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Pintail Landfill Hearing Postponed by Judge

By CARRIE PRAZAK-GOURLEY
 The Waller Times
 On Wednesday, January 21, at 9:30 a.m., District Judge Terry Flenniken, in agreement with parties involved, postponed the scheduled hearing amidst ongoing settlement negotiations, according to entities involved in the lawsuit.
 Waller County Judge Trey Duhon stated, in regards

to the postponement, "Settlement discussions are ongoing and have been very positive and productive thus far."
 The plaintiffs - City of Hempstead and Citizens Against the landfill in Hempstead (CALH) - were expecting Judge Flenniken to decide outstanding legal questions in the civil case, including validity of the host agreement with Pintail L.L.C., and the 2013 ordinance.

On Wednesday, January 14, the Waller County Commissioners Court voted 3-2 to void the 2013 ordinance and host agreement which allowed the solid waste landfill to be located near Hempstead, although final approval for the landfill by TCEQ has yet to be determined.
 If no settlement is reached between parties, a hearing will be held in Judge Terry Flenniken's court on Friday, February 20.

Schultz Junior High Students Rewarded for Excellence

WISD Public Information
 The students of Schultz Junior High were given quite the reward for their hard work on Friday, January 16. Students were invited to the school's Fine Arts wing to celebrate their excellent behavior for the third six weeks in the Pride in Academics Working Towards Success PAWS celebration. Students were rewarded for receiving a 75 or higher in all of their classes, for having excellent attendance, and for having good behavior.
 The students were treated to an hour and a half of all the fun they could handle. The PAWS recipients were given the option to play football, volleyball or basketball games in the old gym, or play on the inflatable basketball dunk bounce, obstacle course, wrestling arena or mechanical bull set up in the new gym.
 For students desiring an afternoon of a little more silence, Madagascar 2 played in the Band Hall, and board games were available in the Teaching Theatre. For the past three years, PAWS events have been held at the end of each six weeks for students who meet the outlined criteria, and the incentive has improved Schultz student's behavior, grades and attendance.
 Over 400 students at Schultz Junior High were allowed to attend the event for the third six weeks. The ultimate reward of an all day trip to Schlitterbahn Galveston is awarded to those students who make PAWS for five out of the six grading periods of the school year.



Pictured is a Schultz Junior High student taking his eight second ride on the mechanical bull at the Schultz Junior High Pride in Academics Working Towards Success PAWS celebration. WISD Public Information.

Comptroller Hegar Releases First Rebates to Cities

By CARRIE PRAZAK-GOURLEY
 The Waller Times
 Former State Senator Glenn Hegar is the new Texas State Comptroller of Public Accounts and was sworn into office on January 2. The State Comptroller's Office is responsible for the collection and distribution of public accounts.
 At his swearing in ceremony on January 2, Hegar promised as Comptroller that he would encourage job creation and innovation, look for regulations and red tape that hurt business, and root out

waste and fraud. His vision is that Texas keeps taxes low and limits spending. He hopes to shine a light brightly on transparency, to make government more accountable to the taxpayer.
 Hegar, former State Senator for District 18, is a sixth-generation Texan who farms on land in the Waller area that has been in his family since the mid-19th century. Hegar grew up in Hockley, but he and his wife and three children now reside in Katy.
 On January 12, Hegar released the

biennial revenue estimate for fiscal years 2016-2017, which is required in the Texas Constitution at the beginning of each regular session of the Texas Legislature. Legislators must ensure that the total appropriations do not exceed the amount predicted to be available in the revenue estimate.
 According to Hegar's released report, the state has an estimated \$113 billion in revenue available for general purpose spending for the 2016-2017 biennium.
 In the first release of tax rebates by the comptroller's office in 2015, rebates to the City of Waller showed a slight decline. The city's rebate from November sales, reported to the State Comptroller's Office and December and distributed this month was \$141,8997.29.
 As for other cities in Waller County, Prairie View's rebate also declined to \$26,509.09 as did Brookshire's, to \$89,885.05. Only Hempstead showed a slight improvement, rising to \$118,829.68.

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Congratulations to Waller High School Winter Graduates Edward Guerrero and Jayson Davenport. A special graduation ceremony was held at the January Waller ISD School Board Meeting for the students. Organized by Waller High School, the ceremony recognized the graduates for completing the required courses and state assessments. Waller High School Principal, Dr. Brian Merrell, called the graduates to the podium to award them their high school diplomas. Waller ISD congratulates these students for achieving an educational milestone, and wishes them the best in their future endeavors. Pictured are the two graduates with their school staff supporters who supported them through their high school educational journey. WISD Public Information.

