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# ROTARY FISH FRY & RAFFLE THIS SATURDAY

NORTH CHANNEL – Anticipation is building for the big Catfish Fry & Crawfish Boil that North Shore Rotary will hold this coming Saturday, May 20 from 11am to 3pm.

This is the 48th Annual Fish Fry, and like previous ones it includes great food, a chance to bid and buy unique auction items, and the best part is someone will have a lucky ticket and win a new Toyota pickup truck or sedan. Every year the community turns out in hundreds, to enjoy socializing as well as waiting for the ticket draw to see who wins the top prize. Of course there are 20 additional prizes, so its a great time for all.

Fish Fry chairman Lee



Ken Wimbley (at right), president of the North Shore Rotary, buys his Fish Fry raffle and meal ticket from Rotarian Lee Brown, this year's chairman of the Catfish Fry & Crawfish Boil event, to be held Saturday, May 20. Brown reminds the community that this is a benefit fund raiser for the Rotary club's community projects, so again, everyone wins. Proceeds are used for scholarships, food for the needy, support of school and community groups, parks and athletic events, and much more.

Everyone is welcome at the Fish Fry this Saturday, and meal tickets at \$15 and Raffle tickets at \$100 are available at the door. The raffle ticket includes two fish dinners as well as a chance at a new vehicle. Winner of the raffle will have a choice of a car or truck, from Community Toyota in Baytown. Again, a win for all. Come out and join the fun for a good cause.



The Fish Fry will include a Raffle for a new Vehicle, the winner's choice of a new 2023 Toyota Tacoma SRS pickup or a Toyota Camry ASE sedan similar to this vehicle from last year's raffle. Vehicles are from Community Toyota in Baytown. Tickets for the rafffle are \$100 and will still be available during the Fish Fry on Saturday, up until the drawing commences. The Catfish Fry & Crawfish Boil, including the raffle, and live and silent auctions, will be held this Saturday, May 20 at the Rotary Pavilion at 14350 Wallisville Road behind the Harris County Courthouse Annex. Serving of food (your choice of Catfish or Crawfish) will be from 11am to 3pm. Food tickets only are \$15.

# Galena Park Students Compete in World Robotics Championship

#### By Allan Jamail

April, 2023 the Galena Park High School (GPHS) robotics KAOS team competed in Dallas, Texas at the VEX World Championship.

There were over 800 teams from across the world there. Out of 28,000 registered teams this year, the GPHS team qualified for Worlds by being semi-finalists at State, and by winning the Innovate Award for best overall program. Paul Johnson provides photography students with the best techniques to advance them into the career field of commercial photography. Johnson's awards along with some of his former robotics student's achievements. 2010 Texas STATE **BEST** Robotics Champion, 2008, 2011, & 2013 FIRST Regional Chairman's Award Winner, 2008, 2010, 2011, 2013 -2020 VEX Excellence Winner, 2019 Volunteer of the Year, VEX South Texas Championship and 2014 Teacher of the Year, and VEX South Texas Championship.



LEFT: Galena Park High School robotics students at the April 2023 world championship contest in Dallas, Texas.

L- R:lan Lapaglia, Arleth Cano, Bryan Ibarra, Carolina Vargas, Mentor Paul Johnson, Ariana Reyes, Angel Pina, Andre Delgado, Jose Garza. (Photo by GP Coach Mary DeFiore)



ABOVE: L- R: North Channel Star photojournalist Allan Jamail with Paul Johnson, GP High School's award winning commercial photography/robotics teacher. (Photo by LINDA Jamail)

LEFT: The GP High robotics class that demonstrated their robotic skills March, 2023 to GPISD elementary school students as method of recruiting new robotics class students.

L – R: Mentor Paul Johnson, Carolina Vargas, Arleth Cano, Jose Garza, Ariana Reyes & Irving Fuentes a former 2019 robotic student, presently University of Houston student. (Photo by Allan Jamail)

# NCA Chamber holds annual Gala

Rescheduled event took place March 23, after Tornado delay



The 2023 Board of Directors were sworn into office by Judge Joe Stephens, standing on the stage as seen above. In front of the judge are new board chair Ronny Dwairy, and outgoing board chair Mike Williams.

The Chamber's 46th Annual Gala was held at Sylvan Beach Pavilion on March 23rd, after the original date in January was not possible due to storm damage, flooding and electrical outages from a tornado that struck La Porte and surrounding communities.

The guest speaker was Gus Dwairy, father of the new Board Chair Ronny Dwairy. In addition, his company Bestway Oilfield was cited as "Business of the Year" by the Chamber. Gus Dwairy was introduced as "Entrepreneur, Founder of Bestway Oilfield, and Rancher at Heart." All photos courtesy of NCA Chamber and Chris Gause, with Galena Park ISD.

