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Artist's Showcase



24x30 oil on canvas by mei hoffman
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Sheldon FFA holds Livestock Show

SHELDON – The Sheldon ISD FFA held their 61st Annual Livestock Show and Sale last Saturday, January 12 at the Ag Barn on US90.

Hundreds of spectators, buyers, and exhibitors participated in this important event for FFA students, who spend a year raising an animal. Net proceeds from the sales are then given to the student for college expenses, or for undergrads to raise another animal.

The sale consisted of 36 lots, which was up from the quantity of 30 that were shown last year. However,



GRAND CHAMPION STEER was exhibited by Kerry Kelly, and purchased by Shy Girls Saloon for \$4,000.

(Photo TJ Johnson)

sale prices were flat, and the sale brought in about \$30,000, compared with about \$40,000 last year.

In addition to the animal and ag project sales, this year a Quilt donated by Denise Smesny sold for \$1,000, purchased by Robert and Sandra Fletcher.

The North Channel Star will have a special issue in the next month, featuring photographs of most of the exhibitors and their animals. If you would like to advertise and support this issue, please call 713-266-3444.

Alabama QB Jalen Hurts transfers to Oklahoma

Alabama's star quarterback, Jalen Hurts, announced last week in an essay published in the "Players Tribune" that he would leave the Alabama team, and play his last eligible season with the University of Oklahoma.

Hurts has had a storied football career, with outstanding play at Channelview High School, before he was recruited by Nick Saban to play at Alabama. Hurts was the starting quarterback in his first two seasons, but in the third year he was replaced with a newcomer, Tua Tagovailoa. Tua led the Crimson Tide to a victory over Georgia in overtime in 2017, replacing Hurts midway through the last title game. In 2018 Tua was the starting QB, but Hurts came off the bench in the SEC championship game when Tua was injured, and led Alabama to a victory over Georgia.

It should be noted that Hurts and Alabama



JALEN HURTS, outstanding QB for Channelview, and Alabama, now will play for Oklahoma.

lost to Clemson in the 2016 title game, with QB De-Shaun Watson leading the Tigers.

Hurts will be eligible to play in the 2019 season, and his first game will be August 31 in Norman, Oklahoma against the University of Houston.

In his essay detailing his transfer, he is quoted as saying "Now I'm Bama for Life and that right there will never change... but now it's also time for me to start a new chapter in my story."

North Shore Mustangs Basketball tied for 1st place

By Allan Jamail

January 18, 2019 – Playing at home the GPISD North Shore Mustangs defeated their district rival Channelview Falcons 56-45.

Channelview began the game strong winning the first quarter 15 points to 11. But the Mustangs settled down and took the lead winning the remaining three quarters, 14-10, 14-8 and 17-12 for a 56 to 45 win.

Congratulations to #10 Keiman Capers for being selected the North Shore Basketball Player of the



Photo by Allan Jamail

Mustangs #13 Randy Woodard goes airborne to make a layup shot against Channelview in a 56 to 45 win.

Game scoring 14 points with 11 field goal assists and 11 rebounds.

Bruce Scott #11 was the second highest scorer with 12 points, 5 assists and 3 rebounds. Third highest scorer #13 Randy Woodard with 8 points, 5 assists and 2 rebounds.

On January 22, 2019 the Mustangs easily defeated the LaPorte Bulldogs 69 to 38.

Congratulations to #15 Jalen Means for being selected the North Shore Basketball Player of the

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LyondellBasell takes leadership role in global effort to end plastic waste

JANUARY 16, 2019 – LyondellBasell, one of the largest plastics, chemicals and refining companies in the world today announced CEO Bob Patel has joined with Procter & Gamble CEO David Taylor and Veolia CEO Antoine Frérot in leading the newly announced global Alliance to End Plastic Waste(AEPW).

The AEPW is the first-ever international coalition of chemical and plastics manufacturers, converters, consumer goods companies, retailers and waste management companies dedicated to partnering with the finance community, government, and environmental

and economic development NGOs to find market-based solutions to ending plastic waste in the environment. LyondellBasell is a founding member of AEPW.

"From helping to reduce food waste and improving healthcare products to cutting fuel consumption and emissions from light-weight vehicles, there is no doubt that plastics have played a positive role in improving quality of life for billions of people around the world," said LyondellBasell CEO Bob Patel. "But like so many other products, responsibly managing their disposal or reuse has become a con-

cern – not just for governments or NGOs, but for all of us."

The nearly 30 companies and organizations that comprise the AEPW have a goal to commit \$1.5 billion over the next five years to develop and bring to scale solutions that will minimize and manage plastic waste and promote post-use solutions.

