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Tractor Supply Company Coming to Waller

By CARRIE PRAZAK-GOURLEY
 The Waller Times
 Tractor Supply Company (TSC) will soon be breaking ground on its new store location at 31360 FM 2920 in Waller, next to the Holiday Inn.
 Tractor Supply's plans have been approved by the City of Waller and construction is set to begin soon. Completion is expected by the summer of 2015.
 In 1938, Charles E. Schmidt Sr. of Chicago, Illinois, established a mail order tractor parts business. By 1939, the company had established its first successful retail store in Minot, North Dakota. Today TSC is the largest operator of rural lifestyle retail stores in the United States, committed to being the most dependable supplier of basic maintenance to home, land, pet and animal owners in the coun-

try. They operate 1,400 stores in 49 states, and are headquartered in Brentwood, Tennessee.
 A typical Tractor Supply store has 15,000-24,000 square feet of inside selling space with a similar amount of outside space used to display rural products.
 Tractor Supply believes whether you're caring for a backyard or a "back-40", they have the products to help you get the job done. Both homeowners and farmers can find what they need at Tractor Supply, including feed, fencing, mowers, tools, work clothing, and much more.
 Tractor Supply's philosophy states that they are committed to understanding and fulfilling the needs of those who enjoy the rural lifestyle. When asked, customers often describe Tractor Supply as "a store they can trust."



A typical Tractor Supply Store like the one coming to Waller soon, to be located at 31360 FM 2920, next to the Holiday Inn. Internet photo.

Local Pharmacist Lenny Saladino to Retire

By CARRIE PRAZAK-GOURLEY
 The Waller Times
 Long-time Waller resident, Lenny Saladino, plans to retire this month from his years of service to the community as a registered pharmacist. To Saladino, his customers were more than customers, they were friends. He has long been known as much for his caring personality and friendly smile as for his pharmaceutical advice.
 Saladino and his wife, Pam, have lived in Waller since 1978. Pam retired two years ago from Waller I.S.D. after 25 years of service as a librarian at Schultz Middle School. The Saladinos have three grown daughters who grew up in Waller, attended Waller I.S. D. schools and



Lenny Saladino

then went on to be graduates of Texas A&M. Their eldest daughter, Leslie, lives in Dallas and is vice-president of On the Border Chips, and two daughters, Lauren and Lindsey, live in Cypress and are both employed by Waller I.S.D. Lauren is a curriculum coordinator for reading at the elementary level, and Lindsey is a P.E. teacher at Turlington Elementary.
 Lenny and Pam met in high school, and would often visit Waller where Pam's dad, Welton Mehrkam, grew up. After pharmacy school, Saladino began his career at Eckerd Drugs in Rosenberg. However, knowing that the town of Waller had no pharmacy, Saladino left Eckerd's in 1978 and established Waller's

first pharmacy, Waller Pharmacy.
 Waller Pharmacy was established in a portable building on an empty lot next to the old Western Auto located at 1219 Farr St., where the Waller Police Department is located today.
 According to Pam, "We started the business with nothing. Family members donated shelves and a cash register, and Lenny ran the store by himself. I did the bookkeeping."
 It was a tough beginning, but owning a business was a family tradition. Saladino had two uncles who were pharmacists in New Orleans, and his grandfather owned a grocery and meat market in Houston. As his wife Pam

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WISD Committee Makes Recommendation for 2015-2016 Calendar

WISD Public Information
 Waller ISD held a District Site-Based Decision Making Committee Meeting on Wednesday, February 4 in the Waller ISD Board Room. Waller ISD Curriculum Director Kelly Baehren welcomed the committee, which consists of parents, community members, district administrators and school employee representatives. Baehren opened the meeting by discussing the Waller ISD Calendar draft for the 2015-2016 school year.
 The Committee Meeting was held to discuss the 2015-2016 Waller ISD Calendar Survey results, and to review the proposed 2015-2016 Waller ISD Calendar. Waller ISD polls the community to ask for their school day and holiday preferences for the upcoming year. WISD utilizes the survey responses to formulate the proposed calendar for the upcoming school year.
 Baehren presented the proposed calendar draft to the committee and informed the committee that the calendar is very similar to the current year calendar. Baehren informed

attendees that the community used their voice via the survey responses, and the proposed calendar for the next school year was created based on the survey responses. The committee voted unanimously in support of the proposed calendar. The proposed calendar will be presented to the Waller ISD School Board for approval at the Monday, February 9 WISD School Board Meeting.
 Also discussed at the meeting were the expedited waivers that Baehren will bring to the board for approval at the February 9 school board meeting. The expedited waivers will be sent to the Texas Education Agency TEA for approval. WISD is seeking waivers for class size adjustment, staff development through subject trainings, the Teacher Data Portal of the Texas Assessment Management System, and timeline for Accelerated Instruction.
 To close the meeting, Assistant Superintendent Kevin Moran announced upcoming District Site Based Decision Making Committee meeting dates, which will occur on May 27 and June 17 in the WISD Board Room.



