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*Scripture of the Week*

**EPHESIANS 2: 4-5**

<sup>4</sup> But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, <sup>5</sup> made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions—it is by grace you have been saved.

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## Suspect in Child Assault Charge Turns Himself In

The Waller County District Attorney's Office, working with the Waller County Sheriff's Office, issued a felony arrest warrant on January 13, 2015, for Nilson Daniel Vargas, age 39, for Sexual Assault of a Child. It is alleged that the offense occurred on or about December 15, 2008 with a male victim who was 16 years old at the time.

Vargas turned himself in to the Waller County Sheriff's Office at 4:30 p.m. on January 14, 2015.

According to Waller County District Attorney Elton Mathis, Texas law classifies this offense as a second degree felony punishable by two years probation to 20 years in prison and a possible fine of up to \$10,000 per incident. In addition, people convicted of this offense are required to register as a sex offender.

The District Attorney's Office is considering additional charges in this matter.

During a hearing in court on January 13, 2015, Judge A. McCaig of the 506th District Court, set bond for Vargas at \$500,000.

According to Mathis, the arrest warrant alleges that the defendant attended and acted in the capacity of a volunteer at the Christian City Fellowship in Sealy, Texas for two to three years around 2008.

The warrant also alleges that the defendant contacted at least two young males, the youngest who was 13 years old at the time. The alleged conduct occurred in Waller County, but other instances occurred at various locations possibly in Austin, Fort Bend, and Harris Counties. The victim in this case stated that he felt pressured and too ashamed to report the

conduct, according to Mathis. The defendant has cooperated with authorities.

Because of the defendant's substantial contact with young individuals at the church, there is a possibility that there may be additional victims in the area. Any person who attended the church or whose children may have had contact with the defendant is encouraged to talk to their children about the defendant or whether they have any information regarding the defendant.

To report any information on the case, please contact Heather Sanders at the Waller County Sheriff's Office or any investigator at the District Attorney's Office at 979-826-7718.

Mathis reminded that anyone accused is considered innocent until proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt.



Nilson Daniel Vargas

## Commissioners Vote to Invalidate Landfill Ordinance, Host Agreement

By CARRIE PRAZAK-GOURLEY  
 The Waller Times

On Monday, January 12, the Waller County Commissioners Court met at 9 a.m. in the Waller County Courthouse. Commissioners Justin Beckendorff, Jeron Barnett, Russell Klecka and John Amsler were present and County Judge Trey Duhon presided.

At 9:21 a.m., the court went into Executive Session for discussion and possible action regarding the case of City of Hempstead and Citizens Against the Landfill in Hempstead v. Waller County, Texas and the Host Agreement between Waller County and Pintail Landfill, L.L.C.

After a lengthy executive session, court reconvened and Commissioner Amsler made a motion to invalidate the 2013 ordinance and the Host Agreement, which was seconded by Commissioner Klecka.

Before voting, Commissioner Barnett made a motion to amend Amsler's motion by stating that the court would not contest any invalidation by the District Court, but leave open any decision by the court at this time. This amendment was voted down 2-3, with Commissioners Barnett and Beckendorff voting in the affirmative.

Afterwards, Judge Duhon stated, "Everyone here has the best interest of their constituents at heart, but sometimes we may have to agree to disagree."

Commissioner Amsler added, "The will of the people has been widely expressed, both by the election of new commissioners and by the 11-1 decision by Waller County jurors expressing their opinion that the prior Waller County Commissioners Court violated Texas laws when negotiating the Host Agreement with Pintail."

Judge Duhon then added, "If the court invalidates the 2013 ordinance, it does not leave the county totally vulnerable, but leaves the 2011 ordinance in place." Duhon went on to say that the 2011 ordinance needs to be strengthened and that the court needs to immediately initiate a new waste management plan for the county.

The Commissioners Court then voted 3-2 in favor of invalidating the Host Agreement and the 2013 ordinance. Judge Duhon and Commissioners Amsler and Klecka voted in favor of invalidation, while Commissioners Barnett and Beckendorff were opposed.

On January 21, District Judge Terry Flenniken will determine whether or not the county acted properly in passing the 2013 ordinance amendment, making the current landfill selected site the only location in the county where a municipal solid

waste site is not prohibited.

In other actions, the court voted unanimously to streamline meetings by modifying the Rules of Order. The new rules will avoid repetitive reading of consent and agenda items, which had long been a monotonous and time-consuming process.

The court also voted unanimously to approve payment to the Waller County Economic Development for \$17,500, and travel allowances for 2015 were set at 57.5 cents per mile for travel outside of the county.

In addition, final payment for the Jail Feasibility Study for \$66,500 and \$1,475.07 were approved, respectively.

Commissioner Amsler pointed out to the court that, due to the future construction projects in the county, Waller County citizens need to prepare for eye-opening price tags not yet seen in this county.

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## History in the Making: PVAMU Breaks Ground on New Stadium/Athletic Facility

By CARRIE PRAZAK-GOURLEY  
 The Waller Times

Prairie View A&M University has commenced construction on a new \$53 million football stadium and athletic field-house. The project scope and budget were approved by the Texas A & M System Board of Regents last fall. Skanska Construction was designated as the contractor and PBK Sports is the architect on the project.

The two-year project broke ground in December, and includes demolition of the existing Blackshear Field, along with the construction a new state-of-the-art facility in the same location.

Blackshear Stadium has served as home field for the Prairie View A&M University Panthers for 66 years. During that

time, the team has brought home 11 Southwestern Athletic Conference titles and five national championships.

The new football stadium will have a 15,000 seat capacity expandable to 30,000, a FieldTurf playing surface, club seating, 12 luxury suites and enhanced tailgating and parking areas.

The new athletic Field House will be built on the stadium's north side. This 55,000 square foot, three level facility will include a medical and rehabilitative complex, dining area, classrooms, conference rooms, as well as administrative offices and a memorabilia area.

Dr. George C. Wright, President, Prai-

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Demolition has begun of Blackshear Stadium at Prairie View A&M University. The old stadium will be replaced with a \$53 million new state-of-the-art stadium and field house. Photo credit: Carrie Prazak-Gourley, The Waller Times.