Vaccine Airdrops Return to Control Rabies in Texas

The Texas Department of State Health Services recently re-launched its aerial assault on rabies through the annual airdrop of millions of edible doses of rabies vaccine on wildlife habitat.
 The Oral Rabies Vaccination Program, launched in 1995, has eliminated the coyote strain of rabies from Texas and virtually eliminated the Texas gray fox strain of rabies. The program is now focused on maintaining a vaccinated zone along the Rio Grande, so those strains won't be reintroduced, and studying whether a similar approach can fight rabies in skunks.
 "It makes sense to turn our attention to skunks since they're now the most likely terrestrial animal in Texas to have rabies,"

said Dr. Laura Robinson, ORVP director. "We'll be distributing vaccine baits generally between Austin and Houston to test the strategy in reducing the number of skunk rabies cases there. If effective, the same strategy can be used elsewhere."
 Planes will take off from the Brenham airport Wednesday afternoon to begin flights over the skunk study area, covering portions of 17 counties from Madison and Walker in the north, southwest to Bastrop, then southeast to Wharton and Fort Bend. Operations at Brenham will take about a week, after which crews will move to the border area for flights out of Del Rio, Alpine
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Waller Wonders - Interstate Highways are landing strips

By NANCY ARNOLD



Well, of course! Everyone knows THAT. One mile in every five has to be straight, 'cause if "the enemy" knocked out the airports, planes could land on those straight sections. Gee, we've known THAT since ... oh, maybe 1956.

As a clue, 1956 was the year Congress passed the Federal-Aid Highway Act (that started back in the early '40's). That piece of legislation – the law that authorized

designation of a "National System of Interstate Highways" – was the authorization for the federal government to build the 42,800-mile Eisenhower Interstate Highway System. Like most pieces of legislation, then and now, no one actually reads this stuff. We just declare what we "know" to be in it. In this case, we know that one mile in every five has to be straight.

That's all well and good ... except, there is no such provision in that 1956 legislation, nor was it in 1944, when Congress briefly considered the possibility – of including funding for emergency landing strips in the Federal Highway legislation.

According to Richard Weingroff, information liaison specialist for the Federal Highway Administration's Office of Infrastructure and the FHA's unofficial historian, at no point was there a plan to use highways or other roads to land planes on. The proposed landing strips would have been built *alongside* major highways, with the highways serving

to handle ground transportation access to and from these strips. No matter: The proposal was quickly dropped, and no more was ever heard of it.

Really, though. Let's break this down into a test of logic. It makes no sense whatsoever to close down the Interstate highway system in times of domestic crisis. Using the highways to move troops and supplies would be much more important than restricting them to air strips for sporadic landings. Thousands of small, private airfields could be pressed into service if needed. Even that depends on some foreign power knocking out a huge, unknown number of major airports and airstrips on military bases. Let's don't forget our fleet of aircraft carriers.

Gracious! Just think back a few years ago to the hurricane evacuations and how utterly chaotic that was! The highway systems became clogged beyond imagination as people fled the coastal areas.

Well, to be honest, people

fled inland areas, too. Was it really likely that high water was going to inundate Cut and Shoot or Huntsville? No? Nonetheless, people leapt into their cars like scalded cats and blindly joined tens of thousands of like-minded people "fleeing" the hurricane!

Can you imagine if there were attacks by some foreign military power and the highways were actually needed as make-shift airports? How in the world all those vehicles be cleared from those one-mile-in-five straight strips? About half of them would be out of gas or overheated anyway, with their occupants all standing around like lost sheep on the side of the road.

See? That whole scenario defies logic. This is just another example of me having to discard something I've "known" with a certainty most of my life. You know, this getting older stuff is wearing on a person.

(Read more about our Interstate highway system from Mr. Weingroff and others at <http://

www.fhwa.dot.gov/publications/publicroads/96summer/p96su10.cfm>, <http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/highwayhistory/rw_bio.cfm> <http://www.snopes.com/autos/law/airstripasp#59Z5BmcRaVUW3awl.99>)

Birthday greetings to Gerylne Ochsner, Clint Robinson, Stacy Haines, Everett Walker, Connie Kersh, Charlene Boettcher, Gloria Stanford, Regan Marburger, Rose Canon, Blake Clark, David Wunderlich, Rodney Loewe, Ryan Loewe, Teddy Schild, Cheryl Liere, Jay Fritzsching, Jesus Avila, Tom Lockler IV, LeeAnn Hackler, Hannah Stahman, Shelley Burk, Wyatt Hoffart, and Carol Hester.

Happy anniversary to James and Julie Stinnett, Merle and Alice Stewart, Brandon and Stacy Holmes, Kevin and Kristi Hart, Martin and Sylvia Aguilar, Milton and Carole Sanford Machac, and Robert and Abby Paben.

It's been a while since my highway report on all the household debris littering the roadside. These last couple of weeks have

provided a treasure trove. In just the 20-mile stretch of my commute, I've seen a couch – just have been nice before it bounced off the pavement. A half-mile down the road I spotted the cushions.

Then on the other side of the highway (was it the same load or another?) was a big black recliner. The couch was one thing – Mama was going to be mad when the pickup arrived at the new place without her couch. Nevertheless, the recliner ... that was *his* recliner. No one to blame but himself for not tying down the load.

Boots, shoes, a hard hat, a pink bicycle helmet, a jacket, several plastic lawn chairs, part of a backyard play set – somebody will miss those things. The couch and the recliner, though – those are going to cause some unhappy domestic conversations.

Until next week ...

Contact Nancy at arnoldn@msn.com, or mail news items to her at P. O. Box 282, Waller 77484.

Texas Governor Greg Abbott A Shining Example of Overcoming Adversity

By CARRIE PRAZAK-GOURLEY



On Tuesday, January 20, Greg Abbott became the state's first new governor in 14 years, ushering in a new chapter in Texas history. Abbott follows former Governor Rick Perry, the longest serving governor in Texas history.

During his Inaugural Address, Abbott invoked the grace of God, the drive of Texans, and his determination to keep fighting Washington.