## Life-Saving AED placed at Discovery Green in Houston By Scott Stephens, GBOGH Cody Foundation

"Making the difference" The Parent Heart Watch 18th Annual National Heart to Heart conference was held in Houston, Texas in January of 2023. During the conference an AED was gifted to the community and placed in a downtown community park. We were not able to see its final placement during the conference... I was teaching a CPR class in Houston this week and decided to take a quick stop to see the final placement of the AED and the Save Station. It was a late Tuesday afternoon and the park was filled with families and children enjoying the afternoon. In the background of where the children were playing, I saw it! Knowing this life saving device is so close makes my heart happy. #cemscr #makingthedifference #commtheartwatch #CallPushShock #knwcor



# **SHELDON ISD NEWS**

# **STEM Senior Class Awarded More than \$3 million in Scholarships and Grants**

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On May 10, the STEM program celebrated the Class of 2023 with its annual awards presentation. The STEM Academy seniors have been awarded a total of \$3,123,372 in scholarships and grants as of May 9. The program presented many speciality awards. Congratulations to Lora Bell, the first STEM Academy senior to receive an associates degree from San Jacinto College. Bell completed 66 college hours and graduated in the top 5%. She will attend the University of Houston in the fall. Other awards include Rachael Amofa who was accepted to 22 colleges and will be attending Tuskegee University with a full scholarship. Congratulations to the Class of 2023 participating in STEM.



# **Sheldon ISD celebrates teachers**



May 8-12 is the national Teacher Appreciation Week. Sheldon ISD and its community are extremely grateful for our teaching staff who make a difference in the lives of students each day. Thank you, Sheldon ISD teachers, for all you do for every child, every day.

# May 10 is School Nurse Day

A special thank you to the school nurses serving Sheldon ISD schools, community, staff and students. May 10 is National School Nurses Day. Thank you for helping keep our community healthy and well.



## **Class of 2023 Celebrate**

# Sheldon ISD Employees recognized for customer Service

Throughout the year, Sheldon ISD employees are nominated by their peers or families for the CARE (Caught Acting and Responding with Excellence) Award. The CARE Award recognizes exemplary customer service. On Thursday, May 11, the following employees were surprised with the award:

Norma Alvarez, Technology Secretary -Norma always has a positive attitude and is willing to stand in the background doing the hard work to represent what's best for Sheldon. She does it daily and she does it at an excellent level. The district is privileged to have an individual as talented as Norma.



The CARE Award is a partnership with Woodforest Bank. Each honoree is presented with a gift card and will be recognized at an upcoming school board meeting.



ful, dedicated and friendly

employee. She was very

helpful in the registration

process for students to en-

sure it went smoothly for

Galena Park ISD Recognized this Year's Superintendent's Student Advisory Board

# Upcoming Graduation With Decision Day



On May 12, senior students at King High School participated in the annual Decision Day. Each year senior students who are accepted and commit to a college, university, or post-secondary institution have an opportunity to participate in Decision Day. Students are treated to breakfast and during a special assembly are called down to the front to share where they have decided to go in the fall and have an opportunity to collect a prize basket filled with goodies to help them in their first year of college. Baskets are donated by Sheldon ISD schools, community and staff.



# **Summer Theater Opportunity for kindergarten through fifth Graders**

King Theatre Company is presenting its first Summer Theater Workshop Monday, June 5 through Thursday, June 15 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. There will be a final performance at the conclusion of the workshop. This program will provide students with an opportunity to create costumes, work on sets and theater performances to include singing and dancing. Students will be divided into classes based on age and grade level. The program is geared for students who have completed kindergarten

through fifth grade. Details can be found on the district's website at <u>www.sheldonisd.com</u>. Proceeds for the camp will benefit the C.E. King High School Theatre Company. Registration is limited for Sheldon ISD students.



Pictured: Dr. John Moore, Superintendent of Schools; Superintendent's Student Advisory Board Members; Dr. Jeff Hutchinson, ECHS principal; Kenneth Bryant, NS10 principal; David Pierson, NS 9 principal; Norma Hernandez, GPISD Board Trustee; Jillian Howard, North Shore Senior High School Deputy Principal; and Dr. Kimberly Martin, GPHS principal (Photo Credit: Christopher Gause)

**By** Dr. Tommie L. Smith

**Houston, Texas:** Galena Park ISD (GPISD) recognized members of the Superintendent's Student Advisory Board (SAB) for their leadership and service to their schools and community.