"This approach is unique because it brings together and focuses the efforts and knowledge of plastics producers, consumer goods companies and retailers, as well as waste management companies," Patel said. "Having the resources and

knowledge of the entire global value chain under one umbrella with the same goal is really very powerful."

AEPW focus areas

The AEPW's efforts will focus on four key pillars:

- Infrastructure development to collect and manage waste and increase recycling
- Innovation to advance and scale new technologies that make recycling and recovering plastics easier and create value from all post-use plastics
- Education and en-

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Houston Livestock Show & Rodeo 2019

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HIGHLANDS Fire Dept. presents 2018 Awards

HIGHLANDS VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

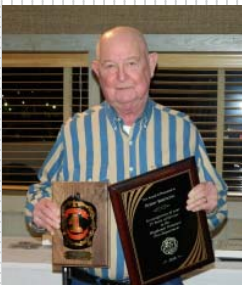
The EMS department has purchased new intubation equipment which improves first attempts by 100%. Membership in the HVFD stands at 64: 35 regular, 5 apprentices, 19 retirees (not in the total), 6 EMS full time paid, and 18 EMS part-time paid.

Station #27 now is staffed with a night duty fire crew, and ESD#14 monthly meetings have moved to the new building.

Service Awards were presented to members of the department. Other awards presented by Chief Little included Citizen of the Year, to David Sellers, and Business of the Year, to Bubba's Bait Shop. Rookie of the Year was presented to Matthew Bennett.



MASCOTS (L to R) Mike Carsner, 2018 Mascot Cullen Little, 2019 Mascot Daveah Asher, and Chief Little.



25 YEAR AWARD, to Bobby Birdsong.



35 YEAR AWARD, to Tracy Neathery



BUSINESS OF THE YEAR AWARD to Bubba's Bait Shop, Guy Gauthier Sr., and Pamela Gauthier.



TOP TEN RESPONDERS, right to left, Ruben Lopez 393, Guy Gauthier 305, Patrick Brown 269 (not pictured), Christofer Contreres 192, Nate Scott 180, Tim Covington 130, Wayne Speaks 130, Ryan Lopez 117, Ryan Hotchkiss 106, and Benjamine Hackler 93 (not pictured).



ELECTED OFFICERS included Kyle Little, Guy Gauthier, Ruben Lopez, Daniel Grabill (not pictured), and Assistant Chief Mike Carsner, and Chief Harvey Little



HIGHLANDS VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT 2019 includes 64 members plus 19 retired. These are the firefighters and EMS personnel that were present at the Awards Banquet.

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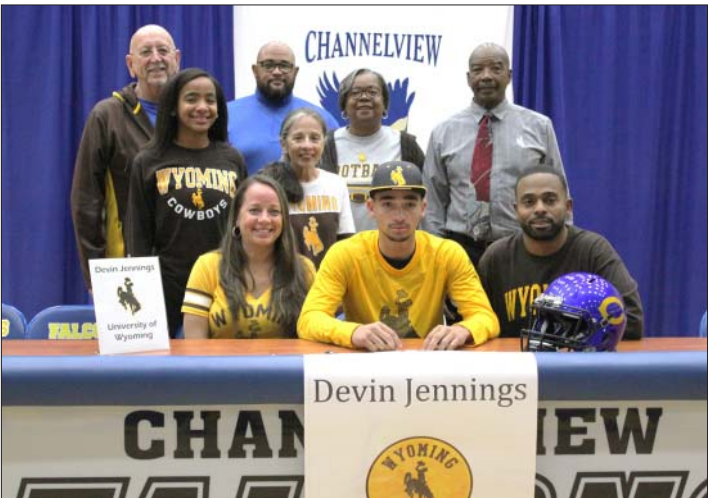
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COMMUNITY NEWS

Special athletic signing ceremonies held at Channelview High School



Channelview High School Falcon softball player Janae Mitchell signed her letter of intent to play softball for Shawnee Community College in Ullin, Illinois. She plans to major in Criminal Justice. Janae's advice to underclassmen is "No matter how tuff the sport gets, if you truly love it, don't give up."



Channelview High School Falcon football player Devin Jennings has received a full scholarship to play football for The University of Wyoming. He intends to major in Business. Devin's advice to underclassmen is "Through all the adversity continue to keep pushing. The LITTLE things matter!"



Channelview High School Falcon softball player Anahi Garcia signed her letter of intent to play softball for Shawnee Community College in Ullin, Illinois. She intends to major in Accounting. Anahi's advice to underclassmen is "Just work hard for what you want in life, and you will achieve great things."

