 500 lives. DPS urges drivers to slow down, obey the law and drive responsibly.

In the aftermath of the hurricane, drivers should prepare for possible delays. EMS, Texas Department of Transportation vehicles and tow trucks that are stopped on the side of the road will be emergency vehicles. Troopers have activated a “slow down” zone, behind a stopped driver, to properly assist drivers.

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The gift of giving ‘Thanks’

By Pastor Frank Coats

Dear friends,

Greetings in the name of Lord Jesus Christ! As I am writing this at the beginning of the week of Thanksgiving, I am grateful to be completing another year at Lake Houston United Methodist Church. The Holy Spirit through His Spirit-enabled members has shown us His heart and courage in the face of such adversity. Since the end of August, when the waters filled our beds and buildings, the church has continued to show us what it means to love God and love neighbors. Our church and many others here in the greater community have rallied during the life of Jesus. The church and the church building have served the community and ministered the coming of Jesus. This church has shown what it means to serve those in need.

The Saturday in December will be the first Sunday of Advent, the beginning of the season of Advent. Advent is a time of preparation, hopefulness in the coming of Jesus, faith in the hope of eternal life and the anticipation of His coming again. We will move through the lectionary readings for Advent that will shape the sermons for the four weeks of Advent moving through readings from the Hebrew Scriptures. The Hebrew Scriptures foretelling the coming of the Lord and the coming of the baby in Bethlehem. It is so beautiful and comforting to hear again the stories of people who faced serious threats, disasters happenings about to take place, to think of God coming to earth in the form of a helpless baby but not to see that same God coming again, and we are not ready. Christ will come to set the world right.

“How does one encounter the love of Christ?”

This has been the question we have been asking as we move forward. For some, this church and many others have been given an opportunity by the flood. Many are tired of not being in a home, tired of dealing with construction decisions. Many of us have faced challenges, times of uncertainty, and some are here, and we are able to gather, and we look for Christ in the beauty of the living. Even so, come Lord Jesus. Faithfully in Jesus Christ. Pastor Frank

BIBLE TRIVIA
by Wilson Casey

1. In the book of 1 Thessalonians in the Old or New Testament or neither?

2. To keep Adam and Eve away from the forbidden fruit, what type animals were put into the Garden of Eden?

3. In 2 Samuel 12, what food did God send to the prophet Nathan as a message?

4. What “type” word did Jesus give to the Samaritan woman at the well? Fresh, Cool, Living, Clean.

5. From John 10, to what type animals are Christians compared?

6. Which book of the Bible is nothing compared to what?

ANSWERS: 1. New; 2) Sheep; 3) Solomon; 4) Livestock; 5) Sheep; 6) Manna

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What we suffer now is nothing compared to the glory we will reveal to us later ROMANS 8:18

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PUBLIC COMMENT / PUBLIC MEETING. You may submit public comments or request a public meeting on this application. The purpose of a public meeting is to give the opportunity to submit comments or to ask questions about the application. TCEQ will hold 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 will determine if a contested case hearing is necessary. If the Executive Director determines that a contested case hearing is necessary, the application is directly referred for a contested case hearing, the request to comment, and the Executive Director’s decision on the application, will be mailed to everyone who submitted public comments and to those persons who are on the mailing list with this specific application. If comments are received, the mailing list will also provide instructions for requesting reconsideration of the Executive Director’s decision for requesting a contested case hearing. A contested case hearing is a legal proceeding similar to a civil trial in 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 proposed permit number, the location and distance of your property/activities relative to the proposed facility or activity; a specific description of how you would be adversely affected by the facility in a way not common to the general public; a list of all disputed issues of fact that you submit during the comment period; 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. You must also identify the group who would be adversely affected by the proposed facility or activity; provide the information discussed above regarding the affected group member(s) 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 relevant 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. That notice will contain the deadline for submitting public comments. The Commission may only grant a request for a contested case hearing on the request submitted in their timely comment period that were not subsequently withdrawn. If a hearing is granted, the subject of a hearing will be limited to disputed issues of fact or mixed questions of fact and law relating to relevant and material water quality concerns submitted during the comment period.

MAILING LIST. If you submit public comments, a request for a contested case hearing or 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 and send your request to TCEQ’s Office of the Chief Clerk at the address below.

INFORMATION AVAILABLE ONLINE. For details about the status of the application, visit the TCEQ’s Integrated Database at http://www.tceq.texas.gov/about/tceq/permits/permit-tracking/about-ppd and search for this specific application. Public comments and Preliminary Decision will be published and mailed to those who are on the permanent mailing list. A Preliminary Decision will be published and mailed to those who are on the county mailing list. Unless the application is directly referred for a contested case hearing, the response to public comments and Preliminary Decision will be published and mailed to those who are on the permanent mailing list. TCEQ will hold 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.

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...to not seek re-election.

Serving as an elected official is one of the great blessings in life. It’s a pleasure to serve the people of our country and serve the people of Texas. I have been fortunate to serve above the hospital in water quality to serve above the half-century mark. I have served for 34 years since 1983. We have a State Representative, Retirement. Mark Green, who has been an advocate for the people of the state of Texas and those who are ready to fight. We know that our heroes will be ready to serve and encourage your families to join them to subscribe to our emails.

Thank you for the call and messages to encourage you to stay in touch with me. I am more than happy to help the people of our community. We’re in this together. And we need to work together to continue to help our community.

Putting people first, we are working to ensure that the citizens of our district have access to affordable education. From good paying jobs to higher education, we have focused on the issues that matter most to the people of our district.

The goal of every elected official should be to serve and help you to continue to be one of the great blessings in life for their families. I am proud of serving on the floor as a member of the House of Representatives for 34 years.

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