Members of the Superintendent's SAB include:

CTE Early College High School: Danielle Barraza Alonzo Castaneda Jorge Gomez Riley Johnson Jose Padron Mia Pena <u>North Shore Senior</u> High Ninth Grade Center: Kylah Eckford

Jase Tapiz

North Shore Senior High 10th Grade Center: Dulce Bonilla Luke Melendez North Shore Senior <u>High School:</u> Jasmin Jimenez Joseph Molina Chance Smith Kaliyah Smith Galena Park High School: Adam Alvarado Anahi Arredondo **Mia Balderas** Isabella Espinoza Christen Lance Matthew Monsebaiz Kayla Ramirez Jonathan Shields

Victoria Tovar Students selected to serve on the advisory board meet with Dr. Moore, Superintendent of Schools, and other district leaders to share in-

sight and feedback related to student, school, and community issues. SAB members are leaders on their respective campuses and throughout the community; they serve as ambassadors for their peers throughout GPISD. They provide suggestions for the continuous improvement of district programming. This year, students completed a book study of The 7 Habits of Highly Effective Teens by Sean Covey.

A certificate and medal were presented to each member of the Superintendent's Student Advisory Board on behalf of the Board of Trustees and Dr. John Moore, Superintendent of Schools.

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#### **46TH AWARDS & INSTALLATION GALA**



2023 Board of Directors



Major Sponsor - United Community C.U.



Great Seal - Dr. Allatia Harris



2023 Board Chair Ronny Dwairy with Judge Joe Stephens



Greenway Band

#### **46TH AWARDS & INSTALLATION GALA**







#### **Award Recipients**





Business of the Year - Bestway Oilfield



Small Business of the Year - Hampton Inn E. Beltway 8



Committee Member of the Year - Dr. Allatia Harris



Board Member of the Year - Ken Wimbley



Dr. Ed Lehr's Chairman Award - Dr. Alexander Okwonna

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Ambassador of the Year-Stephanie Rosendahl



Scholarship Recipient - Noah Balderas

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#### OPINION PAGE $\bigstar$ $\bigstar$



### Metro has fewer Passengers now than 25 years ago

Recently, I have been asking people if they think Metro is carrying more or fewer riders than it did 25 years ago. Universally, they have assumed it must be much more. After all, Harris County has grown by about 50% over the last quarter century, so it only stands to reason that Metro must have, at least, grown proportionately.

But the sad fact is, after taxpayers have invested nearly \$9 billion in Metro and it has run up \$2.3 billion in debt over the last twenty-five years, in 2022 Metro carried 38% fewer riders than it did in 1998. To be fair, transit ridership globally has been dramatically affected by the pandemic for the last three years. But even before that pandemic, Metro's ridership was about 7% lower than 1998.

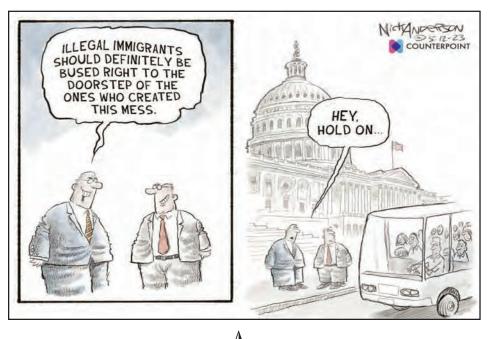
In 1998, when Metro relied exclusively on buses, it carried 96.6 million riders. It gradually increased ridership over the next several years, exceeding 100 million riders for the first time in 2000. But ridership swooned in the wake of the economic downturn in the early 2000s before gradually recovering. By 2006, Metro's ridership had grown to 103 million riders.

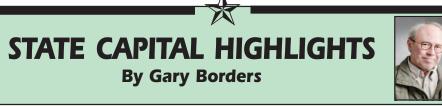
However, that would turn out to be the all-time high for Metro. For the next two years, ridership drifted lower then turned down dramatically with the financial crisis in 2009, hitting a low of 81 million riders in 2010. Over the next decade, ridership increased very gradually. It reached 89 million in 2019 before being slammed by the pandemic. Metro's ridership numbers have mostly reflected the trends for national transit ridership.

I think there are two principal takeaways from this data.

The first is that light rail did absolutely nothing to increase Metro's ridership. While ridership on the light rail has increased whenever Metro has opened a new line, there has been an almost identical, corresponding decrease in bus ridership. So, the only thing we accomplished by spending billions of taxpayer dollars on light rail was to change the mode of conveyance for some riders from a cheaper, more flexible alternative to a more expensive, inflexible one.