In the annals of Texas self-confidence and swagger, Greg Abbott fits right in. Abbott has stated that he plans to be a bridge between the conservative and business wings of the party, and will demonstrate how to reach out to a large growing Hispanic population, aided by his wife, Cecilia, the first Hispanic First Lady of Texas.

Abbott's biography is punctuated with triumph and tragedy. In high school, he won every track meet he entered his senior year, while he also served as president of the National Honor Society. His classmates voted him the Most Likely to Succeed. In his six elections, from state trial court judge to governor, he has never lost.

However, most know that Abbott's life has also been struck by tragedy. A single moment in 1984 resonates in his life: While taking a jogging break from studying for the bar exam, Abbott was struck by a falling tree,

and has been in a wheelchair ever since. Although it is still a daily struggle, he never gave up on life, and serves as a stunning example of survival, not only to the disabled, but to all.

Publically, Abbott makes light of his injury. He has often stated, "I am living proof that you can take a young man whose life was literally broken in half, and he can elevate to the highest rung of government in this state." Governor Abbott exudes confidence in the same style as famous Texans before him, dating back to Sam Houston, on whose Bible Abbott was sworn into office.

Abbott, it is believed, will bring a new style of leadership to the governorship. Many have observed a great difference in leadership style between him and former Governor Rick Perry. Perry, a former Texas A&M yell leader, is a typical politician, delegating research to his staff, who would then make

gut-level, split-second decisions. Abbott, the judge, will instead gather experts and preside over a debate and then will more likely use a slower, more deliberate process while making decisions for Texas.

During his Inaugural Address, Abbott promised more help for traffic and water problems, education for children falling behind, efforts to provide a skilled workforce and assistance for "veterans who return broken from battle."

Abbott also stated, "As governor I will continue my legacy of pushing back against Washington if they spend too much, regulate too much, or violate our state sovereignty."

A day of festivities followed the inauguration of Governor Abbott and his Lt. Governor Dan Patrick. An Inauguration Barbeque began at 12:15 p.m. on the grounds of the state capitol. Four tons of brisket, a mile of jalapeño sausage, along

with potato salad, cole slaw, red beans and 1,700 pies was served to over 17,000 attendees in less than an hour.

Barbeque was followed by an Inaugural Parade at 2 p.m. down Congress Ave. with the Texas Military Forces Joint Color Guard leading the way, followed by the governor and his family riding in an open white Cadillac.

Celebrations ended with the "Future of Texas" black tie Inaugural Ball at 7:30 p.m. with performances by Lady Antebellum and Pat Green. The University of Texas tower was illuminated a bright orange for the evening in honor of Governor Abbott, a 1981 graduate of the university's business school.

Under the new leadership of Abbott and Patrick, proposals to cut taxes for business, push school vouchers, and increase security along the border are high on the agenda.

This Texan is proud to have

the leadership of Governor Greg Abbott, whose personal story should stand as a living testament to perseverance and character.

Abbott's last words at his Inaugural Address hold the promise of a bright future for Texas, "We must seek higher ground that will continue to elevate Texas even more, not just as a leader in this nation, but as leader in this world. Because as goes Texas, so goes America, and as goes America, so goes the world."

Congratulations to the new leaders of our great state. May the prayers of the people of Texas be with you as you guide our state into the future.

Hopefully, the new leadership in Texas lives up to its great beginning, but that, as it often is in politics, remains to be seen.

Contact Carrie at gidget2114@gmail.com for any questions or comments on her columns.

A Cyber Attack the Next 9-11?

By CARRIE PRAZAK-GOURLEY
The Waller Times

Recently there have been some major incursions into American computer systems. Sony, allegedly attacked by North Korea, had masses of information exposed as a threat to not proceed with the screening of their most recent picture, The Interview, which was a comedy negatively depicting North Korean President Kim Jong Un.

Just last week, the "Cyber Caliphate", a hacker group claiming association with ISIS, seized control of Centcom (United States Central Com-

mand-military) Twitter and YouTube accounts, posting threats and information gleaned off of military sites.

Major retailers have also been hacked--Target, Neiman Marcus, Michael's and Home Depot, to name a few. These incidents have made Americans wary of internet transactions and the vulnerability of both corporate and government websites.

Even if only Centcom's social accounts were compromised, it shows an incredible lack of cyber security in the U.S. government.

In fact, in December, the

outgoing chairman of the U.S. House Intelligence Committee, Rep. Mike Rogers, R-Michigan, spoke with a dire warning after the Sony attack, which he stated is unprecedented, and the first time in our history that a nation state, in an act of retribution, broke into an American company's computer system, destroyed files and even took the company's computers offline, as well as leaking private information. "It's an act of war," Rogers stated, "that must not be repeated."

Former Secretary of Defense, Leon Panetta, warned in 2012 that cyber warfare is the

greatest threat facing the United States, and added that cyberspace has become just as critical to military operations as land, sea, air and outer space.

To help ward off such an attack, the Pentagon created the U.S. Cyber Command, under the helm of the NSA director, General Keith Alexander, to better prepare the U.S. for a potential attack on digital infrastructure.

According to security experts, the greatest fear is a large scale attack on the U.S. power grid, that could cause mass chaos, and might potentially be used to distract from a simultaneous terrorist attack.

