Sheldon ISD holds ribbon cutting for new Sheldon Lakes Elementary

By Allan Jamail


MARCUS MORROW

Principal Morrow got a position 18 years ago in the toughest school in the nation for educational purposes. Morrow is an assistant director and assistant principal at the Zotz Center.

He has a bachelor’s degree from Sam Houston State University and a master’s degree from the University of Houston-Clear Lake.

The Joyce Zotz Education Center (JZEC) specializes in the development of students being able to obtain their educational goals through non-traditional settings. GPISD is able to provide students with a workable education in a caring but well-structured environment that they may not see coming from their homes.

Morrow said: “Parents with children can attend our nightly classes and we’ll provide child care while we’re open from 5pm to 9pm at the new school.”

The campus is located on the way to feeder road, just south of Garrett Road.

The principal for Sheldon Lake Elementary is Christopher Dickson, formerly the principal at Sheldon Early Childhood Academy.

Architects for the new building were Lockwood, Andrews and Newman, Project Manager was Stoner, contractor Davidson.

Sheldon ISD Superintendent King Davis cut the ribbon to officially open the new Sheldon Lake Elementary campus.

NEW PRINCIPALS - A SERIES

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Photo by DENNIS

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Crosby’s Heart Healthy Schools recognized for relative safety

Crosby Kindergartened Kriste Davis and Karen Stewardson received their signage for having made Crosby Kindergarten a Heart Safe School from Melody Stephens.

Darla Bumgardner, Phaedra Jackson and Karen Walthall of Barrett Elementary School received their signage for having made Barrett Elementary a Heart Safe School from Melody Stephens.

Machete ends honor among alleged thieves

Tuesday, August 13, 7:40 a.m. — Behind the Harris County Sheriff’s Office patrol units a trailer had been stolen but fell back into the hands of law enforcement when a falling out among those who will be charged with stealing it resulted in one of the charged attacking the other with a machete.

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Board member Ybarra recognized for community service with EquuSearch

Mr. Alex Ybarra and Mr. Tim Miller received special recognition during the Channelview ISD board meeting.

Board member recognized for outstanding community service

Channelview Independent School District recognized school board member, Mr. Alex Ybarra, for his outstanding service to the community. Mr. Ybarra is a volunteer with the Texas EquuSearch, and he devotes many hours helping families across the state.

Recently, Mr. Ybarra and a team of 8 volunteers rescued a man who had been missing for five days. The team almost suspended their search when Mr. Ybarra noticed something odd in the wooded area where they were searching. Thanks to the team's efforts, the man was located, and he received immediate care from medical professionals.

A heartfelt acknowledgment at the ceremony, Superintendent Greg Ollis said "Despite many difficult cases, Mr. Ybarra continues to volunteer to help families. He realizes that through his efforts with Texas EquuSearch, families are reunited or, on many occasions, he is able to provide closure on a case."

Mr. Tim Miller, Director and Founder of Texas EquuSearch, was present to show his support of Mr. Ybarra. During the recognition ceremony, the Channelview ISD Board of Trustees presented Mr. Miller with a plaque thanking him for dedicating time and resources to helping individuals and families around the world.

"This designation is for grades 6-12 and includes three HISD schools (C. E. King High School, Nall Middle School and C. E. King Middle School). The program has plans to grow each year until a 6-12 grade STEM program is available."

Our district applied for a planning year in 2018-19 and has worked diligently with the entire district STEM Team to put everything in place and ensure that the requirements of the T-STEM Designation were part of our plan throughout implementation.

T-STEM stands for Texas Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics. To have the designation simply means that you offer a rigorous secondary school program that focuses on improving instruction and academic performance in Science and Mathematics-related subjects and you increase the number of students who study STEM careers. Along with this designation, there are other criteria such as:

* Providing dual credit at no cost to students
* Offering rigorous instruction and accelerated courses
* Providing academic and social support services to help students succeed
* Reducing barriers to college access
* Adapting to regional workforce needs

One of the best parts of this program is that it targets at-risk students and provides them with the supportive, challenging learning environment to get them college and career ready. Our students will be ready for the workforce they will enter beyond high school.

In our district STEM program it's about embedding 21st century skills into the everyday classroom through Project Based Learning. Our students learn the essentials needed to be successful beyond high school with a daily emphasis on the 4Cs: Communication, Collaboration, Critical Thinking and Creativity.

We are all looking forward to our first STEM graduating class in the year 2021-22 as we move our STEM students into full of Confidence, Skills and Grit and encourage them to go out and change the world! Special thanks to our Sheldon ISD STEM Team of dedicated administrators and teachers that are working hard to prepare our students for the jobs of tomorrow! By Becky Zalesnik

Sheldon ISD Director of Innovative Programs
**Governor takes action to prevent acts of terrorism**

I spent the last couple weeks visiting my parents. I’ve honestly been the last few days I’ve been there. I was so tired of working on my project that I finally took a break. I’m glad I did, because now I feel refreshed and ready to continue working on it. I’m excited to see how my project turns out in the end.