The second takeaway is that we still do not





# Fort Hood Renamed After Korean, Vietnam War Hero R. E. Cavazos

It's official. Fort Hood, named for a high-ranking Confederate officer in the Civil War, has been renamed Fort Cavazos, in honor of native Texan Richard E. Cavazos, the country's first Hispanic four-star general.

Fort Cavazos is the Army's largest armored, active-duty military installation, according to a report in the Austin American-Statesman. It is one of nine that are being renamed around the country, based on recommendations from a naming committee commissioned by Congress to remove the names, symbols and displays that honor the Confederacy.

Cavazos was widely decorated for his service during the Korean and Vietnam wars, receiving two Distinguished Service Cross medals during his military career. He died in 2017 at 88.

STATE REP EXPELLED FROM **TEXAS HOUSE** 



#### **TEXANS ENJOY A COOLER-**THAN-AVERAGE APRIL

The state enjoyed somewhat cooler temperatures in April than in years past, according to Dr. Mark Wentzel, a hydrologist with the Texas Water Development Board. The eastern half of the state experienced above-average rainfall, though drought conditions persisted in the central part of the state, from Laredo to the Panhandle



#### "Нарру Place"

I have a sticker that says "My Happy Place," and I kept it for a while, wondering where to put it. In the end, I stuck it near my desk so I could see it while I write. I am usually happy when I'm writing.

On Monday, however, I was not happy. I had a major technology breakdown, and I had no idea what I had done wrong. As it turned out, I had done nothing wrong (which is rare, when it comes to technology). Microsoft had a failure that lasted for almost two hours. During the technology breakdown, I had an accompanying emotional breakdown. For two hours, I was not in my happy place.

Only after it was over did I look back on the experience and realize how easy all this annoying technology makes my life every day.

I've heard of writers who use old typewriters, or write entire novels by hand, and then type them up on their computers. They even have a device that only lets you see a couple of lines at a time and has no access to the internet. I guess this is because some writers consider the internet an obstacle to writing. This seems very silly to me. Without the internet, how would I know that avenues run perpendicular to streets and that lanes can run in either direction? How would I find funny cat videos?

I hear writers complain that they would get more done if they were in a cabin in the woods like Henry David Thoreau, but they forget Thoreau had somebody copying his manuscript for him and his sister bringing him lunch every day. All our imaginings of how the past might have been better for writing are romantic nonsense. Right now, at my lit-



Red River, Anderson, Gillespie, Kerr, Kimble and Limestone counties. By Gary Borders The counties are now eligible for federal funding since 1927, according to for debris removal and rethe Statesman. pairs to infrastructure.

**HOUSE CONSIDERS MODIFIED VERSION OF** SENATE VOUCHER BILL

across wide swaths of the

state, Gov. Greg Abbott

support ongoing recovery

efforts in Texas communi-

ties impacted by Winter

Storm Mara in February,"

13 already approved by

FEMA are Falls, Hopkins,

The eight added to the

Abbott said.

"This update will help

announced last week.

An 80-page version of the Senate's school voucher proposal is now before the House education committee, the Texas Tribune reported. This version would cut the number of students eligible for the program, modify the state's standardized testing program, and eliminate the Senate bill's

have a clear idea of what the mission of Metro is. Most people think that the purpose of transit is to reduce traffic congestion. But Metro has a very minimal effect on the traffic congestion because it accounts for such a tiny fraction of our daily trips.

The U.S. Department of Transportation estimates that the average American makes four trips per day. Harris County had about 4.6 million residents, so that comes out to about 18.5 million trips per day. Before the pandemic, Metro was averaging about 250,000 trips daily or about 1.3% of all trips in Harris County each day. That is not enough reduction in daily trips to make any noticeable dent in traffic congestion.1

However, Metro does provide transportation to thousands of our neighbors who either cannot afford an automobile or who are not physically capable of operating one. It is an important and critical service to our community.

I think we would have better results at a more affordable cost if we were focused on that aspect of Metro's role instead of building grandiose vanity projects that end up doing little to help the people that need reliable and convenient transportation. Like say, for example, spending \$200 million on luxury, dedicated bus lanes in the toniest neighborhood in Houston that ends up having almost no riders.

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The Texas House voted 147-0 to expel state Rep.

Bryan Slaton after an investigating committee determined he engaged in inappropriate behavior with a 19-year-old legislative aide. Slaton, R-Royce City, was found to have had sexual intercourse with the aide, who works in his office, and to have supplied alcohol to an underaged person on at least three occasions, the Statesman reported.

Slaton resigned the day before the vote to expel him but would have remained an officeholder and been paid until a successor was elected through a special election.