Experts state that the U.S.

must be proactive and that we need to take all necessary steps to protect ourselves. Currently, however, our protections could be compared to the infamous French Maginot Line: a costly illusion of security which is proving obsolete against sophisticated assaults.

It is imperative, as the nation who created the internet,

that we should be the first to secure it and ensure the protection of those who use it.

The attacks against Sony and Centcom were an attack against all of us. The U.S. government and corporations should use this opportunity to develop our cyber security framework and pass legislation to improve our ability to defend against future attacks.

News Briefs

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 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.

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.

WISD Empowering Families Summit

Waller ISD will host an Empowering Families Summit on February 28 at Schultz Junior High from 8 a.m.-1 p.m. Register today at www.wallerisd.net to attend workshops about strengthening the family unit, watch the students of Waller ISD perform, and take a chance at winning one of the many door prizes that will be offered.

Mike Eden Ministries to Hold Fundraiser

Mike Eden Ministries will be hosting their 9th annual fundraiser on Saturday, March 7 at 6 p.m. at the Hempstead Knights of Columbus Hall. This event will benefit Little Eden Children's Home in Kenya, a home for 67 Kenyan orphan boys and girls.

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2014 Farm Bill Program Application Dates Nearing

Farmers have several important decisions to make under the 2014 farm bill, according to a Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service economist.

Producers have the the option to chose between two safety net programs: Price Loss Coverage, also known as PLC, and Agricultural Risk Coverage, and the opportunity to reallocate base acres and update payment yields.

"These are five-year decisions," said Dr. Joe Outlaw, co-director of the Agricultural and Food Policy Center at Texas

A&M University and AgriLife Extension economist. "Farmers have to decide what is best for their operation, knowing that their choices will extend through the life of the farm bill."

The deadline for base allocation and yield update is February 27. The 2014 farm bill ARC/PLC election deadline is March 31.

"I can imagine some farmers are thinking that is a few months away," Outlaw said. "The actual deadline may be sooner for some. If a producer wants to purchase the Supple-

mental Coverage Option, or SCO, from their crop insurance agent, this decision will need to be made during the normal insurance sign-up. They are ineligible for SCO if they eventually chose ARC. With the early planting dates of South Texas, the de facto deadline is the crop insurance purchase deadline, which will be January 31. Farmers need to make their ARC/PLC decision before they meet with their crop insurance agent."

To assist farmers with these decisions, several web-based

decision aids were developed under a Farm Service Agency grant by the National Association for Agriculture and Food Policy – a coalition co-lead by the Agricultural and Food Policy Center at Texas A&M University and the Food and Agriculture Policy Research Institute at the University of Missouri-Columbia. The decision aids can be accessed at <https://usda.afpc.tamu.edu>.

Outlaw said he encourages farmers to use these resources if they have not already done so.

Texas' New Business Growth Strong in 2014

Texas Secretary of State Nandita Berry released numbers recently showing double-digit growth for new Texas businesses in 2014.

"Texas continues to show strong economic performance year after year," said Secretary Berry. "That performance can be seen not only in employment

numbers or tax receipts, but also in the high number of businesses formations filed with the secretary of state's office each year."

In 2014, the Texas Secretary of State's office received filings for 157,225 new businesses. This is an 11.69 percent increase compared to 2013. In

fact, the state has seen consistent year-over-year growth in the number of business filings for the last five years.

The number of new business filings includes for-profit corporations, professional corporations, professional associations, limited liability companies, and limited partnerships.

Limited liability companies make up the bulk of the new filings with 126,085 formed.

"It takes a certain optimism to start a new business, and this increase in business formations in Texas shows that investors and entrepreneurs believe Texas is a state wide open for business," said Secretary Berry.

Coop Extension Offers Farm Finance Series

Waller County Extension, PVAMU Cooperative Extension Program, and USDA have teamed up to bring area residents the Waller County Strike Force Initiative. The purpose of the strike force is to educate and assist with the immediate needs in Waller County, and the Waller County Landowners

Series will consist of programs, workshops, and field days that will be held throughout Waller County to educate the local citizen on topics ranging from Sustainable Agriculture Practices, Micro-Loans and Grants, Land Taxes and Exemptions, and Heir Property Laws and Regulations.

The first program of the series will be entitled Financing the Farm on February 26, 2015 at the Waller County Extension Building from 6 p.m. – 8 p.m. This program we will give an overview of funding available through government agencies such as USDA, FSA, and NRCS.

Representatives from all agencies will be available to assist and answer any questions. Please RSVP before February 19, 2015 with the extension office or Agent Damion Turner at 979-826-7651 or by email damion.turner@ag.tamu.edu.

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and Zapata and to Brady, around an area where a single case of the gray fox strain of rabies was found in 2013.

The program will drop approximately 2.7 million doses of vaccine this year. The vaccine is contained in a small plastic packet coated with fishmeal crumbles to make it attractive for wildlife to eat. The vaccine has proven safe in more than 60 species of animals and is not a danger to humans, but people should avoid handling the vaccine baits because human contact makes it less likely wild animals will eat them. Dogs, cats and livestock that eat the vaccine baits are not

considered vaccinated against rabies.

Rabies is a deadly virus spread through the saliva of infected animals, usually by a bite. Preventing rabies is critical because once a person or animal displays clinical signs, the disease is almost always fatal.