## Gun Assoc. Seeks Constitutional Carry in Texas

The National Association for Gun Rights (NAGR) is excited to be working with Senator Don Huffines and Rep. Jonathan Stickland to pass Constitutional Carry legislation in Texas.

"Constitutional Carry is the highest legislative priority for the National Association for Gun Rights, and our state affiliate, Texas Gun Rights."

said Dudley Brown, President of the National Association for Gun Rights. "The concept is simple: no one should have to beg government bureaucrats for permission to defend themselves."

Sen. Don Huffines agreed: "We don't seek the government's permission to exercise our First Amendment right to speak freely. We don't get a

permit to attend church. Government should extend that same level of reverence to the Second Amendment."

Representative Jonathan Stickland filed Constitutional Carry bill H.B. 195 early in the House in November 2014.

"Constitutional Carry works in a wide range of

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**City of Waller**  
 Regular scheduled meeting has been rescheduled from January 19, 2015 to January 26, 2015  
 7:00 p.m.  
 Waller Admin Building  
 2214 Waller Street

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# Waller Wonders - Found: one stolen fire truck ... most of it

By NANCY ARNOLD



The stolen Rosehill fire truck has been found in a wooded area off FM 1486 near Magnolia. That's not too far from "home" — just down the road and around a bend or two. So strangers didn't take the truck — these were neighbors, and not very good ones. Somehow that makes it worse.

Not surprisingly, there was a considerable amount of damage to the truck. The radios, siren, light bar, and the side cabinets were gone, and the front axle was broken. Unfortunately, all of the tools and medical equipment had not been recovered at last report.

Authorities surmise that the thieves were planning to cut the truck down and sell it for scrap. Very little information has been released, and no arrests have been announced while the investigation is underway.

You know that karma that I mentioned last week? That was apparently at play, because a midnight caller phoned the authorities to give the location of the truck. A falling out amongst thieves, maybe? A mad mama or girlfriend? I suppose we'll know soon enough.

A new little McCaig has joined our raucous clan ... and

Great-Granny Nina McCaig couldn't be prouder. This newest generation is growing, with yet another one due in June. A couple more and we'll have to take our shoes off to count 'em.

Penelope Rae McCaig met her parents, Donald and Taylor, at just a couple of minutes after noon on January 19, measuring 19 inches long and weighing seven and half pounds. Penelope is just her "in trouble" name (for later) ... so we'll call her by her "forever" name today ... Penny. And no, she doesn't have red hair; she does have a full head of beautiful black hair.

Taylor's parents, Shawn and Peggy Gibson from Possum Kingdom, made it to Wichita, Kansas in time for the big event. Penny's Nana, aka Kitty McCa-



Kitty "Nana" McCaig with granddaughter Penny McCaig

ig, headed north at 11:30 a.m., so she made it there after Penny. Granddad, aka Judge McCaig, had to stay home and do judge stuff, but I'm sure he will be

heading to Wichita as soon as his schedule allows. I have a feeling that this journey will become very familiar to both sets of grandparents in coming years.

Donald is pastor of Polaris Church in Wichita, and Taylor works with Pre-K kids at a private school there.

Birthday blessings to Dale Burford, John Ben Mathis, Mackenzie Frazier, Jenny Reed, Amanda Wimberly, Grace Hooper, Haeden Snapp (16 already!), C. J. Kulhanek, Ronald Lesikar, Julia Lee, Junior Moerbe, Lynn Dollins, Makenzee Perry, Wade Allen Glueck, Amanda Cook, Jerry Randall Smith, Tyler Scott, Bethany DeAngelo, Marie Grant, Betty Helfrich, Gary Kubiak, Les Edmonds, Lacie D. Stewart, Robert Hataway, Michelle Grasshoff, Abby Marburger, Shelby Conyn Storz, Jace Riley, Dylan Paul Schroeder, Brad Vick, Robert Smith, Abby

Connor, Michelle Hernandez, Christa Kaminski, Stephanie Clark, Megan Hanson, Nicholas Paul Moen, Alma Dominguez, Shirley Reimer, Joyce Moerbe, and Christa Donalson.

My terrific son-in-law, Jerry Smith, will celebrate his special day on the 27th. Have I mentioned that the man is a first class cook? I've never had a bad meal at his house.

Happy anniversary to Bobby and Gail Bethune, Donald and Eddie Raye Andrews, Jamie and Leslie Smith, John and Kathy Reinhardt, Bill and Freida Thompson, Robert and Angie Linseisen, Allen and Dorothy Schmidt (oooh, 40th anniversary is ruby!), Bob and Susan Mays, and Carol and Dell Collum.

Here's the rest of the theme songs for Biblical characters that I introduced last week. Some of

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# The Troubling Decline of Marriage and the Nuclear Family

By CARRIE PRAZAK-GOURLEY



Marriage has been on a downward trend, and more and more couples are just saying "no" to wedded bliss. Today's young adults are on track to have the lowest rates of marriage by age 40 compared to any previous generation in American history.

This precipitous decline in marriage has been accompanied by the rise in out-of-wedlock births. According to recent data from the National Review, the birthrate of unmarried mothers has gone from 2% in 1950 to 40.7% in 2012, with vast differences in rate

among ethnicities- African American-72.2%, Native Americans 66.9%, Hispanics 53.5%, whites, 29.4%, and Asians, 17%.

All of the above has led to a disintegration of the American nuclear family--father, mother, and children--that has sustained society for millennia.

Accompanying the statistics for a decline in marriage is a rise in cohabitation, up 74% since 2000. Studies have shown cohabitation to be far less stable than marriage, with far less stability for children. Well over half those who cohabit break up within five years, compared with only 8% of those who marry.

The family unit--married mother and father with children--has traditionally been the core of society and exists to aid in each individual's well-being, providing care and fulfillment for its members. The gradual decline of the traditional nuclear family has been accompanied by a tangled web of social malfunctions in our modern society as seen in our education and criminal justice systems.

When the education, social-

ization, and moral development of children fails, individuals find themselves with a loss of direction and responsibility, and without the structure of two parents, social deviance becomes commonplace.

What has led to this decline?

According to a study by the American Enterprise Institute, it was a shift in cultural norms. For instance, having a child out-of-wedlock has become acceptable, nor longer a disgrace or shame. The sexual revolution has enabled men to acquire sexual partners without the benefit of marriage. Expanding welfare programs have made it easier for women to survive without a husband, and liberal divorce laws have led to more breakups of marriages.