"Expulsion of a member of this body is rare," House Speaker Dade Phelan said. "Mr. Slaton's predatory behavior merits such a consequence. I am proud of my colleagues for holding each of us accountable."

Slaton is the first House member to be expelled



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"Precipitation varied considerably, with half the state, East and coastal Texas, experiencing wellabove-average rainfall, while the other half, West

zel wrote. Drought conditions dropped 12 percentage points compared to the end of March, with 55% of the state now under drought. The arrival of the El Niño weather system by fall is forecast to bring above-average rainfall to the state and lead to widespread drought relief by the end of 2023.

Texas and the Panhandle,

received well-below-nor-

mal precipitation," Went-

#### **EIGHT MORE COUNTIES** ADDED TO DISASTER DECLARATION

The Federal Emergency Management Agency has added eight more Texas counties to a disaster declaration after an early February ice storm caused considerable damage

restriction on teaching about gender and sexual orientation.

A move to get the bill quickly out of committee failed after state Rep. Ernest Bailes, R-Shepherd, questioned why the  $committee \ wanted \ to \ move$ forward without holding a public hearing.

"You're trying to bring an 80-page substitution to this body and force a vote without thoughtful deliberation," Bailes said. House committees have until May 20 to vote on Senate bills to advance them to the full floor.

The Senate version of the bill would give parents who opt out of the public school system up to \$8,000 in taxpayer money to pay for a child's private schooling and related educational expenses, such as textbooks or tutoring.

#### **CASINO BILL DIES; SPORTS BETTING ADVANCES**

The bid to bring casino gambling to Texas is again officially dead, the Texas Tribune reported.

"Members, I do know when it's time to fold 'em," state Rep. Charlie Geren, R-Fort Worth, said Friday as he postponed consideration of House Joint Resolution 155 until Jan. 12, 2027. A related bill sponsored by state Rep. John Kuempel, R-Seguin, was also postponed until after the session.

A separate bill to legalize online sports betting barely made it out of the House. Both measures required a two-thirds majority to be put on the ballot as proposed constitutional amendments. The Tribune reported that bill faces long odds in the Senate, where Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick, the presiding officer, has said his chamber does not have enough votes to pass it.

tle desk, I know I have it better than any previous generation of writers ever has.

I had a chance once to see an original manuscript written by Charles Dickens. It was behind glass, and I no longer remember which novel it was. But it was thrilling to see, in his handwriting, how he had come up with his stories, just like anyone else.

And like anyone who writes, he had circled sentences and entire paragraphs and drawn an arrow to where he wanted them moved. Of course, this was all done with a goose-quill pen. It must have taken Dickens a long time to finish anything, even if he got some help. I wondered if he would have written more if he'd had a computer. My hunch is that we would have at least one more novel by Dickens if he'd had word processing.

Now, a lot of people are concerned about how artificial intelligence might replace writers. I am not terribly worried. I suspect AI will be another tool—like word processing. It's unimaginable to us now, but we'll learn it and then wonder how we ever got along without it.

I don't think we'll give computers the job of telling stories because we like telling stories too much. Telling stories to one another is about the most human thing there is. A story comes from one person and is told to another person. We've been figuring out ways to do this since we were gathered around a fire. I don't think anything will stop us-no matter how much that storytelling changes.

In the meantime, I'll keep writing. Microsoft sent me a nice note explaining that what happened on Monday was their fault. I'm thinking of having it framed-and hanging it in my happy place.

Till next time, Carrie

**LEGAL NOTICE** 

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#### Early Notice and Public Review of a Proposed Critical Action in 500-Year Floodplain/Adjacent to a Wetland