While the aerial vaccination program has been successful in eliminating some strains of rabies, there were more than 1,000 animal rabies cases in 2014. Immunizing domestic animals is crucial to stopping the spread of rabies; DSHS urges everyone to have their pets vaccinated as required by law.

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Waller High School Hosts Dual Credit Information Night

WISD Public Information

Waller High School hosted an informational night for parents interested in enrolling their high school students in the dual credit courses offered at Waller High School on the night of Wednesday, January 21. Waller High School Counselor Holly McLean, Waller High School College and Career Counselor Christy Smith, and translator Sarah Flukinger discussed the advantages of dual credit courses compared to Advanced Placement courses. The Waller High School auditorium was full of inquiring parents for the event.

The counselors and translator informed the audience that Waller High School partners with Lone Star College Tomball to offer students the opportunity to earn more

than 45 hours of college credit before they even graduate from high school. The counselors explained that the courses are significantly less expensive when taken through the high school dual credit program. Courses offered at Waller High School are offered on average at a tuition rate of only \$66 per 3 hour course, and the price for each additional course goes down when more than one course is taken at a time. College hours taken through the dual credit program transfer to most public, and many private colleges and universities. Dual credit courses differ from Advanced Placement courses in that the tuition is paid for the course, rather than the exam. Also, as opposed to Advanced Placement courses, the possibility of college credit hinges on class grade, rather than the

score on an exam.

Dual credit courses aid students in ways other than simply giving college credit. By taking dual credit courses, students are exposed to the level of work they will face when they attend college while still in the comfort of their high school classroom. If a student does well in their dual credit course, it will aid in their college GPA, as the grades in dual credit begin a student's permanent college record.

Taking classes through Lone Star College at Waller High School is significantly less expensive than taking courses at most universities, including if students were to opt to take the classes at one of the local Lone Star College campuses. If all of the available dual credit courses are taken

by a Waller High School student before they graduate, they have the potential to walk onto a university campus as a college sophomore in their fall semester. Each year since the dual credit program has been instated at Waller High School, the school has increased its offering of dual credit courses. This year, the school is offering two summer dual credit courses for Government 2306 and Economics 2301, which transfer to many colleges as social studies electives. It is always advised to check with the college or university your child plans to attend to find out if they accept dual credit or Advanced Placement credits.

At Waller High School, students as young as sophomores in high school can begin taking the dual credit courses. If you are interested in enrolling your child in dual credit courses for next year, or would like more information on the dual credit program, contact Waller High School's College and Career Counselor Christy Smith at cvssmith@wallersd.net or 936-372-3654 extension 2015.



Waller High School College and Career Counselor offers her help to parents and students to guide them with the dual credit process. Next school year, the dual credit offerings will be extended to sophomore high school students. Students can leave Waller High School with more than 45 hours of college credit before they graduate from high school. WISD Public Information.

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varez, Ellie Collette, Paige Elrod, Eden Kruse, Wyatt Poindexter, JaKasia Ragston, Austin Reeves, Abigail Warner; 2nd Grade All A/B - Kadie Box; 3rd Grade All A's-Caleb Clower, Haley Hester, Brylee Sanders; 3rd Grade All A/B - Hailey Anhorn, Lawrence Bragg, Miranda Melchor, and McKenna Ochsner; 4th Grade

All A's - Katie Steffey, Calli Karisch, MiKayla Hightower, Jamisen Capps, 4th Grade All A/B - Tania Livingston, Madison Lipscomb, Ty Knight, Tyler Hendricks, Callie Haack, and Kristen Blankenburg; 5th Grade All A's - Taylah Lipscomb, and Faith Perez, 5th Grade All A/B - A'Kaila Perry.

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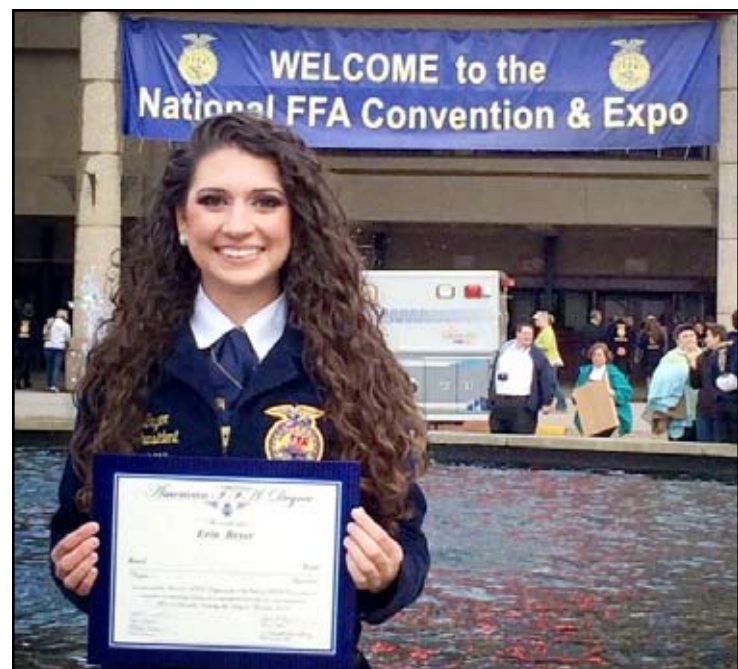
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Fields Store and Jones Elementary After School Participants Rewarded

The Waller ISD Afterschool Centers of Education Program coordinated with Comp-U-Dopt Inc. to set up a 'computer adoption day' for the afterschool program

students of H.T. Jones and Fields Store Elementary.