Waller ISD held a District Site-Based Decision Making Committee Meeting on Wednesday, February 4. Pictured is Assistant Superintendent for Administration, Kevin Moran, closing the meeting announcing important dates. Moran thanked the Committee for their input with the proposed 2015-2016 Waller ISD School Calendar. The proposed calendar will be presented on Monday, February 9 to the Waller ISD School Board for review and approval. WISD Public Information.

Community Banks Struggle in Aftermath of Banking Reform

By CARRIE PRAZAK-GOURLEY
 The Waller Times
 In 2009, Congress passed the Dodd-Frank Financial Reform and Consumer Protection Act. This wave of new regulations created to deter and punish Wall Street's misdeeds is landing with a greater

impact on America's 7,000 community banks.
 The Great Recession of 2008-2009 had dramatic and serious consequences for the nation, and Washington, in due course enacted the most sweeping fundamental financial reforms since the Great

Depression of the 1930's.
 Dodd-Frank created 3,500+ pages of rules and regulations, including detailed rules involving every aspect of financing a home--including mortgage options, eligibility standards, and even schedules in regards to payments.
 The U.S. housing market collapsed between 2007 and 2008, and during this time the delinquency rate increased by 50% and foreclosures by 175%. The attendant losses by mortgage-backed securities triggered the major recession from which the nation has yet to

fully recover.
 Reckless lending did play a role in the crisis, but the reality is that lenders were responding to deeply flawed government policies, such as the massive subsidy
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Waller Wonders - Growing up wearing bespoke fashions

By NANCY ARNOLD



Well, aren't I a lucky duck? No, a Nigerian prince didn't die and live me ten quadrillion dollars. However, I have been selected by a custom tailor based in London and Hong Kong to schedule a fitting. This fashion house says there are renowned for their "bespoke suits, jackets, coats, and shirts for both men and women." And, they've offered me an appointment with their fitter, Mr. Sam Kirad.

The Merriam-Webster people helped me with the "bespoke" description. It means "made to fit a particular person, also, producing clothes

that are made to fit a particular person." In other words, custom clothing.

Somehow I don't think I'll find "bespoke" (bespoken?) clothing at J.C. Penney or Macy's, nor at Target. Those are my usual haunts. So, I'm going to have to regretfully pass on being fitted by Mr. Kirad.

Come to think of it, I grew up wearing bespoke clothing. My Granny Wilson and my mother made most of my clothes when I was a child. Granny added her handmade lace to my dresses, and photos show the most exquisite smocking. Gee, I probably couldn't afford Granny's fashions in today's world, where, I suppose, they would be called bespoke. We just called them handmade back in those days.

Taking that little trip back in time reminded of an odd marketing piece that came across my desk a couple of months ago. To set the stage, let's go back to Saturday morning breakfast; maybe you're hunched over a big bowl of Fruit Loops, Trix, or Coco Puffs. Now, pour milk over the cereal, brim full, 'cause you want plenty of pink or brown

milk to drink ... right out of the bowl! ... once the cereal is gone.

What was the best part of that whole experience? Ah, yes. Drinking that sweet cereal milk, careful to slurp up all that deliciousness - the more sound effects the better. And that's the genius behind Cow Wow Cereal Milk. I am not kidding. This is a real product and you can buy it at Kroger's.

The guy who came up with this idea, Christopher Pouy, originally targeted this to the ... um ... taller kids ... the 18-35 year-olds - the millenials - who remembered those Saturday mornings fondly. It didn't really fly, so he revamped his campaign and went for the kiddie market, with such names as Fruity Trudy, Chocolate Chip Cathy, and Cinni Minny.

After discovering that the high school crowd liked the stuff, he shuffled his marketing once again to include his original target. Sales took off, even garnering a shout-out from Jimmy Kimmel, who declared that Cow Wow "tastes like heaven." There are newer, more grown-up flavors now: Booyah Berry, Cocoa Loco,

Cinna Munch, and Shake 'n Flake (yummm ... I'm thinking the milk left after Sugar Frosted Flakes!).