These notices shall satisfy two separate but related procedural requirements for activities to be undertaken by the City of Jacinto City. To: All interested Agencies, Groups and Individuals on 05/18/2023: This is to give notice that the City of Jacinto City has determined that the following proposed action under the Community Development Block Grant Program Mitigation (CDBG-MIT) program Contract 22-085-053-D306 is considered a critical action and located in the 500-year floodplain (Shaded Zone X) and adjacent to a designated wetland, code R2UBH, and Jacinto City will be identifying and evaluating practicable alternatives to locating the action in the floodplain/adjacent to a wetland and the potential impacts on the floodplain/wetland from the proposed action, as required by Executive Order 11988 and 11990, in accordance with HUD regulations at 24 CFR 55.20 Subpart C Procedures for Making Determinations on Floodplain Management and Protection of Wetlands. The City of Jacinto City proposes a Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvements project - with the goal of bringing the wastewater treatment plant into optimal working conditions and hardening the wastewater treatment plant during flood conditions - that includes the following activities: Rehabilitate two (2) clarifiers including the rake, skimmer, and stilling well, modifications to the existing chlorine contact basins including raising the walls to a minimum of three feet above base flood elevation, construct a combined dechlorination basin / effluent measuring basin with a peak flow capacity of 4,728,960 gallons per day (the permitted capacity of the plant), install approximately 75 linear feet (LF) of 30-inch effluent piping, a 72-inch by 72-inch reinforced concrete junction box with a traffic-rated top, and a 30-inch check valve to prevent backflow from Hunting Bayou, rehabilitate the existing aerobic digester tanks, replace centrifugal blowers on the existing sludge tanks, replace the aeration system on the existing sludge tanks, including air piping and diffusers, installation of various monitoring equipment throughout the wastewater treatment plant, replacement of broken valves throughout the wastewater treatment plant. If additional funds remain, Jacinto City proposes the following improvements: Replacement covers for the existing aerators, installation of fiberglass launder covers on the clarifier launders, install one additional digester tank, decommission the existing drying beds, installation of magnesium oxide dosing equipment, replacement of one effluent weir gate and two clarifier feed gates at the oxidation ditch, replacement of additional broken valves throughout the wastewater treatment plant. Construction shall take place at the Jacinto City Wastewater Treatment Plant located at 12202 Market Street, Houston, Harris County, Texas, approximately 0.12 miles west from the intersection of Mae Drive and Market Street. The Jacinto City Wastewater Treatment Plant is approximately 13-acres, located in the 500-year floodplain (Shaded Zone X) and the 100-year floodplain (Zone AE). The project activities will occur in approximately 5.38 acres of the 500-year floodplain (Shaded Zone X). The property is located adjacent to Hunting Bayou, a designated wetland, code R2UBH, in Harris County, TX; however, no project activities will occur in the designated wetland. There are three primary purposes for this notice: (1) People who may be affected by activities in floodplains/ wetlands and those who have an interest in the protection of the natural environment should be given an opportunity to express their concerns and provide information about these areas. Commenters are encouraged to offer alternative sites outside of the floodplain/wetland, alternative methods to serve the same project purpose, and methods to minimize and mitigate impacts; (2) An adequate public notice program can be an important public educational tool. The dissemination of information and request for public comment about floodplains/wetlands can facilitate and enhance Federal efforts to reduce the risks and impacts associated with the occupancy and modification of these special areas; and (3) As a matter of fairness, when the Federal government determines it will participate in actions taking place in floodplains/wetlands, it must inform those who may be put at greater or continued risk. Written comments must be received on or before 06/05/2023 by the City of Jacinto City at 1301 Mercury Drive, Jacinto City, TX 77029, (713) 674-8424. Attention: Ana Diaz, Mayor. A full description of the project may also be reviewed during regular business hours (M-F, 8AM to 5PM) at 1301 Mercury Drive, Jacinto City, TX 77029. Comments may also be submitted via email to gabby.jakubowski@grantworks.net.

#### Aviso temprano y revisión pública de una acción crítica propuesta en una llanura aluvial de 500 años / adyacente a un humedal

Estos avisos deberán satisfacer dos requisitos de procedimiento separados pero relacionados para las actividades que llevará a cabo la Ciudad de Jacinto City. Para: Todas las agencias, grupos e individuos interesados el 05/18/2023: Esto es para



# North Shore Rotary supports Community Projects



Fred Rivas accepts a check for the Sheldon Little League, in the amount of \$5000 from Rotary President Ken Wimbley and President-Elect Lee Brown. The Little League will use the funds to finish the Jr/Sr fields, finish grass fields, and the pitcher's mound. Openinng Day for the Sheldon LL was March 25th, called Community Day.