The Comp-U-Dopt program visited the Fields Store Elementary students who participate



Class of 2013 Royal ISD graduate, Erin Beyer (shown), received the coveted American Farmer FFA Degree at this year's National FFA Convention. The American Farmer degree, which is the highest a member can attain as an FFA member is earned by less than one-half of a percent of FFA members across the nation. Erin is the daughter of Kevin and Lynette Beyer and is a current Food & Animal Science major at Texas Tech University. She is actively involved in the department's collegiate meats judging program, as well as the "President's Select" Honor student program. Submitted photo.



Pictured are Fields Store Elementary students on Saturday, January 10 trying out their new computers in the computer adoption session hosted by Comp-U-Dopt, Inc. Comp-U-Dopt is an organization that offers students who participate in the Afterschool Centers of Education Program the opportunity to receive a free computer. WISD Public Information.

in the Afterschool Centers on Education program on Saturday, January 10 to share a kind gift with the deserving students.

Comp-U-Dopt, Inc. is an organization that provides refurbished computers and technology education to children in communities of the Greater Houston area. The Comp-U-Dopt program offers students the opportunity to receive a computer if they complete an application and submit a brief essay explaining their need for the computer.

After reviewing the applications and essays, a total of 70 computers were given to Jones and Fields Store students, with

35 students from each campus receiving a computer. Students and parents who received the computers were given training on how to work computers in a computer adoption session, and were required to complete a written computer knowledge assessment.

After completing the adoption session and written assessment, students were then gifted a computer of their own. The computers came loaded with educational software that will aid the students in their educational career. The Comp-U-Dopt program also visited Waller Junior high in November and gifted over 60 computers.

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IN FUND BALANCES - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2014

Data Control Codes	10 General Fund	50 Debt Service Fund	98 Other Governmental Funds	98 Total Governmental Funds
REVENUES:				
5700 Local and Intermediate Sources	\$ 20,029,619	\$ 7,634,050	\$ 768,853	\$ 28,432,522
5800 State Program Revenues	26,340,121	803,355	524,494	27,667,970
5900 Federal Program Revenues	667,872	--	7,219,958	7,887,830
5020 Total Revenues	47,037,612	8,437,405	8,513,305	63,988,322
EXPENDITURES:				
Current:				
0011 Instruction	25,199,147	--	3,772,761	28,971,908
0012 Instructional Resources and Media Services	530,227	--	--	530,227
0013 Curriculum and Staff Development	322,319	--	46,114	368,433
0021 Instructional Leadership	695,613	--	664,849	1,360,462
0023 School Leadership	2,575,605	--	--	2,575,605
0031 Guidance, Counseling, & Evaluation Services	1,475,926	--	53,820	1,529,746
0033 Health Services	364,829	--	9,775	374,604
0034 Student Transportation	2,887,870	--	332,548	3,220,418
0035 Food Service	--	--	3,307,745	3,307,745
0036 Cocurricular/Extracurricular Activities	1,499,159	--	--	1,499,159
0041 General Administration	2,069,045	--	165,158	2,234,203
0051 Facilities Maintenance and Operations	5,070,015	--	100,095	5,170,110
0052 Security and Monitoring Services	395,974	--	--	395,974
0053 Data Processing Services	1,019,089	--	--	1,019,089
0061 Community Services	52,781	--	86,882	139,663
0071 Principal on Long-term Debt	--	3,815,000	--	3,815,000
0072 Interest on Long-term Debt	--	3,415,007	--	3,415,007
0073 Bond Issuance Costs and Fees	--	122,066	--	122,066
0074 Payment to Escrow Agent	--	5,882,204	--	5,882,204
0099 Other Intergovernmental Charges	361,955	--	--	361,955
6030 Total Expenditures	44,519,554	13,234,277	8,539,747	66,293,578
1100 Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	2,518,058	(4,796,872)	(26,442)	(2,305,256)
Other Financing Sources and (Uses):				
7911 Capital-Related Debt Issued (Regular Bonds)	--	5,525,000	--	5,525,000
7916 Premium or Discount on Issuance of Bonds	--	293,009	--	293,009
7080 Total Other Financing Sources and (Uses)	--	5,818,009	--	5,818,009
1200 Net Change in Fund Balances	2,518,058	1,021,137	(26,442)	3,512,753
0100 Fund Balances - Beginning	9,352,931	2,755,964	1,056,682	13,165,577
3000 Fund Balances - Ending	\$ 11,870,989	\$ 3,777,101	\$ 1,030,240	\$ 16,678,330

WISD Campus Spelling Bees

WISD Public Information

The students of E. Turlington Elementary, Roberts Road Elementary, I.T. Holleman Elementary, H.T. Jones Elementary, Fields Store Elementary, Schultz Junior High and Waller Junior High put their spelling skills to the test in this year's campus spelling bees.

Waller Junior High School students competed in three rounds of the Spelling Bee 'The Bee' until there were only two students left in a faceoff. Eighth grade student Lauren Becerra took home the first place honors by correctly spelling the word *ghastly* for the panel of four judges.