Commissioner Adrian Garcia Applauds New Port of Houston Appointment

HARRIS COUNTY, TX – January 18th- Harris County Commissioners Court and Houston City Council jointly appointed Ric Campo as the new Chairman for the Port of Houston Authority.

"Ric Campo is a great choice for the Port of Houston. He understands this region and what priorities it takes to move it forward," said Commissioner Adrian Garcia

Campo has been chair and CEO of Camden Property Trust since May 1993. He serves on the board of directors for organizations that focus on economic development and the future growth of Houston, including the Greater Houston Partnership.

Ric Campo replaces Janice Longoria who served in the position of Chairman since 2013 and



Commissioner Adrian Garcia

whose term ends this month.

Commissioner Garcia is looking forward to seeing more doors opening to small businesses working hard to grow and expand. "It is important we continue to support area businesses through an

expanded Minority/Women Business Development Program," he said.

Among several of Commissioner Garcia's priorities related to the Port of Houston is to focus on the environment and holding industry accountable for abuses while at the same time supporting their economic contributions to the region.

"We have to work together and make a commitment to recognizing that Precinct 2 has among the highest rates of cancer in children and adults in Texas. Our families deserve better and we need to give them better. I look forward to working with the Chairman and the other Port Commissioners to work towards a green port as other areas have done so," Said Commissioner Garcia.

GPISD receives top award from CenterPoint Energy score Lite Program

At the January Board of Trustees meeting, Dr. Williams, superintendent of school and the Board recognized Zachary Fade, director of energy management and utility services, for his participation in the CenterPoint Energy Score Lite Program which provides incentives for energy efficiency.



We are proud to announce GPISD received the 2018 Top Performer Award: Highest Saver for a first time participant. The projects submitted to CenterPoint Energy were the North Shore Senior High 9th Grade Center lighting, District kitchen lighting project, four new campus construction projects, GPISD Stadium Concourse lighting project and the North Shore Senior High and Athletics in-house lighting projects.

Over a 15-year period, GPISD is projected to save over \$1 million in energy conservation.

Congratulations, Mr. Fade!

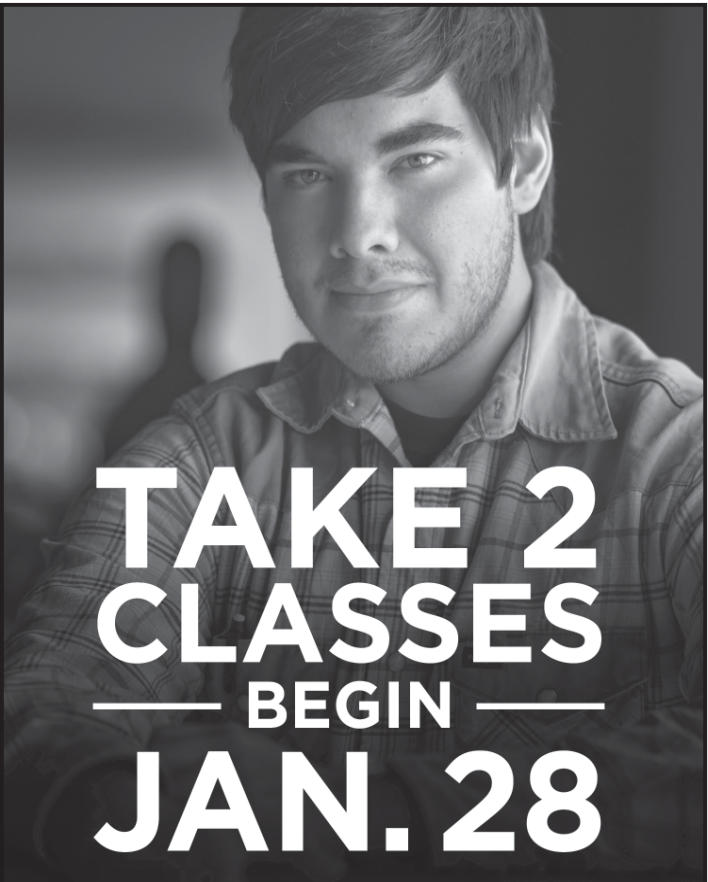
GPISD Board of Trustees recognize Williamson Elementary Volunteer

During the January Board of Trustees meeting, GPISD recognized Pastor Harold Payne, of Truth Church, for being an exceptional volunteer at Dr. Shirley J. Williamson Elementary School.