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**Ask Rusty — How is my benefit Amount Determined?**

**Dear Rusty:** I am 65 years old. It looks like my monthly benefit will be about $5583. The product of your AIME between $926 will take 90% of the first part and add it up to arrive at your PIA. You will get at your full retirement age. But a note of caution: any benefit estimates you have now from Social Security assume your current work at the time you claim your benefit and that your earnings will remain at the highest earnings. After that, your benefit will be reduced about 20% less if you were beyond your PIA the benefit will be reduced 5% for each year you delay, up to age 70, when it is reached. At age 70 your benefit will be about 25% more than it would be at 62. It is up to you at your benefit. Social Security will take your entire record of lifetime earnings into account to determine your earnings for inflation, and select the 35 years of highest earnings. Based on Social Security’s actuaries, your benefit will be reduced about 20% less if you take your benefit beyond your PIA. They then break your benefit into components using what’s known as “bend points” and then take a percentage of each part and then add up all of that’s called your “primary insurance amount” or “PIA.” The “bend point” value changes each year, but for 2019 they are $2,351 and $3,858. To calculate your benefit, Social Security will take 80% of the first $2,351 of your AIME, then 50% of the next $15,842 and 25% of the amount of your AIME over $35,093.

Finally, the above applies to your own individual retirement benefits from your own lifetime, if you are married, and your PIA is less than 50% of your husband’s PIA. Then you may also receive a spousal benefit from your husband’s earnings. If you are employed at the time of your retirement, you may receive a spousal benefit until your own PIA is achieved. If your benefit is more than 50% of your husband’s benefit, then you may receive a spousal benefit from your husband’s earnings.

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JOE WARREN HARRIS, SR.

Mae Anderson Harris, death by Father JT Kilgore Harris. Married his wife of 52 years he met and came home to Texas during the Korean War. After serving in the U.S. Army, he went home to be with his Lord and went home to be with his Lord and went home to be with his Lord and went home to be with his Lord.

Surviving family are: Richard Warren Jr wife Twyla, Jo Machala and husband Albert, Vickie Kuhn, brother Gordon Grissom, daughter Stacey Riendeau and Ciara Larson and Travis Grissom, daughter Paula Harris and husband Steve, brother Jack Harris and wife Robbie Harris and sister Hazel Honig. Children Richard and daughter Megan Godson West and son-in-law Cole West, and younger sisters American Cherri and Nina Fast Caufield, grandchildren Sydm Nelson, Charles Jason Riendeau and in death by his father William Gordon Grissom, mother Hazel Lorene Kuhn, brother Gordon Ray Grissom and sister Opal Lorene Elledge. The family will have a Celebration of Life on Saturday, September 14th, 2019 at the Midway Community Center located at 12832 School Rd. Midway, TX 75852 at 12pm. Flowers can be sent to the family home.

People in our neck of the woods are quite familiar with fences of every sort surrounding fields full of cattle, and we all appreciate that these fields are in place. Everyone knows that, while some things can be ignored, the fence line can’t. If you let your fence line fall, you’ll almost certainly lose part of your herd, because those great beasts own eternity concretely, and it’s their strong side of that boundary. You can usually be recovered and recovered; but this time most ranchers really don’t have. It’s far better to maintain the fence where it’s safe, so it’s the place where it’s safe, to use your deliverer. He assures us that His truth (and His Word IS truth) will be our provision to you is to always provide excellent service at the most affordable price.

LIFE STYLED PAGE

I Believe in Jesus; Now What?

Great question. Believing in Jesus is not the end, but the beginning of the Christian life. These are some basics:

1. Find a good church and attend every Sunday. Get to know the people.
2. Get baptized. Believer’s baptism by immersion is a picture of your salvation and a testimony of your stand for Christ.
3. Read a chapter in the Bible every day. A good place to begin is in the book of John. Get a good English translation like the NKJV.
5. Give to the Lord and His church.
6. Tell others about Jesus. Keep Jesus first in your life.

But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you. — Jesus, Matthew 6:33

You are invited to Northside every Sunday at 11am & 6pm.

Services last about an hour, dress is casual.

—David R. Brown
Northside Baptist Church, 317 Barbers Hill Rd., Highlands, TX 77562. nbschighlands.org

OBITUARIES

Jesse Warren Harris Sr., Born in Tenesha Texas, December 29, 1934 went home to be with his Lord and Savior August 16, 2019 in Galveston City Texas.

He grew up in Center Texas and lived in Crosby Texas the remainder of his life and served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War. After serving his country he came home to Texas where he met and married his wife of 52 years Ruby Kilgore Harris. He was preceded in death by Father JT Harris and mother Ola Mae Anderson Harris.

Scott Riendeau with Crystal, Vanessa Larson and Travis Harris: Great Grandchildren Britton Emily Loreen, Belshet cane Larson and Krystin Elisabeth Larson. Numerous other family members along with many aunts, uncles, nephews and nieces.

An informal memorial service is being planned in the near future. Any gifts in consideration of his memory as he was for many years a Masonic lodge member and Shriner can be made in his name to the Shriners Crippled Children’s Hospital in Galveston Texas.