notificar que la Ciudad de Jacinto City ha determinado que la siguiente acción propuesta bajo el Contrato del Programa de Subvenciones en Bloque para el Desarrollo Comunitario (CDBG-MIT) Contrato 22-085-053-D306 se considera una acción crítica y se encuentra en la llanura de inundación de 500 años (Zona sombreada X) y adyacente a un humedal designado, código R2UBH, y Jacinto City identificará y evaluará alternativas viables para ubicar la acción en la llanura de inundación / adyacente a un humedal y los posibles impactos en la llanura de inundación / humedal de la acción propuesta, como lo requieren las Órdenes Ejecutivas 11988 y 11990, de acuerdo con las regulaciones de HUD en 24 CFR 55.20 Subparte C Procedimientos para tomar determinaciones sobre el manejo de llanuras aluviales y la protección de humedales. La ciudad de Jacinto propone un provecto de mejoras en la planta de tratamiento de aguas residuales, con el objetivo de llevar la planta de tratamiento de aguas residuales a condiciones óptimas de trabajo y endurecer la planta de tratamiento de aguas residuales durante las condiciones de inundación, que incluye las siguientes actividades: Rehabilitar dos (2) clarificadores, incluyendo el rastrillo, el skimmer y el pozo de quietud, m odificaciones a las cuencas de contacto de cloro existentes, incluida la elevación de las paredes a un mínimo de tres pies por encima de la elevación de la inundación de la base, construct una cuenca combinada de decloración / cuenca de medición de efluentes con una capacidad de flujo máximo de 4,728,960 galones por día (la capacidad permitida de la planta), install aproximadamente 75 pies lineales (LF) de tubería de efluentes de 30 pulgadas, una caia de conexiones de hormigón armado de 72 pulgadas por 72 pulgadas con una parte superior clasificada para el tráfico y una válvula de retención de 30 pulgadas para evitar el reflujo de Hunting Bayou, habilitar los tangues de digestión aeróbica existentes, colocar sopladores centrífugos en los tanques de lodos existentes, colocar el sistema de aireación en los tanques de lodos existentes, incluidas las tuberías de aire y los difusores, Instalación de diversos equipos de monitoreo en toda la planta de tratamiento de aguas residuales, colocación de válvulas rotas en toda la planta de tratamiento de aguas residuales. Si quedan fondos adicionales, Jacinto City propone las siguientes mejoras: Cubiertas de reemplazo para los aireadores existentes, instalación de cubiertas de lavado de fibra de vidrio en las lavanderías clarificadoras, instalación de un tanque digestor adicional, puesta en marcha de los lechos de secado existentes, instalación de equipos de dosificación de óxido de magnesio. Colocación de una compuerta de vertedero de efluentes y dos compuertas de alimentación clarificadoras en la zanja de oxidación, colocación de válvulas rotas adicionales en toda la planta de tratamiento de aguas residuales. La construcción se llevará a cabo en la Planta de Tratamiento de Aguas Residuales de Jacinto City ubicada en 12202 Market Street, Houston, Condado de Harris, Texas, aproximadamente 0.12 millas al oeste de la intersección de Mae Drive y Market Street. La Planta de Tratamiento de Aguas Residuales de la Ciudad de Jacinto tiene aproximadamente 13 acres, ubicada en la llanura de inundación de 500 años (Zona sombreada X) y la llanura de inundación de 100 años (Zona AE). Las actividades del proyecto ocurrirán en aproximadamente 5.38 acres de la llanura de inundación de 500 años (Zona sombreada X). La propiedad está ubicada junto a Hunting Bayou, un humedal designado, código R2UBH, en el condado de Harris, TX; sin embargo, no se realizarán actividades del proyecto en el humedal designado. Hay tres propósitos principales para este aviso: (1) Las personas que puedan verse afectadas por actividades en llanuras aluviales / humedales y aquellos que tengan interés en la protección del medio ambiente natural deben tener la oportunidad de expresar sus preocupaciones y proporcionar información sobre estas áreas. Se alienta a los comentaristas a ofrecer sitios alternativos fuera de la llanura de inundación / humedal, métodos alternativos para servir al mismo propósito del proyecto y métodos para minimizar y mitigar los impactos; (2) Un programa adecuado de aviso público puede ser una herramienta educativa pública importante. La difusión de información y la solicitud de comentarios públicos sobre llanuras aluviales / humedales pueden facilitar y mejorar los esfuerzos federales para reducir los riesgos e impactos asociados con la ocupación y modificación de estas áreas especiales; y (3) Como cuestión de equidad, cuando el gobierno federal determine que participará en acciones que tengan lugar en llanuras aluviales / humedales, debe informar a aquellos que puedan estar en mayor o continuo riesgo. Los comentarios por escrito deben ser recibidos antes del 06/05/2023 por la Ciudad de Jacinto City en 1301 Mercury Drive, Jacinto City, TX 77029, (713) 674-8424. Atención: Ana Díaz, Alcaldesa. Una descripción completa del proyecto también puede ser revisada durante el horario comercial regular (L-V, 8AM a 5PM) en 1301 Mercury Drive, Jacinto City, TX 77029. Los comentarios también pueden enviarse por correo electrónico a gabby.jakubowski@grantworks.net.

North Shore Rotary president Ken Wimbley presents a check for \$1000 to Lydia Goins-Blackwell in support of the North Shore/North Channel RELAY FOR LIFE, held May 5 at the 9th Grade Campus of Galena Park ISD.