Pastor Payne is an outstanding volunteer who provides valuable support and leadership to the campus's Lions Club, a leadership development program for young male students at the school. Pastor Payne attends every meeting and helps lead and shape the boys into the men they will become. He is always willing to help in any capacity, anywhere on campus. He really has a heart for children.

Pastor Payne's time and efforts in support of Williamson Elementary School are very much appreciated and valued.



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Bobbie and Ronnie Otis



Memorial Services for Bobbie Marie Otis and her beloved husband, Ronald Lee Otis, both age 79, of Broaddus, Texas will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday, January 24, 2019, at the First Baptist Church in Broaddus. A second service will be held at 11 a.m., Saturday, January 26, 2019, at Sterling White Funeral Home in Highlands, Texas. Visitation begins at 10 a.m. Dr. W. Wayne Barth, will officiate both services.

Bobbie and Ronald passed from this life into the arms of Jesus on January 18, 2019 in San Augustine County, Texas.

Bobbie was born February 8, 1939, in Muskogee, Oklahoma to the late Edythe Marie (Berry)

Browning and Byron Burnice Browning. She was a bookkeeper for many years working for San Jacinto Bookkeeping Service. She retired to Broaddus where she enjoyed doing arts and crafts and visiting with her neighbors. She was a member of the First Baptist Church in Broaddus and enjoyed visiting with the First Baptist family.

Ronald was born October 23, 1939, in Goose Creek, Texas, (Baytown) to the late Lorette Elise (Lenoir) Otis and Cecil Edwin Otis. He worked in the petrochemical industry for many years. He later worked for Clark Fire Equipment in sales and service. He retired to Broaddus where he was an avid outdoorsman. He

loved fishing and hunting. He was known to always lend a hand to those in need in his church and community. He was a member of the First Baptist Church in Broaddus and enjoyed visiting with the First Baptist family and his neighbors.

Those left to cherish their memory include beloved daughters, Deborah Bailey Horton and her husband Greg, of Pasadena; Marilyn Jordan Douget and her husband Steve, of Anahuac; Carolyn Otis Fink and husband David, of Needville, and Tina Wilson and her husband Bryant, of Pasadena. Beloved grandchildren include, Michael Bletsch and his wife Callie, of Richmond; Jessica Swearingen of Lago Vista; Jason Jordan of Charleston, S.C.; Dustin Temple and his wife Jessica, of Richmond; Lindsey Byrum and her husband Kevin, of Lago Vista; Brandon Lee Wilson of Pasadena; Candice Nicole Wilson of Pasadena; Justin Wilson and his wife Raven, of Pasadena; Kayla Marie Fink and Nicole Lynn Fink of Buda; Jaclyn Horton and Travis Horton of San Antonio; Bobbie's sister, Jane Anderson of Cold Springs, and Ronald's brothers, Roland Otis of Pasadena and Paul Otis of Crosby. They leave behind 4 great-grandchildren who will greatly miss their mamaw and papaw.

Bobbie is preceded in death by her parents, Edythe Marie and Bernice Byron Browning, brother Gary Browning, and sister Shirlene Dresser. Ronald is preceded in death by his parents, Lorette Elise (Lenoir) Otis and Cecil Edwin Otis, his sister Madeleine Vessels, and daughter Brenda Otis Swearingen.

Community Center offers special events

Zumba Gold
Friday, February 1, 2019, 10:15 a.m.- 11:15 a.m. New exercise dance class!! Great for beginners!! Come and learn some new dance moves to some great music!! Entertaining and fun for everybody!!

Sweetheart Dance
Saturday, February 2, 2019 from 6 p.m.-9 p.m. Open to Mothers and Fathers, Sons and Daughters!!! Snacks, drinks, DJ, cotton candy, and door prizes. Bring your camera to take pictures with our photo booth. Tickets are \$7.00 in advance or \$10 at the door. Tickets can be purchased in advance via paypal@kerri.almendarez@pct2.hctx.net.

Bean Bag Baseball
Monday, February 4, 2019 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Come join the fun while you toss bean bags and score a homerun!! Two teams and the competition gets pretty hot!! New to May Center this year!!

May Community Center's free intergenerational programs are part of Harris County Precinct 2 Commissioner Adrian Garcia educational and recreational commitment to Harris County residents. May Community Center is a Precinct 2 Community Center located at 2100 Wolf Road, Huffman 77336. Office hours are Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. For more information regarding classes or other Center programs please call (713) 274-2434.