What used to be scandalous is now an everyday occurrence. But, the question is, is society the better for these changes? Are families better off today than during times when divorce and pregnancy before marriage were abhorrent? Absolutely not.

Perhaps America has ripped apart the glue that kept society and the individuals in it strong, and we

are now living in the bleak aftermath of this unsavory revolution, certainly a product of the devil.

Despite the decline of marriage, studies in the social sciences have repeatedly shown that marriage is better for children. Children raised in intact nuclear families are more likely to attend college, are more physically and emotionally healthy, less likely to be physically or sexually abused, and less likely to use drugs, alcohol or to commit delinquent behaviors.

With married parents (male and female) children receive important gender specific support by having both a mother and a father, as well as complex biologically rooted interaction; important to the development of boys and girls.

In the Judeo-Christian tradition, marriage was instituted by God when He created Adam and Eve. Marriage is a Natural Law and existed before any legal contract made by man. As stated in the Bible in Genesis 2:18 "It is not good for man to be alone; let us make him a help mate like unto himself." Marriage always had

two purposes: to bring children into the world and to rear them to be upright, and for the mutual help of the husband and wife.

Recent studies have shown that the long touted 50% divorce rate was simply an incorrect projection of 1960's era sociologists. The real divorce rate is around 30%, and contrary to pop culture, far less for religious couples who regularly attend services.

Sadly, the false estimates, ingrained in our culture as reality, have been another contributing factor to the decline of marriage.

For those rejecting marriage, it's time to give it another look. Studies have shown that marriage leads to higher levels of physical and psychological health. Being married also increases the likelihood of affluence, and married people tend to experience less depression and problems with drugs or alcohol. In fact, those that have never been married have nearly twice the mortality risk of those that have married.

Marriage is both a natural institution and sacred union rooted in the divine plan of creation and

is the foundation for the human family, which in essence is a domestic church. A home should be a microcosm of the church, with children brought up to love, honor, and serve God. Jesus is the center of family life and parents are the first heralds of the faith to their children.

Today, in a world fraught with divisions, war, and uncertainty, we need more marriage, not less. We need strong families, filled with love, with parents striving to be faithful to the words of Christ.

St. Paul preached that marriage is a sign of Christ's love for the church and the family is the fruit of that love.

If we want to cure society's ills, we must begin with the family and bring back marriage as a necessary building block for raising children.

May there be a revival of marriage--for the sake of our communities, the nation, and the world.

Contact Carrie at [gidget2114@gmail.com](mailto:gidget2114@gmail.com) for any questions or comments on her columns.

# Representative Bell Files Texas Preservation of Sovereignty and Marriage Act

On Wednesday, January 7, 2015, Texas Representative Cecil Bell (Magnolia) filed legislation known as the Texas Preservation of Sovereignty and Marriage Act. House Bill 623 is worded

to prohibit state or local funds, including governmental salaries, from being used to license or support same-sex marriage.

"When I was elected, I made a promise to my constituents to

fight to protect our traditional values and to stand strong in the defense of our constitutional rights as Texans and as Americans. Texas is a sovereign state and its citizens have the right to

define marriage. We, as Texans, voted in 2005 to define marriage as a union between a man and woman," said Rep. Bell. "In Texas, marriage is sacred and traditional families are recognized as the fabric of our society."

"I was disappointed, to say the least, when a federal judge ruled Texas's constitutional definition of marriage to be an unconstitutional ban on same-sex marriage. The 10th Amendment protects the right of Texas to pass Prop 2. With the 84th Session around the corner, Texas will stand up and defend its constitutional right against federal overreach," said Rep. Bell.

On Friday, January 9, the Fifth U.S. Circuit Court of Ap-

peals was scheduled to hear arguments over statewide bans that prevent same-sex couples from getting married.

In addition to prohibiting the use of taxpayer funds or salaries, H.B. 623 expressly prohibits state or local government employees from recognizing, granting, or enforcing same-sex

marriage licenses. Employees who violate the law may not receive salaries or taxpayer-funded pensions or benefits. H.B. 623 also contains provisions prohibiting courts from recognizing same-sex licenses and requires a court to dismiss actions challenging the law. The bill also contains a severance clause.



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**WISD Requests Input for 2015-2016 Calendar**  
Waller ISD is soliciting community input for the 2015-2016 Waller ISD School Calendar. They want gather the communities school day and school holiday preferences for the next school year. Please visit the Waller ISD website at [www.wallerisd.net](http://www.wallerisd.net) to participate in the survey, or fill out a paper copy by visiting any campus or the Waller ISD Administration Building. The calendar survey will run Wednesday, January 14 through Friday, January 30. For more information, call 936-931-3685.

**WCDC to Hold Monthly Meeting**  
The WCDC will meet on January 22, 2015. It will begin with a social gathering with snacks served at 6:30 p.m. The meeting starts at 7p.m. at the Hempstead Recreation Center at 635 Bus 290 E., in Hempstead. For more information, call 979-645-1664.

**WISD to hold DSBDC Meeting**  
Waller ISD will hold a District Site-Based Decision Making Committee Meeting on Wednesday, February 4 at 4 p.m. in the Waller ISD Administration Building Board Room located at 2214 Waller Street. A review of the 2015-2016 Waller ISD School Calendar Survey results and information regarding expedited waivers will be on the agenda. All meetings are open to the public; parents and community members are encouraged to attend. For more information, call 936-931-3685.

## Wedding Announcement



Hillis - Walling

### Hillis-Walling Wedding

Chelsea Nicole Hillis, daughter of Colby and Suzanne Hillis of Navasota, and Matthew Cole Walling, son of Theron and Amanda Walling of Crockett, and Jackie Walling of Dallas were married on November 15, 2014.

The ceremony was held at Camp Allen in Navasota, at dusk, with Rev. Randall Reeves officiating at the ceremony.

The bride wore a taffetta Madeline Gardner gown with a lace and crystal incusted bodice. Keeping with tradition: "Something New" a Swarovski crystal and pearl waltz veil, "Something Old" a lace handkerchief that belonged to her Great-Great Grandmother, Ruby Haby, "Something Borrowed" her mother's pearl earrings, necklace

and bracelet and for "Something Blue" her mother stitched the wedding date into the dress with blue thread. The bouquet was made of crème de la crème roses, succulents and cotton.