Students from both E. Turlington and Roberts Road Elementary faced fierce competition amongst their peers. Roberts Road Elementary's Oral Spelling Bee consisted of ten competitors whose spelling was judged by counselor Courtney Kerlick and librarian Kelli Schmidt. Out of the ten participants, six of them had competed in the Bee in previous years. Fifth grade student Mariah Williams took first place by correctly spelling the championship word, *university*. The remaining four students then went head to head for the title of alternate until there were only two students left. The two students

went round after round until Isaiah Perry claimed the spot by correctly spelling the champion ship word, *bandana*.

E. Turlington Elementary had 15 participants, and went through the entire spelling list with their talented participants. The judging panel, consisting of Melissa Mazurkiewicz, Rosalia Barquero, Kim Arnold judged each of the contestants through all 20 of the rounds. The students were weeded down to three contestants before the panel ran out of words and had to switch to the alternate list. In the final rounds, 5th graders Helmut Ulrich and Steven Rabago faced off to see who would take the first place title. Ulrich came out on top by



Pictured (l-r) are Waller Junior High spelling bee judges Shannon Brumley-Monreal, Jennifer Ramirez, Tylana Hudson, Daralyn Brzymialkiewicz, the two student finalists, Lauren Becerra and Neyla Vasquez, Marilyn Rollings, and Waller Junior High Assistant Principal and spelling bee announcer, Torine Champion. Becerra took home the first place honors by correctly spelling the word 'ghastly.' WISD Public Information.

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The 20 Principal's Recognition of Outstanding Students PROS to be recognized for the month of December are 6th Graders Emely Gallegos, Daniela Garcia, William Misak, Magaly Ramirez, Nataly Torrijos and Anissa Williams; 7th Graders Rosa Belmonte, Darryl-Madlyn Stoneham and Aaron Williams; and 8th Graders Sean Anthis, Lauren Becerra, Salvador Carreon, Luis DeLoera, Mauricio Garcia, Jonathan Englishbee, Samantha Huerta, Kathryn Ingram, Lejavian Madison-Grant, Javier Nava and Erin Stokes. PROS is a unique incentive program implemented this school year at Waller Junior High that recognizes and rewards students who make positive choices and strive to keep Waller Junior High a positive school environment for teachers and students. Students are nominated each week by a teacher who names the student and the leadership quality he or she exhibited in an email to the principal. At the end of the month, the students who were nominated are recognized by the principal and awarded with a personal thank you and a positive call home, a certificate of appreciation, and a coupon for a free slushy at lunch. WISD Public Information.

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The Schultz Junior High Student Council hosted the 3rd Annual Veggie Wars before the Winter Break to raise canned vegetables for local families. Each grade level at the school was encouraged to participate in the food drive. This year was a close race, but the 8th graders ran away with the prize. They collected 93 cans of peas. Sixth grade followed close behind with 89 cans of green beans, and Seventh grade came in third with 76 cans of corn. Teachers and staff members also joined in and collected 36 cans of soup. Together, Schultz Junior High donated 294 cans of canned goods to Waller Area Restorative Ministries WARM. WARM representative, Ramona Amador, collected the canned goods and took a picture with some of the Schultz Junior High student council members who assisted with the event. WISD Public Information.



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Hempstead ISD Recognizes Board Members for Service

By LAURIE BETTIS
HISD Public Information

January is School Board Recognition Month and Hempstead ISD is joining other districts across the state to thank these community volunteers for their commitment and contributions to our public schools. Members of the Hempstead ISD School Board were recognized during the regular monthly board meeting on Monday, January 12. Along with gifts from the campuses, Interim Superintendent Marcia Lawton presented each trustee with a certificate of appreciation during the meeting.

"Each January at Hempstead ISD, we pause to express our appreciation for a very special group of volunteers: our school board members," said Lawton during the board meeting. As certificates were presented to each board member, Lawton asked everyone to join with her in celebrating School Board Recognition Month in January, and to take a moment to express their appreciation for the volunteer efforts of our school board members. "Our district benefits greatly from their service," she said.

The men and women serving Hempstead ISD are President Sharlonda Rutledge, Vice President Scott Bush, Secretary Jennifer Schmidt, Trustee Jeanne Manuel, Trustee Tina Johnson, Trustee Matthew Menke, and Trustee Connie Wawarofsky.



Hempstead ISD is celebrating January 2015 as School Board Recognition Month and taking time to recognize school board trustees for their dedicated commitment and contributions to the education of HISD students. Pictured are (front row, l-r) Connie Wawarofsky, Tina Johnson, Secretary Jennifer Schmidt, President Sharlonda Rutledge, and (back row, l-r) Vice-President Scott Bush, Matthew Menke, and (not pictured) Jeannie Manuel. HISD Public Information.

This year's theme "A Work of Heart" is perfect to call to mind the many ways our local school board members contribute to the education of our students.

Usually, we don't think of school board members as school volunteers, but they do in fact volunteer to serve. School board members give their time, energy, and counsel to the school district—without pay. They take on the job of governing the district—making the best decisions they can for our children—with the full understanding that they

will receive only the satisfaction of their contribution.

That contribution, however, should not be understated. The volunteer efforts of the school board members have the potential for tremendous benefit to the community as a whole and to the lives of the students individually. By serving the district in this important governance role, school board members lay the foundation for the future.