Rotary Peace Conference

HOUSTON, Texas, January 2, 2019// -- Rotary International (RI) Districts 5890 and 5910, part of a worldwide Service organization that promotes integrity, goodwill and peace through its fellowship of business, professional and community leaders, today announced they will be sponsoring a Peace Conference at the Crowne Plaza Hotel, 8686 Kirby Drive, Houston, TX 77054 February 9, 2019. The Conference presentations will begin at 9:00 AM and end at 4:00 PM, followed by a reception for the public to visit with the cadre of speakers and guests.

Given a climate of conflict, partisanship, criminal activity and confrontation across local, regional and international arenas, organizers intend to promote the concepts of respect, compromise, reform, and negotiation by highlighting national and international leaders that are paving the future with these virtues. A formidable slate of speakers has been drawn upon to discuss the fight against Human Trafficking, Reformation in Criminal Syndicates, Peacekeeping efforts in former Soviet Republics, Recovery Efforts in Northern Iraq, and the growing Humanitarian footprint in Russia.

Rotary Governor - District 5890, Carmen Cuneo, explained, "We want to showcase to the Houston Community, that while our world faces significant challenges to individual freedoms and human rights, there are numerous efforts out there, by good

people, trying to find Peace and demonstrate Fairness to their fellow man. It is our hope that public presentations like this will groom and motivate individuals, groups, organizations, and governments to do likewise within their fiduciary responsibilities."

John Hathaway, Rotary Governor District 5910, further elaborated, "Rotary International's Foundation has chosen 'Peace' as one of its six areas of focus, for the future. Staging events like this where the public can listen to and interact with such reputable achievers in these fields, is one way we hope to plant new ideas for peace-making efforts in future generations."

For more information on this event, including the full speaker line-up, registration, and costs, please go to: <https://bit.ly/2ReWPYI>

About Rotary International
Rotary is a global network of 1.2 million neighbors, friends, leaders, and problem-solvers who see a world where people unite and take action to create lasting change – across the globe, in our communities, and in ourselves. It was founded in 1905 by Paul Harris, a Chicago attorney, so professionals with diverse backgrounds could exchange ideas, form meaningful, lifelong friendships, and give back to their communities. Rotary's name came from the group's early practice of rotating meetings among the offices of its members. For more information contact Kenny Vernor: ken@vernor.com

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ROMANS 8:18

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the Holy Spirit and began to
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aged, show respect for the
elderly and revere your God.
Leviticus 19:32

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CHARLOTTE'S WEB



How to Help

In the midst of the government shutdown, I have had numerous people contact me asking if I knew of neighbors who are being affected by it. Friends, neighbors and colleagues reaching out and wanting to help.

There are several sites being updated daily as to where those furloughed employees can eat free or receive assistance. Yet this is the beauty of the North Channel Area is that we typically step up and ask how can we help before we ask for help. If you or someone you know in our community has a need, please do not hesitate to reach out and ask for assistance. For those of you wanting to help in a financial way, please reach out to any of our local churches, East Harris County Empowerment Council, North Channel Assistance Ministries or even to the school counselors. Chances are good if neighbors have needs, they will turn to one of these organizations.

For those of you wanting to help but who are not able to give financially, you can still help. Offer to watch their children--you may have a children's DVD that their children have not seen. Invite the children over for popcorn and a movie while the parents take care of personal business. You might ask if your teenagers can come over and wash their vehicles. You might cook a larger meal than usual and invite them to come over and visit. Sometimes we get entirely too busy to know our neighbors or even catch up with our friends. Let's try to make

the best of the situation.

For those who are asking questions about how this shutdown is happening, it would be a great time to visit the local library. Get to know more about how politics work. Get to know who your elected leaders are. Write them a letter expressing how you feel about current situations. Share with your children that even when things are not going as we want we can make the best by simply being there for others.

Our community has a long history of working together when there is a need as well as coming together to celebrate the positive. Last Sunday, Northshore Community Fellowship of Faith Church opened their doors to hold a Community Peace Prayers and United Rally. Members of several churches came as well as many individuals who are concerned about the community. Every month on the first Friday of the month, members of the community attend Houston Eastside Prayer Gathering. This group has been hosting monthly prayer gatherings for the past nine years and while traditionally the events were held at churches, 2019 is a year of new opportunities. In January, the event was held at the Channelview Fire Department and for February, the event will be held at the LaQuinta on the Beltway at Wallisville.

There are many more opportunities to help our community. Ask around, someone needs you. Be a blessing.

Honoring MLK's legacy through action

Dear Friend,

MLK once said that "[t]he moral arc of the universe is long, but it bends toward justice." He emphasized that it is our responsibility to engage in the work necessary to create that more just world, so that our nation might live up to its principles of universal brotherhood and equal rights.