Given in marriage by her parents, the bride was attended by Kathryn Clark as maid of honor with bridesmaids, Karly Harrison, Kallie McCoy and Veronica Barta.

The Groom was attended by best man Hunter Salmon followed by groomsmen, Evan Bruner, William Craddock and Austin Bullock.

After returning from the River Walk in San Antonio, the couple resides in Port Lavaca. Hillis is a graduate of Hempstead High School.

## Homeowners Encourages to Take Advantage of Exemptions

The Waller County Appraisal District will be sending out new applications for homeowners to re-file their Homestead Exemption. If you receive an application you have until April 30th to fill out the application and return it in order to receive the exemption for the 2015 tax year.

One of the easiest ways a homeowner can lower his or her property tax bill in 2015 is to file a homestead exemption. A homestead is generally the house and land used as the owner's principal residence on January 1 of the tax year.

Homestead exemptions reduce the appraised value of your home and, as a result, lower your property taxes. To apply for an exemption on your residence homestead, contact the Waller County Appraisal District.

Available homestead exemptions include:

**School taxes:** All homeowners may receive a \$15,000 homestead exemption for school taxes.

**County taxes:** If a county collects a special tax for farm-to-market roads or flood control, a homeowner may receive a \$3,000 homestead exemption for this tax.

**Age and disability exemptions:** Individuals 65 or older or disabled as defined by law may qualify for a \$10,000 homestead exemption for school taxes, in addition to the \$15,000 exemption available to all homeowners. Also, any taxing unit may offer a local optional exemption of at least \$3,000 for taxpayers age 65 or older and/or disabled. Older or disabled homeowners do not need to own their homes on January 1 to qualify for the \$10,000 homestead exemption. They qualify as soon as they turn 65 or become disabled. Taxing units may offer a

local option exemption based on a percentage of a home's appraised value. Any taxing unit can exempt up to 20 percent of the value of each qualified homestead. No matter what percentage of value the taxing unit adopts, the dollar value of the exemption must be at least \$5,000.

Partial exemption for disabled veterans: Texas law provides partial exemptions for any property owned by veterans who are disabled, spouses and survivors of deceased disabled veterans. This includes homesteads donated to disabled veterans by charitable organizations at no cost to the disabled veterans. The amount of exemption is determined according to the percentage of service-connected disability.

**100 Percent Residence Homestead Exemption for Disabled Veterans:** A disabled veteran who receives from the United States Department of Veterans Affairs (1) 100 percent disability compensation due to a service-connected disability; and (2) a rating of 100 percent disabled or of individual unemployability is entitled to an exemption from taxation of the total appraised value of the veteran's residence homestead. Surviving spouses are also eligible upon the veteran's death with certain restrictions. The residence homestead application must be filed if this exemption is claimed.

**Surviving Spouses of Members of the U.S. Armed Services Killed in Action:** The surviving spouse of a member of the U.S. armed services who is killed in action is allowed a total (100 percent) property tax exemption on his or her residence homestead if the surviving spouse has not remarried since the death of the armed services member.

For more details on homestead exemptions, contact the Waller County Appraisal District at 900 13th Street, Hempstead, Texas 77445 or 979-921-

0060. The homestead exemption application is available online at <http://www.window.state.tx.us/taxinfo/taxforms/50-114.pdf> or at [www.waller-cad.org](http://www.waller-cad.org).

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## WISD School Board Recognized at January Meeting

### WISD Public Information

Before the Waller ISD January 12 Regular School Board Meeting, the Waller ISD School Board was invited to Waller Junior High School to begin the evening with a hearty dinner of chicken fried steak as a token of appreciation in honor of January 2015 School Board Appreciation Month. The celebration continued into the school board meeting as the January 2015 School Board Appreciation Month was the first recognition of the evening.

Waller ISD Director of Public Relations, Marianne Kosik, led the recognition by sharing a special video made to honor the Board. The video was featured by the Texas Association of School Boards network as an example of school board appreciation ideas to other Texas school districts.

After the video, Kosik shared details about the making of the video and information about the Waller ISD Public Relations team. Kosik shared with the meeting attendees that the Board is always visible at the monthly school board meetings; however, they each have



The Waller ISD School Board of Trustees was one of the highlights of the January 12 School Board Meeting. The Board was showered with words of appreciation, a homemade quilt made from an assortment of school t-shirts, and thank you artwork and posters created from the hearts of the Waller ISD students. Pictured is (l-r) President Bryan Lowe, Vice President Gary Buchanan, Secretary Ronald Campbell, Trustees Kim Parmer, Dr. Michael W. Prince, David Kaminski, and Joe Landin. *WISD Public Information.*

a direct connection to Waller ISD schools by having children or grandchildren who currently attend Waller ISD schools, or have children that have graduated from Waller ISD schools.

In the case of the current Board President, Bryan Lowe,

the connection runs deep. Lowe gained his public school education from Waller ISD schools and graduated from Waller High School before attending college. Each school board member volunteers extensively with a servant's heart in Waller ISD

schools at activities, with student clubs and organizations, and each go above and beyond their duty to serve the school district in addition to fulfilling their elected school board du-

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## Local Students Artwork Goes to the State Capitol

Mandy Hegemeyer, of Waller, was recently selected as one of two University of Texas students to exhibit a piece of artwork at the State Capitol in Austin. Hegemeyer's piece of art, entitled *Reaching for the Moon*, will hang on the wall in the State Capitol for six months during the 84th Texas Legislative Session which began on January 13.

Hegemeyer was honored with a formal presentation at the Capitol on Thursday, January 15, which included an opportunity to meet with Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar, a former State Senator from District 18 and graduate of Waller High School, Senator Lois Kolkhorst from District 18, and Representative

Cecil Bell, Jr. from District 3. As they each shared a little about what they are working on during the current session with Mandy, she in turn shared her recent accomplishments and passion for art with them. They also expressed pride in having a student from their district selected to participate in this new program.

"It was truly an honor for each of them to take time out of their busy schedules to attend the presentation and visit with me," said Hegemeyer.