Board members shoulder critical responsibilities and often make difficult choices. Their ul-

imate goal is always focused on the future success of the children in our district.

At a time when we face difficult choices over budgetary priorities, a commitment to education and to children must stand absolutely firm. We have a sacred obligation to put our children's needs first and to make the essential investments that will help them succeed in our increasingly complex society.

School board members donate many hours of their time—preparing for meetings, attending meetings, and attending school-related functions and events. They serve countless hours working to make public education the best it can be for every child and receive no monetary compensation for their service. In a climate of change and challenge, they develop policies and make tough decisions on complex educational and social issues that affect the entire community and the lives of individual students.

These men and women bear responsibility and oversight in Hempstead ISD for an annual budget of \$15.8 million, over 1,500 students in grades PK - 12th grade, more than 230 employees, and four campuses.

The men and women who make the time to generously provide this important public service do so because they care. They care about their own children's education. They care about the schools being the best they can be. They care about the next generation and the future of the community and the state.

These people roll up their sleeves and get involved to improve things. It is a selfless accepting of responsibility for the educational process that helps our children grow into successful, joyful adults. Board service

is truly "a work of heart."

America's school boards help lead the way in this endeavor. By setting high expectations for student achievement, supporting successful teaching and learning, and linking schools with their communities, trustees empower students with the knowledge and skills they need to become productive, responsible citizens.

Preparing today's students to be productive citizens and the leaders of tomorrow is a tremendous task. As elected officials, school board members are the voice of their communities, serving first and foremost in the best interest of our students.

Great leadership always begins with a willing heart, a positive attitude, and a desire to make a difference.



Shown are the Hempstead Bobcats who captured twenty-eight spots on the District 14-2A All-District Football Team along with two honorable mention spots. Pictured (sitting, l-r) Mario Malagon, Jaylin Thomas, Vaughn Morris, Ahmad Banks, Will Smith, Westin Seets, Jordan Schulte, (standing, l-r) Robert Toney, Howard Toler, John David Tomczak, Jesus Medellin, Michael Rodgers, Chad Childress, Desmond Wagner-Mayes, Denzell Perry, Ernesto Elizondo, Ozell Gillum, Fredarian Tompkins, Marcus Jackson, Troy Reese, Christian Trujillo, Adam Banks, Donall Watson, and Dy'Quain Manuel. HISD Public Information.

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correctly spelling marmalade, and Rabago will be the alternate as the students advance to the Regional spelling bee.

The H.T. Jones Elementary School Spelling Bee winner was 5th grade student, Chasity Livingston, and runner-up was 5th grade student Kevin Lovo. Fields Store Elementary school's spelling bee winner was Shelbi Gorman and the runner up was Makenzi Chance. The I.T. Holleman spelling bee champion was 5th grade student Caleb Godfrey and the runner was Julia Perez. Schultz Junior High's champion

was Daniel Hartman, and the Joe Sustatia was the runner up.

Students will advance to the Region V Spelling Bee in Bellville on February 24, where students who won first place will compete at the regional level. If the first place winner cannot attend, the alternate will be sent in

their place. The winning student from the Regional Spelling Bee will have the opportunity to advance to the third largest local spelling bee in the nation, Houston Public Media Spelling Bee, where they could qualify for the Scripps National Spelling Bee in Washington D.C.

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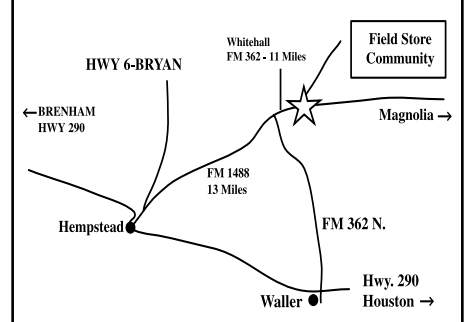
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W4428 3-2-2 brick home, recent roof, formals, large kitchen on 2 lots.....\$107,500



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- W4359 1-1-1 brick home in Hempstead.....\$69,000
- W4375 3-2 home in town with a smaller home also on property.....\$65,000
- W4391 5 small homes on 3 city lots, investment potential\$250,000
- W4408 3-2-2 brick home on corner lot with nice shade trees\$179,000
- W4427 3-2 brick home in Cypress, double sided fireplace, Cy-Fair ISD\$200,000
- W4428 3-2-2 brick home, recent roof, formals, large kitchen on 2 lots.....\$107,500

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- 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
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- W4431 5 acres, frontage on 2 roads, close to town, some restrictions.....\$79,500
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- W4433 4-3-2 Brick home with 2 fireplaces, on 4 acres with pond.....\$265,000
- W4434 3-2-2 home on 5 acres with gated entry, custom built, two stall horse barn, island kitchen, Bellville ISD\$235,000
- W4435 4-3-2 100 acres, large scattered oaks, ag exempt, community water available\$1,200,920

COUNTRY HOMES AND ACREAGE

- W4088 80 acres, barns, storage shed, lake, beautiful land\$2,258,760
- W4267 9 acres, FM 2920 frontage, excellent development location\$1,300,000
- W4275 9+ acres, Tomball area, ag exempt, FM 2920 frontage.....\$750,000
- 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
- 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
- W4360 Corner lot in city with utilities\$4,500
- 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.....\$1,100,000
- 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

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