In Dr. King, we see an example of servant-leadership and selfless action. His footsteps map the pathway we all are called to follow in our own way, as we struggle to make our nation a more perfect union. This Martin Luther King Day serves as a chance not

only to reflect on the struggles of yesterday, but to commit to radical action now. Through service, we move our community forward.

Don't wait- find a way to get involved that works for you! Sign up to volunteer or intern with a social justice organization. Donate to or support nonprofits fighting to protect vulnerable families. Stay informed, and follow the Texas Legislature's activities this legislative session.

There is much work left to be done before we realize Dr. King's vision, but together, we can reach that mountaintop.

Kind regards,
Ana Hernandez

1st annual San Jacinto Pilot Club Casino Night Fundraiser

The First Annual San Jacinto Pilot Club Casino Party Fundraiser will take place on Saturday, February 2, 2019 from 6:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m. at Flukinger Center, 16003 Lorenzo, Channelview, TX 77530. \$40 entry/raffle tickets.

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San Jacinto Pilot Club is a 501(c)4 service organization of business people serving the North Channel Area.

For more information, please visit www.SanJacintoPilot.com or call 281-221-1616.

End Plastic Waste,

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gagement of governments, businesses and communities to mobilize action

- Clean up of concentrated areas of plastic waste already in the environment, particularly the major conduits of waste, like rivers, that carry land-based plastic waste to the sea

LyondellBasell's efforts:

With the growth of the circular economy, LyondellBasell has increased its focus on issues related to eliminating plastic waste. In 2018, LyondellBasell announced two key projects in this area, namely:

- A first-of-its-kind plastic recycling venture: In March 2018, LyondellBasell and SUEZ entered into a joint venture to acquire Quality Circular Polymers (QCP), a premium plastics recycling company in the Netherlands. The innovative 50/50 joint venture leverages SUEZ's collection network and leading-edge technology

solutions to improve the identification, separation and preparation of materials to be used as feedstock at QCP. LyondellBasell's long-standing leadership in innovative plastic production technology, vast experience in product development and deep knowledge of important end markets, such as consumer goods, are being leveraged to further grow QCP's success.

- R&D partnership on chemical recycling: In July 2018, LyondellBasell announced it signed an agreement with the Karlsruhe Institute of Technology (KIT) in Germany to advance chemical recycling of used plastics. The goal of this effort is to develop a new catalyst and process technology to decompose post-consumer plastic waste into clean feedstock for reuse in new products.

For more information, please visit www.endplasticwaste.org.

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By the other Jim

I find it just and necessary to bring to your attention the selfless works of an exceptional human being. There is a man among us in our community who serves his fellow men and women without seeking praise, glory, nor recognition. For the past three years it has been my sincere pleasure and honor to silently witness the kind and giving spirit of this gentle humanitarian. He has no indication that I'm writing this letter to you, for if he did, I'm certain he would ask that I not proceed.

For nearly 40 years, this man has worked tirelessly to become a consummate jewelry professional. GIA educated, he is truly a brilliant diamond shining brightly among the many other polished professionals within our industry. He requires that his entire staff be "diamond certified" through GIA's diamond "Distance Education" courses in order to provide customers with the best possible service.

Insisting that every person who walks into his store receive a "WOW" experience, this man takes genuine customer care to its highest level. It's not at all unusual for him to sit and listen to a longtime customer or a first-time visitor as they discuss the hurdles or obstacles they're encountering in their personal lives. Most people would look for a reason to shorten this type of conversation during a busy day, not this man. Anyone who engages in a conversation with him is without fail the most important person in the room. I find it refreshing that he holds staff to the very same level of ethics that he holds himself.

Just 5 short months ago this jewelry business owner noticed, on one of our security cameras, a young man sitting outside the store on a bench, leaning over with his head in his hands. When he walked outside and approached the young man, he could see that he was upset. It turns out that this young man was a homeless US Army veteran and was struggling to find work. The young man "Michael" was eager and willing to work but, was not finding an opportunity or an open door so that he could prove his worth even though he asked everyone he met if they were hiring. The store owner sat outside and talked with this veteran for nearly two hours.