Currently in her junior year as a Studio Art major at The University of Texas at Austin, Hegemeyer is among the first to participate in a new tradition at the Capitol initiated by Senator



Mandy Hegemeyer, Michael Hegemeyer and Glenn Hegar. Submitted photo.

Jane Nelson. Deciding to open doors to a new opportunity for college students, Senator Nelson contacted Professor Michael Mogavero with The University of Texas to select pieces of student art to hang in the State Capitol. Senator Nelson, the first woman in Texas Legislative history to chair a standing budget-writing committee, serves as the Chairman of the Senate Finance Committee. Senator Nelson chose

the Senate Finance Committee room to display the student art, as it is one of the highest traffic areas in the State Capitol and the paintings will be viewed by thousands during the current legislative session.

Hegemeyer's *Reaching for the Moon* depicts her little brother Michael, who at a very early age would look up at the moon

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# WISD Committee Reviews 2015-2016 Calendar Survey Process **NAGR** Continued from page 1A

## WISD Public Information

Waller ISD held a District Site-Based Decision Making Committee Meeting on Wednesday, January 7. Waller ISD Superintendent Danny Twardowski welcomed the committee, which consisted of parents, community members, district administrators and school employee representatives.

The Committee Meeting was held to discuss the 2015-2016 Waller ISD Calendar survey. Waller ISD polls the community to ask for their school day and holiday preferences for the upcoming year. 100 percent of the survey responses formulate the proposed calendar for next school year. Waller ISD

Curriculum Director Kelly Baehren presented the calendar to the committee. The calendar survey is posted on the District website at [www.wallerisd.net](http://www.wallerisd.net) and will run until January 30. The proposed calendar will be created based on the survey responses, and will be presented to the committee at the February 4 meeting.

An overview of data from Waller ISD's Texas Academic Performance Report, PEIMS Financial Standards Report, Campus Performance Objectives, Violent or Criminal Incidents Report, and Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, and Highly Qualified Teacher update was shared with the Committee.



Waller ISD's Director of Curriculum and Instruction, Kelly Baehren, is pictured providing the District Site-Based Decision Making Committee and overview of the 2015-2016 Calendar Survey process. The survey polls the public of their holiday and school day preferences. 100 percent of the community responses are used to formulate a proposal of next school year's calendar. *WISD Public Information.*

states from Wyoming, Montana and Arizona to Arkansas, Alaska and Vermont." said Rep. Stickland. "It's embarrassing that Texas currently joins gun control states like California and New York in criminalizing open carry for self-defense. The voters in Texas clearly agree, and are tired of this sta-

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Shown is the Waller High School Varsity Football team members that earned 19-4A All District Honors. The Academic All District honors are awarded to varsity athletes who maintain a 90 cumulative average or better during their sports season. Academic All District honors were earned by Collin Sims-Davenport, Cameron Rape, Wes Geigley, Ray Simon, Dylan Schroeder, Evan Herzog, Daniel Neito, Tim Cone, Rudy Mueller, Deandre Blackshear, Cameron Gilliard, Adam Croy, Tyler Twardowski, Jacob Cadieux, Bradley Zeka, Chris York, Justin Robertson, Cole Geigley, Travis Hyatt, Zach Day, Brody Burrus, Dominique Merrell, Lance Simon and Wes Campbell. Team members that earned 19-4A All District Honors are as follows: Offensive Player of the Year Tyron Taylor. First Team offense: Eric Wright, Running Back; Justin Robertson, Offensive Line; and Brody Burrus, Offensive Line. Second Team Offense: Will Wagner, Receiver; Cole Geigley, Offensive Line; and Travis Hyatt, Offensive Line. First Team Defense: Zach Day, Defensive Line; and Bradley Zeka, Linebacker. Second Team Defense: Dylan Schroeder, Defensive End; Cameron Rape, Linebacker; and Deandre Blackshear, Defensive Back. Special Teams: Govanny Bazan, Kicker, Second Team; and Daniel Nieto, Punter, Honorable Mention. Honorable Mention Offense: Wes Campbell, Tight End; and Chris York, Offensive Line. Honorable Mention Defense: John Phillips, Defensive End; Collin Sims-Davenport, Defensive Back; and Adam Croy, Linebacker. The team members were recognized for receiving 19-4A District Honors at the January Waller ISD School Board Meeting. *WISD Public Information.*

## ARNOLD

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these may force you to your Biblical concordance – one or two made me pause and remember my vacation Bible school days.

- Esther: I Feel Pretty
- Job: I've Got a Right to Sing the Blues
- Moses: The Wanderer
- Peter: I'm Sorry
- Esau: Born to Be Wild
- Jeremiah: Take This Job and Shove It
- The Three Kings: When You Wish Upon a Star
- Elijah: Up, Up, and Away
- Methuselah: Stayin' Alive
- Nebuchadnezzar: Crazy

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ties. After Kosik opened the recognition, Waller Junior High School principal, Eric Meldahl, approached the podium with 7th grade student, Kyle Norman. Norman represented the Waller Junior High School's Student Council. Meldahl and Norman presented the Board with a framed artwork entitled "WJH Appreciates You." The framed artwork was created by Norman, and he collected signatures from his student peers to add to the artwork. The framed artwork will be displayed in the Waller

ISD Board Room for years to come. Following Meldahl, H.T. Jones Elementary School Principal, Carol Bates, spoke on behalf of the school principals, and expressed their appreciation of the Board's service to their schools. The school principals arranged to have a homemade quilt sewed from an assortment of school t-shirts for each board member. The five Waller ISD elementary schools also coordinated to have handmade posters created that will hang on the Board Room walls.

Following the recognition, a special graduation ceremony was held for the Waller High School 2015 Winter Graduates, Edward Guerrero and Jayson Davenport. The entire ceremony was filled with proud, emotional tears. The students fulfilled their course requirements and passed their state assessments in order to graduate. Dr. Merrell recognized the two students and awarded the graduates their diploma. President Lowe officiated the ceremony. Several school staff, friends and family members were in attendance.

The Waller High School All District 19-4A Football Honors were the third recognition of the evening. Each football honoree approached the podium to introduce themselves and their honor. After the football players were recognized for their outstanding academic and sport achievements, the meeting moved on to cover the Consent Agenda.