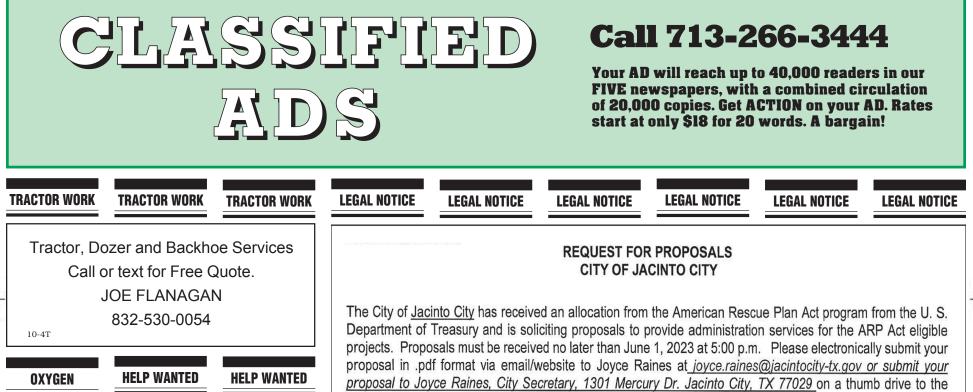
North Shore Rotary president Ken Wimbley presents the famous "Gold Rim Cup" speakers gift to Dennise Kurt of Houston Livestock Show & Rodeo, who told the amazing history of Barbed Wire and its place in U.S. History.



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# Getting Past the Pain

veryone goes through some type of pain. Some people hold on to it and it affects everyone in their circle. Others seem to experience pain and bounce back to "normal" in no time at all. Some pain is so intense that it takes generations before the issues are resolved. Often, the person who suffered the pain has built a wall so high that even a professional therapist cannot seem to help. One thing many people will agree on is that hurting people hurts others.

When a child experiences the divorce of their parents, they sometimes wonder if it is their fault. They will sometimes act out for attention or perhaps withdraw from others as a way of not feeling any more pain. For that matter, even when adults face divorce or the end of a relationship, often one person will seem to move along at a quicker pace than the other. Some individuals will enter therapy, while others begin to self-medicate with alcohol, drugs, or promiscuity.

When parents lose a child, often this is the same activity that follows. Some parents are so lost without that child that they seem to let the memories consume them. Often, if there are other siblings, they begin to feel as those they no longer matter. Those siblings will begin looking for ways to get the parents' attention. Unfortunately, I have heard parents say things such as "I have already lost one child and I do not need to lose another." Yet as time goes by, they continue to talk about the one who died, and the other child builds a wall to the point of self-harm.

It is much easier to tell someone, ever we, to "let go" than it is to do so. The hurt feelings did not start one day, there was usually a journey to reach the breaking point. Healing is a process. As I have mentioned, one step to healing is to acknowledge the pain. At that point, you must decide if you want to get help. Many will turn to their pastor or another individual they can trust. Many will seek professional counseling. Others will begin a group activity while others will decide to read or listen to self help books. It is okay to ask for help. This is part of healing. We need to recognize there is an issue, work to erase the stigma and let the healing begin.

With this past weekend being Mother's Day, many emotions were experienced by most of us. For some, it was the first holiday celebrating mothers since their mother passed away. For others, it was their first Mother's Day. For the many who have no children or did not have their mother to celebrate with, it was perhaps an emotional day.



There are others who never had a healthy relationship with their mother. Perhaps she grew up with divorced parents. She may have been raised by others. She might have been jealous that siblings from the next relationship were raised by her mother. She may not have had the mothering instincts. She may not have known how to show affection. She may have been jealous that her

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children had a healthy relationship with their father. This affected her children and their actions. It is never too late for her or her children to heal. I believe that it takes time and commitment. Yet to stop the madness and the pain, you must take a first step.

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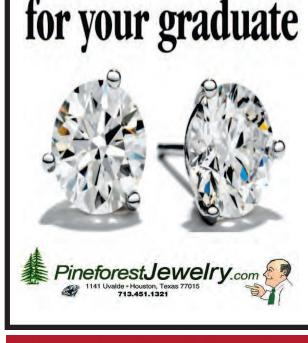
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Last night at D5890's All Club Meeting, our very own, DAUSA Chair Wayne R. Bea received Rotary's Highest Honor: "The Service Above Self Award" for his service to Rotary thru DisasterAid USA. Please join me in congratulating Wayne for receiving this special recognition from Rotary



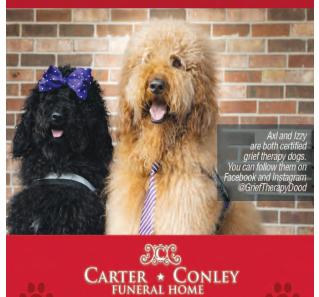


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