At 73 years old, the jewelry store owner knows thousands of people such as customers, other business owners and professionals from all over the city and from nearly every industry. In only a few short hours, he had lined up three interviews for this military hero

to attend. Late that evening, this humanitarian went to the store and purchased socks, underwear, shirts, pants and a new pair of shoes for Michael. Two days later, I was outside with the store owner when Michael literally came running up to us, held out his arms and hugged the 73 year old while breaking down in tears. Michael held on tight and would not let go as he cried and thanked the store owner for what he had done for him. As it turns out, Michael secured two jobs...one full-time job and one part-time job recommended by this "old man". As I stood there watching and listening, I couldn't help but to well up with tears myself. My supervisor had just served this military veteran who had already served us during his deployment. Several minutes later, Michael was once again moved to tears as he received the new clothes and shoes that were purchased especially for him. I heard Michael say, "I just can't believe that an older white man like you would help a young black man like me. You are such a blessing. I had lost hope for the future." I left them alone and went back inside the store.

This is just one of many acts of kindness that this man does for friends and strangers alike. As a Rotarian for more than 30 years, this jewelry business owner sees life a little differently than most. He not only requires a lot of his staff, he demands even more of himself.

The man I speak of is James K. Mills, better known to many as "Diamond Jim" of Pineforest Jewelry in Houston. At 60 years old, I have a lifetime of experience working with and for many business owners. Diamond Jim is truly and without exaggeration, one-in-a-million. The fact that he is one of the few survivors of pancreatic cancer and a near fatal car accident only serves to make his selfless acts more noteworthy.

I'll leave you with this last thought. I know that Diamond Jim has helped many people who will never know who helped them or from where the assistance originated. It's not in his character to seek praise for helping someone. In fact, I believe he might receive greater pleasure by remaining anonymous.

If your newspaper would be so kind as to share this letter with others, I would be very appreciative. I can think of no one more deserving of this acknowledgement than "Diamond Jim" Mills.

Thank you very much for reading this letter.

Jim C
Operations Manager
Pineforest Jewelry

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Data Control Codes	General Fund	Debt Service Fund	Capital Projects Fund	Nonmajor Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
REVENUES:					
5700 Local, Intermediate, and Out of State Revenues	\$ 105,806,377	\$ 26,318,672	\$ 1,557,551	\$ 3,210,134	\$ 136,892,734
5800 State Program Revenues	105,103,775	297,857	-	2,802,843	108,204,475
5900 Federal Program Revenues	4,139,554	-	-	29,868,321	34,007,875
5020 Total Revenues	215,049,706	26,616,529	1,557,551	35,881,298	279,105,084
EXPENDITURES:					
Current:					
0011 Instruction	115,986,516	-	-	13,077,153	129,063,669
0012 Instructional Resources and Media Services	2,491,641	-	-	99,767	2,591,408
0013 Curriculum and Instructional Staff Development	2,695,463	-	-	2,791,230	5,486,693
0021 Instructional Leadership	5,714,129	-	-	561,052	6,275,181
0023 School Leadership	14,617,490	-	-	227,221	14,844,711
0031 Guidance, Counseling, and Evaluation Services	7,287,911	-	-	348,908	7,636,819
0032 Social Work Services	503,214	-	-	531,500	1,034,714
0033 Health Services	1,625,495	-	-	205,959	1,831,454
0034 Student Transportation	8,490,837	-	-	483,233	8,974,070
0035 Food Services	3,279	-	-	15,125,225	15,128,504
0036 Extracurricular Activities	4,037,071	-	-	847,154	4,884,225
0041 General Administration	8,298,551	-	-	1,712	8,300,263
0051 Facilities Maintenance and Operations	25,734,510	-	-	265,258	25,999,768
0052 Security and Monitoring Services	2,564,646	-	-	833	2,565,479
0053 Data Processing Services	3,918,290	-	-	300	3,918,590
0061 Community Services	891,407	-	-	700,597	1,592,004
Debt Service:					
0071 Debt Service - Principal on Long-Term Debt	344,959	28,089,523	-	-	28,434,482
0072 Debt Service - Interest on Long-Term Debt	10,400	11,458,845	-	-	11,469,245
0073 Debt Service - Bond Issuance Costs and Fees	2,310	146,581	808,462	-	957,353
Capital Outlay:					
0081 Facilities Acquisition and Construction	1,716,391	-	90,733,497	1,258,409	93,708,297
Intergovernmental:					
0099 Payments to County Appraisal District	936,346	-	-	-	936,346
6030 Total Expenditures	207,870,856	39,694,949	91,541,959	36,525,511	375,633,275
1100 Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	7,178,850	(13,078,420)	(89,984,408)	(644,213)	(96,528,191)
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES):					
7911 Refunding Bonds Issued	-	14,880,000	-	-	14,880,000
7911 Capital-related Debt Issued (Regular Bonds)	-	-	85,350,000	-	85,350,000
7912 Sales of Real or Personal Property	125,203	-	-	31,814	157,017
7916 Premium or Discount on Issuance of Bonds	-	963,564	10,458,462	-	11,422,026
7080 Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	125,203	15,843,564	95,808,462	31,814	111,809,043
1200 Net Change in Fund Balances	7,304,053	2,765,144	5,824,054	(612,399)	15,280,852
0100 Fund Balance - September 1 (Beginning)	145,800,878	8,430,836	66,355,513	4,602,729	225,189,956
3000 Fund Balance - August 31 (Ending)	\$ 153,104,931	\$ 11,195,980	\$ 72,179,567	\$ 3,990,330	\$ 240,470,808