The Consent Agenda items consisted of resignations, em-

ployment, leaves of absence, staff transfers, December 8, 2014 meeting minutes, disbursements, budget change requests, tax refunds and reports, staffing requests, Board Policy EIC Local adjustments to make it consistent with State policy pertaining to academic achievement class ranking. A new AP Human Geography course proposal, and a special services department contract for services with Dr. Laura Eskridge, LSSP were also on the agenda. The motion was approved with all members present.

The Regular Agenda followed the Consent Agenda. Nathan Krumpke with Belt Harris Pechacek LLLP presented the 2013-2014 Financial Audit Report overview and reported that Waller ISD is in solid financial standing. Board President Bryan Lowe announced that the Waller ISD School Board completed Superintendent Danny Twardowski's evaluation.

The Board expressed their appreciation of Twardowski's

outstanding leadership, and they approved the renewal of his contract. After the Board expressed their appreciation of Twardowski and the Waller ISD team performance, Superintendent Twardowski presented a resolution to extend pre-kindergarten programs from a half day program to a full day program. The State of Texas currently funds a half-day program for eligible children. Asst. Superintendent for Business and Finance, Mike Marcus, presented a proposal for the demolition of two vacant buildings located on Bois D'Arc. To close the regular agenda, Danny Twardowski requested that the date of the March Regular Called Board Meeting be moved to March 16 due to Spring Break.

In Information Items, Twardowski provided a brief summary of the 84th Texas legislative priorities for Waller ISD. Curriculum Director Kelly Baehren presented the TAPR Report for

2013-2014, as well as the 2015-2016 Waller ISD School Calendar Survey and process. The survey will remain posted on the Waller ISD website at [www.wallerisd.net](http://www.wallerisd.net) through the close of business on Friday, January 30. The survey polls the Waller ISD community of their school day and holiday preferences for the next school year. Questions regarding the Waller ISD community preference for the length of Spring Break, Thanksgiving Break, Winter Holiday Break, and Waller County Fair Days are included in the survey.

Danny Twardowski presented an update of the Mark-Dana Corporation's Carriage Crossing Housing project before the floor was opened for patron presentations and future board items. The next Regular Called Board Meeting will be held in the Waller ISD Administration Building Board Room on Monday, February 9.



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God gave Moses 4 T's here that tell me what to do with Scripture in order to be "armed" and "ready":

- TEACH**—we must take opportunities to instruct our children. This is so important for families to not expect the youth pastor, school counselor or Christian friend to fill their son's mind with Godly wisdom. We must be proactive to make sure our children love and accept Christ as Savior. Give them the Spiritual tools for success early on.
- TALK**—talk about the Bible.: with God, with friends, with family. Everywhere. The main benefit of this is simply taking God into the commonplaces of life. He is not relegated to a pulpit or the Sunday School class. God appears in our lives while munching on a burrito at Taco Bell...while cutting a client's hair at work...while shopping for produce at Harlan's. We are not afraid to talk with each other about Him! I have known too many people on their deathbed who wished they had held more of these type of conversations in their life.
- TIE**—tie or bind the Bible to us. Unlike the Jews who made this into a literal dress code, modern Christians understand this as a challenge to take time to commit them to our memory. More than just hearing it, but internalizing it! How would your life be different if instead of singing every country song about a lost girlfriend or ruined relationship, you were bringing to mind the deep words of wisdom of Scripture? Words like "*Love is patient, love is kind.*" (1 Cor 13) Certainly you would experience less slammed doors, less words of regret.
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5 city lots - wooded with electricity available. Zoned for single family home - no mobile homes.....REDUCED...\$18,000

4 city blocks - total of 5.72 acres. Currently used for grazing cattle. City utilities available in area..SOLD...\$65,000

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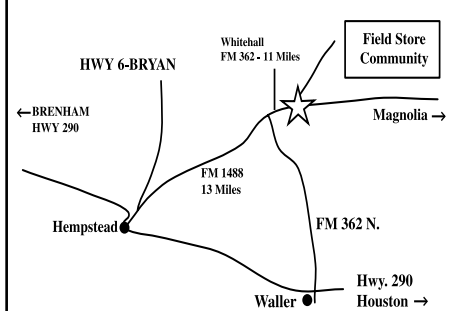
3/2 mobile home on 1.26 acres in Monaville area.....SOLD.....\$75,000

Cozy Cottage in the woods! Home has 2 bedrooms, 1 full bath and is a comfortable and practical home for the first time buyer or a retired couple. This home is brick with a durable metal roof. Nestled on 1.99 acres, a corner lot with lots of trees and greenery that affords privacy as well as the opportunity to enjoy nature. Look for deer and other creatures.....PENDING...\$140,000

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19.75 acres of property with good stand of native grasses within daily commute distance of Houston or Katy. Land has been used to graze horses and/or cattle for many years and is ag-exempt for low property taxes. Property is located near Waller County Fairgrounds with quick access to hwy 290 via FM 359. This unrestricted acreage is close to Town of Hempstead but in the City Limits of Pine Island. Livestock on property please do not enter property without an appointment! .....ASKING...\$207,375

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and say "ball."

The painting shows the moon as a baseball with Michael holding a baseball bat and looking up at his "ball." Michael Hegemeyer, who is in kindergarten at Fields Store Elementary School, attended the formal presentation with Hegemeyer and her family. Michael was excited to see his painting hanging on the wall in the State Capitol.

Hegemeyer, a 2012 graduate of Waller High School, said her passion for art began when she was only six years old. She had always dreamed of becoming an artist, and her dream become a reality as she began to win awards during her high school years. Her first award came when her drawing of the historical Waller County Bell Tower won the Downey Publishing Company Art Contest

and appeared on the cover of the area telephone directory in 2011. After her next major recognition, a Gold Medal in the Rodeo Art Contest at the Houston Livestock Show & Rodeo, she knew she was on the right path.

As a Gold Medal award winner, Mandy was eligible to attend a summer session at the Western Art Academy in Kerrville. She used her artistic ability to help earn funds to cover the tuition to attend the WAA by selling packages of art cards created from her current artwork.

Hegemeyer was accepted into the College of Fine Arts at the University of Texas in Austin where she plans to graduate in May 2016. During her three years at UT, Mandy has been highly recognized by many of her instructors and has received several honors for her artwork.