THOUGHTS FROM MARANATHA CHURCH

By Dr. Mark Trice

In Psalm 1, verses 14-16, He says... “For he hath set his love upon me therefore will he bring me to his holy Mountain, he will receive me into his own presence.”

When you set your eye on someone, you do all you can to get to know them. Where God is concerned, we do this by prayer and by digging into His Word and making His promises to those who dwell in His Secret Place – who stay inside the fence where it’s safe, who keep his fence in good repair, who know the odds are good you’ll eventually wander away from God.

In Psalm 91, God makes great promises to those who stay inside the fence. He says, “He who dwells in the Secret Place who stays inside the fence where it’s safe, who knows the odds are good you’ll eventually wander away from God.”

In Psalm 16, He says, “I will set the Lord always before me: I will not be moved...”

The Word of God is kind and gentle. The Word of God is even more protection. He says, “I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.”

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William Stanley Grissom died in his home August 16, 2019 in North Zulch, Texas, succumbing to the effects of cancer. He was 77 years old.

Stanley was born August 21, 1941 in Hendreeson, Texas to parents Bill and G and Hani Gerson after leaving the U.S. Army in 1962, he worked several jobs before finding his niche in operating heavy equipment and then in construction supervision.

Stanley retired in 2004 in his home in North Zulch where he gardended and planted cedars. Known affectionately as the mayor of Whispering Oaks, he always had an ear to listen and a cold Lone Star Beer to help with tractor work and working cattle.

He was preceded in death by his wife Opal Lorene Ellender, brother Stanley Grissom, sister JoyceAnn Cheatham and his name to the Sheriff’s Office.

Surviving family are his wife of 46 years a Masonic lodge member and Shriner can be made in his name to the Shriners Crippled Children’s Hospital in Galveston Texas.

William Stanley Grissom

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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX RATE**

The CHANNEV VIEW INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT will hold a public meeting at 7:00 PM on Thursday, August 29, 2019 at the John H. Wimberly Conference Room, 3808 Highway 36 South, Channelview, TX 77530. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the school district’s budget that will determine the tax rate that will be adopted. Public participation in the discussion is invited.

The tax rate that is currently being adopted at this meeting or a separate meeting at a later date may not exceed the estimated rate shown below unless the district publishes a notice containing the same information and sets a separate public hearing for the tax rate increase in accordance with the law.

**Maintenance Tax** $0.0730 (Proposed rate for maintenance and operations)

**School Debt Service Tax** $0.0144 (Proposed rate to pay bond indebtedness)

**Comparison of Proposed Budget with Last Year’s Budget**

The applicable percentage increase or decrease for the amount budgeted in the preceding fiscal year and the amount budgeted for the fiscal year that begins during the current tax year is indicated for each of the following expenditures:

- Maintenance and operations: 3.72% (increase) % (decrease)
- Debt service: 23.85% (increase) % (decrease)
- Total expenditures: 3.72% (increase) % (decrease)

**Total Appraised Value and Total Taxable Value (as calculated under Tax Code Section 23.004)**

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**Bonded Indebtedness**

Total amount of outstanding and unpaid bonded indebtedness $121,186,263.00

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**Fund Balances**

The following estimated balances will remain at the end of the current fiscal year and are not encumbered or set aside for any other purpose:

- Maintenance and Operations Fund Balance(s) $3,140,628
- Interest and Penalty Fund Balance(s) $112,107

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**Notice of Intent Approval**: The highest tax rate the district can adopt without receiving voter approval at an election is . This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the voter-approved rate of .

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**IMPORTANT NOTICE TO ALL TAXPAYERS**

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Goal was to raise about $275,000 but the event went all the way to “a smidgen under $300,000,” according to Scott Stephens. The event set wonderful records, the live auction brought in near $85,000 for 43 items. The silent auction brought in over $12,000. These resources will help screen young hearts all over Texas and place ECG modules throughout Texas where they are needed.

Sudden death is the #1 killer of student athletes, about 1 in 300 youths have an undetected heart condition that puts them at risk. The standard physical exam/history misses 96% of the youth at risk. Thanks to the generous donors supporting the mission, Cody Stephens Foundation can offer funding for first year screening. Thus far the foundation has screened more than 130,000 people and at least 100 young lives are referred to more extensive care to avoid sudden death. The ECGs are read by board certified Cardiologists.

Principal Morrow will be assisted by David L 얘nggra, Assistant Principal, Kresha Lane, Operations Assistant Principal, Dr. Tanisha Rogers, Assistant Principal / Night School, Sonya Washington, Lead Counselor, Ms. Melody Barr, Counselor and Testing Coordinator. The Joyce Zotz Education Center is located at 13801 Hollypark Dr. Houston, TX 77015, the telephone number is 832-386-3637.

Although some Cardiologists fought making ECGs less expensive dramatically, some supported Stephens as this one that did many of the readings for free. Alahna Kessler, Nathan Schwarz, and Thomas DeBauche accepted belt buckles.