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CHANNELVIEW INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2018					
Data Control Codes	10 General Fund	50 Debt Service	Other Governmental Funds	98 Total Governmental Funds	
REVENUES:					
5700 Local and Intermediate Sources	\$ 29,625,551	\$ 10,101,892	\$ 1,057,574	\$ 40,785,017	
5800 State Program Revenues	45,479,348	345,510	569,717	46,394,575	
5900 Federal Program Revenues	2,492,419	--	9,573,923	12,066,342	
5020 Total Revenues	77,597,318	10,447,402	11,201,214	99,245,934	
EXPENDITURES:					
Current:					
0011 Instruction	50,214,444	--	3,923,323	54,137,767	
0012 Instructional Resources and Media Services	521,889	--	--	521,889	
0013 Curriculum and Staff Development	431,707	--	--	431,707	
0021 Instructional Leadership	1,042,153	--	246,383	1,288,536	
0023 School Leadership	4,901,645	--	--	4,901,645	
0031 Guidance, Counseling, and Evaluation Services	2,368,977	--	920,469	3,289,446	
0033 Health Services	883,610	--	--	883,610	
0034 Student Transportation	3,020,971	--	--	3,020,971	
0035 Food Service	--	--	5,805,258	5,805,258	
0036 Cocurricular/Extracurricular Activities	1,663,888	--	417,758	2,081,646	
0041 General Administration	2,867,215	--	--	2,867,215	
0051 Facilities Maintenance and Operations	8,360,469	--	--	8,360,469	
0052 Security and Monitoring Services	1,093,438	--	--	1,093,438	
0053 Data Processing Services	1,456,573	--	--	1,456,573	
0061 Community Services	--	--	9,500	9,500	
0071 Principal on Long-term Debt	135,409	5,310,000	--	5,445,409	
0072 Interest on Long-term Debt	--	5,637,918	--	5,637,918	
0073 Bond Issuance Costs and Fees	--	20,405	--	20,405	
0081 Capital Outlay	358,100	--	--	358,100	
6030 Total Expenditures	79,320,488	10,968,323	11,322,691	101,611,502	
1100 Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	(1,723,170)	(520,921)	(121,477)	(2,365,568)	
Other Financing Sources and (Uses):					
7915 Transfers In	--	--	1,035,807	1,035,807	
8911 Transfers Out	(308,766)	--	(1,035,807)	(1,344,573)	
7080 Total Other Financing Sources and (Uses)	(308,766)	--	--	(308,766)	
1200 Net Change in Fund Balances	(2,031,936)	(520,921)	(121,477)	(2,674,334)	
0100 Fund Balances - Beginning	34,432,548	14,302,148	1,964,279	50,698,975	
3000 Fund Balances - Ending	\$ 32,400,612	\$ 13,781,227	\$ 1,842,802	\$ 48,024,641	

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By Allan Jamail
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Photo by Allan Jamail
Judge Clinton “Chip” Wells

North Shore Basketball,

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Game. Jalen had a big night scoring 16 points 10 rebounds and 5 assists defeating La Porte 69-38.
Keiman Capers #10 was the second highest scorer with 13 points, 12 assists and 3 rebounds. Third highest scorer was #2 Oriekose Egbule with 12 points, 6 assists and rebounds.
Coach Sam Benitez has the Mustangs tied in their 6A Region III District 21 with the Beaumont United Timberwolves each with a 7 win 1 loss record. In a pre-season tournament game the Mustangs defeated the Timberwolves 45 to 35. But recently on January 15 th the Timberwolves defeated the Mustangs in Beaumont for a District game win of 69 to 59.
The crowning of the district champions might be



Photo by Allan Jamail
Mustangs #2 Oriekose Egbule scores against LaPorte in a 69 to 38 win.

decided by the outcome of games between Beaumont United in a home conference game verse their rival school Beaumont West Brook this Friday, January 25 at 7 PM. Or when the Mustangs once again play Beaumont United in a home conference game on February 8 at 7 PM. West

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