## HAMILTON



Tommy Hamilton, 39, of Plantersville, passed away Sunday, January 18 in Conroe after a four month illness. Visitation with family and friends will be 5:00 - 7:00 pm, Tuesday, January 20 at Nobles Funeral Chapel. A celebration of his life will be Wednesday, January 21 at 1:00 pm, also at the funeral

home, with interment to follow in the Plantersville Cemetery. Rev. Ross Jarvis will officiate. Arrangements are under the direction of Nobles Funeral Chapel.

Tommy was born in Houston on February 20, 1975 to Raymond Thomas Hamilton and Peggy Leibham. He married his wife, Michelle on July 5, 2002. Together they have two children. Tommy enjoyed deer hunting and being outdoors. He was very active in his children's lives, attending every school and extra-curricular activity - oftentimes being the only male figure at the function. He was known by his children's friends as "Mr. Tommy". Tommy's companion and side-kick, Tucker, a Red Heeler, would accompany him most anywhere.

Mr. Hamilton is survived by his wife of 12 years, Michelle of Plantersville, his daughter Laci and son Landon; mother Peggy Leibham of Anderson; father and step-mother Raymond and Donna Hamilton of Waller; sister and brother-in-law Kelly and Russ Howell of Cypress; mother-in-law and father-in-law Jack and Connie Landis of Hockley; brothers-in-law and sister-in-law Keith and Nicolette Tucker of Hockley; nephews Kolt and Kyle Tucker; niece Allison Howell and canine companion and best friend, Tucker.


Tommy was preceded in death by his grandparents Tom & Elsie Hamilton and Mildred & Leo Leibham and father-in-law Dan Tucker.

Serving as pallbearers are

Keith Tucker of Marquez, Justin Landis of Hockley, Lonnie Adams of Navasota, Chris Newcomer of Navasota, James Long of Houston, Brian Cochrane of Emory, and Kolt and Kyle Tucker of Marquez.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that you consider assisting by visiting <http://www.gofundme.com/ju0khs> and making a contribution to help offset medical expenses. You are also invited to leave fond memories and kind words at [www.noblesfuneral.com](http://www.noblesfuneral.com).

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**11 ACRES:** 318' Frontage on FM 359. Unrestricted, scattered trees & brush. Residential or commercial. Easy access to I-10 & Hwy 290.....\$12,500/ac.

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**35 ACRES:** Near Waller on Mathis Rd. Unrestricted. Some flood plain. Several building sites.....PENDING.....\$7,850/ac.

**36 ACRES:** in north Waller County. Pond, large trees & choice homesites. Unrestricted.....\$12,000/ac.

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**40 ACRES:** Fronts Owens Road & backs up to US Hwy 290 in Waller. Zoned Ag.....PENDING.....\$10,612/ac.

**40.9 ACRES:** Near Hempstead. Unrestricted. More acreage available.....\$9,500/ac.

**50 ACRES:** Hockley - heavily wood & bordered on the south by Three Mile Creek. Approx. 85% in flood plain. Lots of wildlife. Great Secluded homesite.....\$8,200/ac.

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**WALLER: 13 Acre ranch with 3-2.5 home. First floor has 3,179 sq. ft. with too many extras to list. Separate entry unfinished 2nd floor is framed for 2 bedrooms, media room, great room w/firelace, & plumbing roughed in for kitchen, utility room & 2.5 baths. Plus a 35X60 Morton building/barn, RV parking, pond, pasture & fenced.....\$695,000**

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### HOMES

**FOR LEASE:** Tomball - Nice 2-2 duplex unit w/appliances & fenced back yard..... \$1,050/mo.

**HWY 6 CORNER:** older 2-1 wood frame home on 0.39 acre at Hwy 6 & FM 1736. Needs work. Commercial potential.....\$65,000

**WALLER:** 3-2 on 2 city lots in need of some TLC. Great location. Nice trees.....PENDING.....\$65,900

**BUS HWY 290:** 2-1 rock home w/ slate roof. Fantastic commercial potential for your small business, office or shop. Wood burning fireplace and oversized detached 1 car garage. Beautiful large trees.....\$79,500

**WALLER:** Older 3-2 w/carport on 1.92 acres. Needs work. Scattered oaks & pecans. Large lighted arena with good pipe fencing.....PENDING.....\$115,000

**FM 1887 Frontage:** Quaint 2-2 home on 1.7 acres south of Hempstead. Metal workshop/barn with carport. Needs some TLC.....\$129,500

**CHARMING:** Remodeled 2-3 (possibly 3-3) farm house on 5 acres in Pine Ridge. Spacious with large kitchen, beamed ceilings, wood floors & nice deck for outdoor living. Large shade trees. So much character!.....\$225,000

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**GREAT HORSE PROPERTY:** Corner 40 acres in North Waller County on FM 362. Two unfinished metal exterior homes (3-2 & 2-2), 28-stall barn & pond. 3-2 is approx. 80% complete & 2-2 is approx. 50% complete. Long frontage on both roads provides potential for sub-dividing.....PENDING.....\$550,000

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**35 ACRE RANCH:** on Hwy 6 north of Hempstead in Grimes County. Gated w/3-2-2 rock home with metal roof, high ceilings, study & rock fireplace. 6-2 Stall barn, 3 pastures & loafing shed. Ag exempt & unrestricted. Low taxes.....\$1,300,000

**OAK CREEK RANCH:** Scenic 410.8 acres with stately 2-story 5-2.5 farmhouse w/ 2-carport, horse barn, implement/hay barn, loafing shed, 6 ponds, running creek & great views. Fenced & x-fenced with 2 entrances from Mitchell & 1 from Old Mitchell. Great development potential.....\$4,724,833

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### COMMERCIAL - INVESTMENT

**0.92 ACRE:** City of Brookshire. Commercial or residential. City utilities.....PENDING.....\$62,000

**0.99 ACRE:** in Waller Business Park. Corner of FM 362 & Park 290 Drive just off of Hwy 290. Additional 1 to 3 acres available.....\$5.00/sq. ft.

**1.5 ACRES:** Just 1 block north of I-10 in Brookshire. Zoned commercial.....\$1.95/sq. ft.

**2.59 ACRES:** on FM 2920 near Lutheran Church Rd. in Tomball. Excellent location. Owner financing available.....\$450,000

**3.96 ACRES:** FM 362 near Hwy 290. Corner location. City utilities.....\$3.50/sq. ft.

**4 ACRES:** on FM 2920 across from Harlan's shopping center. Rapidly developing area. Excellent commercial location. City utilities. Near US Hwy 290.....\$5.00/sq. ft.

**13 ACRES:** 700' frontage on FM 362 & 500' on "B" Street. Prime location.....PENDING.....\$40,000/ac..

**30 ACRES:** Commercial corner on Kickapoo right off US Hwy 290. Freeway on/off ramps on east & west side of intersection for easy access.....\$2.00/sq. ft.

**450 ACRES:** Excellent for residential or light industrial development in Katy. 1.5 miles north of I-10 & 15 miles from the energy corridor.....PENDING.....\$30,000/ac.

**WALLER:** 3,334 sq. ft. office/retail building on Main Street. Great location.....\$99,500

**HEMPSTEAD:** 2,400 sq. ft. & 3,437 sq. ft. building plus 3-2 mobile on Bus. 290. Lots of parking & high traffic area. Zoned commercial.....PENDING.....\$200,000

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**MAGNOLIA:** 3,000 sq. ft. building with 3+ offices, conference room & 1 large bay on 1.04 acres on SH 249. Owner financing available.....\$549,500

**OFFICE WAREHOUSE :** 13,000 sq. ft. metal building w/7 offices & several warehouses on 10 acres in Waller. Includes very nice attached 3-2 living quarters. Fenced. Easy access to US Hwy 290 & the Grand Pkwy.....\$950,000

**HEMPSTEAD:** Established & successful ballroom/reception hall. On 11.3 acres in Hempstead. Beautifully finished. Furnished with everything you need - set up w/bookings & ready to go.....\$1,500,000

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### FARMS & RANCHES

**HWY 6 FRONTAGE:** Unrestricted scenic 15 acres w/two 1-1 older homes connected together, oversized 2-car garage, kennel, covered BBQ area, large shop, covered equipment storage, well house & storage building. Partially wooded w/pond & creek. Fenced & gated entranc.....PENDING.....\$ 3 2 5, 0 0 0

**CORNERTRACT:** 32 acres on FM 529 south of Hempstead. 3-2 Manufactured home, 3-carport, pad for 2nd home w/water, electric & separate septic, 7-stall barn, lighted arena, 2 loafing sheds, hay barn, fenced garden area & 2 ponds. Easy access to Hwy 290 or I-10.....\$395,000

**38.5 ACRE RANCH:** Near Hempstead. Nice 3-2 metal exterior home w/large back porch. Barn, arena & x-fenced pastures. Ag exempt.....\$499,000

**BROOKSHIRE:** 2-2-2 on 9.6 acres on FM 359. Quarters, shop, covered arena & RV parking. City utilities, well & septic. Unrestricted w/850' frontage offers commercial potential.....\$510,000

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W4402 4-2.1 country home on 4+ acres, two story, stone fireplace, built in entertainment center, island kitchen, inground pool with spa, cross fenced, 40 x 40 metal building, barn with stalls.....\$379,900



W4403 3-2 beautiful home on 15 acres with ag exemption, gated entrance, workshop, barn with working pens, beautifully landscaped with irrigation, fenced and cross fenced .....\$586,500

### SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENCE

### COUNTRY HOMES AND ACREAGE

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| W4348 5-3-3 custom home on island at Lake Conroe, beautiful winding staircase, high ceilings, great views, pool with hot tub, waterfall, giant deck with boat dock and jet ski lifts .....\$1,495,000 | W4360 Corner lot in city with utilities .....\$4,500  |
| W4356 3-2-2 brick home on 5 beautifully landscaped lots, formals, large den, wood burning stove, small creek, corner property .....\$165,000  | W4367 Beautiful custom stone home with cathedral ceilings, stone fireplace, marble counters, beautiful tile flooring on a hill with a view, 6 stall barn, lighted arena, covered RV parking, additional barn, two ponds on 30 acres.....\$1,150,000 |
| W4357 Large building in downtown Hempstead, currently a hardware store.....\$555,000  | W4372 Awesome country showplace on 50 acres with custom home that includes granite counters, high ceilings, butlers pantry, hardwood floors, gameroom, gazebo, pond, improved pastures, gated entrance .....\$1,795,000                             |
| W4359 1-1-1 brick home in Hempstead.....\$69,000  | W4374 10 acres in subdivision, deed restrictions, Waller ISD.....\$470,000  |
| W4375 3-2 home in town with a smaller home also on property .....\$65,000   | W4386 160 acres with lots of frontage, water well, FM frontage, could be divided .....\$2,486,820   |
| W4391 5 small homes on 3 city lots, investment potential .....\$250,000   | W4401 Showplace!! Completely remodeled 4 bedroom home, fireplace, hardwood flooring, granite counters, large game room, deck, inground pool, beautiful scattered oaks, 5 + acre lake, 5 barns, 81 acres, frontage on two sides .....\$1,595,000     |
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|   | W4421 Beautiful 97 acres, brick home, barn, pond, scattered trees, close to Hwy. 290.....\$2,764,500  |
|   | W4422 Corner lot in Hempstead, additional lots available .....\$6,000   |
|   | W4423 Two lots in Hempstead, city utilities available .....\$12,000   |

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- W4088 80 acres, barns, storage shed, lake, beautiful land .....\$2,359,665
- W4267 9 acres, FM 2920 frontage, excellent development location .....\$865,000
- W4275 9 + acres in Tomball area with FM 2920 frontage .....\$865,000
- W4276 318 acres, Peek Rd in Katy, excellent location .....\$11,130,000
- W4290 3000 sq. ft. building with covered porches, currently a restaurant, with ample parking on 1.9 acres with FM frontage .....\$525,000
- W4309 Three lots with city utilities, curbs, close to schools and shopping .....\$35,000
- W4346 43 acres, frontage on Hwy 290 and three other roads, great visibility.....\$1,400,000
- W4347 Lake front lot on island at Bentwater on Lake Conroe .....\$590,000
- W4349 388 acre horse ranch with rail fencing, FM frontage, barns, stables, 8 acre lake, large irrigated hay field, additional ponds, main home shaded by large oaks, additional home on property .....\$4,225,000

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