Moms (and other females-in-charge- of-the-household) buy the groceries, though, so Pouy also went for the real deal. This is one percent organic milk, no artificial flavors or colors, with organic cocoa power and cinnamon. The six grams of sugar comes from cane sugar, and each 8.5 ounce serving has 150 calories (regular milk has 12 grams of sugar). This drink won't contribute to childhood obesity like sugary juice and sodas.

As you're adding this to your grocery list, don't look for it in the dairy case. This is packaged in those disposable drink boxes ... only with a re-sealable cap instead of the attached straw ... and it's in the aisle with the other packaged and canned milk. Caution: it is a little pricy - about 20 cents higher per serving. But it will keep for up to a year on your pantry shelf, so there's part of your trade-off.

Still ... yummy cereal milk ... on the go. No dishes to wash. Wow! Or I should say,

Cow Wow! (But don't slurp, okay?)

Anniversary wishes to Doug and Kim Fritzsching, Raymond and Nita Jean Phillips, Arthur and Cheryl Liere, Jason and Melissa Stafford, T. J. and Nikki Phillips, Pam and William L. Edmonds Jr., Clint and Melissa Mazurkiewicz, John Allen and Billie Schmidt, and Alan and Lisa Stasney.

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While I was noodling

around in the online dictionary looking up bespoke, this teaser floated across the top of the screen: "Yes, irregardless is a word. No, that doesn't mean you should use it." Well, how could I pass up reading THAT? So here goes, exactly as written:

"Irregardless originated in dialectal American speech in the early 20th century. Its fairly widespread use in speech called it to the attention of usage commentators as early as 1927. The most frequently repeated remark about it is that "there is no such word." There is such a word, however. It is still used primarily in speech, although it can be found from time to time in edited prose. Its reputation has not risen over the years, and it is still a long way from general acceptance. Use regardless instead."

Okay, class. Our English lesson is over. Before I run down another rabbit trail, I've closed the Merriam-Webster site.

Until next week ...

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Valentine's Day a Thriving Business in America

By CARRIE PRAZAK-GOURLEY



Valentine's Day--a day for romance, chocolates, and flowers--has been a booming day for business in the United States since the mid-1800's.

Although the day has deep roots in Christianity, the secular

Valentine industry in America began in New England in the 1840's. That is when Esther A. Howland, a student at Mount Holyoke College in Massachusetts, began making Valentine cards in her father's store after she received an ornate English Valentine from a business associate of her father's.

At this time, Valentine greeting cards were imported, and not affordable to most Americans. During Howland's first Valentine season, she astonishingly raked in an unheard of \$5,000 profit. Her business continued to grow as did the popularity of Valentine cards, particularly after the Civil War.

Through the years, the business of Valentine's Day has continued to develop and expand. This year, the average American



A classic Valentine from the 1940's. Internet photo.

is expected to spend \$140 on the holiday, according to the National Retail Federation. In total, that's an estimated \$18.6 billion in spending on the day.

Flowers are one part of the Valentine's day industry that con-



Conversation candies are a billion dollar industry and have been updated with modern phrases. Internet photo.

tinues to grow. Today, over 224 million roses are sold on Valentine's Day and \$1.9 billion will be spent on flowers by consumers.

The success of 1-800-Flowers.com, which gets 1 million new customers each year, has

contributed to the expansion of the flower industry. The company hires 6,000 extra employees annually just for the Valentine's Day season.

Chocolate is another lucrative Valentine's Day industry, and the Hershey Company, founded in 1894 by Milton Hershey, is the largest chocolate manufacturer in America. More than half of all consumers will buy candy for Valentine's Day, spending a total of \$1.88 billion.

Hallmark Cards, founded by Joyce C. Hall in 1910, is the largest manufacturer of greeting cards in the United States. Hallmark creates around 1,400 Valentine's

Day greeting card designs. Over 144 million people sent Hallmark cards last Valentine's Day, making it the company's second busiest day, after Christmas.

Another popular Valentine's tradition in America is "Conversational Candies" created by Daniel Chase of the New England Confectionery Company (Necco) in 1866. Necco manufactures 8 billion sweethearts per year and approximately 100,000 pounds of candy hearts will be sold each day during the six-week period between January 1 and Valentine's Day.

Of course, the jewelry industry also booms during the Valentine season. American Express estimates that 46% of the 13 million Americans who got engaged during 2014 were proposed to during the Valentine's Day season--totaling 3.9 billion in jewelry sales last February.

From restaurants to florists, to manufacturers and data centers, the business of romance plays a major role in stimulating both the national and local economy.

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

Mr. and Miss Valentine Crowned at Waller High School

WISD Public Information

The Waller High School class of 2015 presented the annual Mr. Valentine Pageant with a new twist. This year, the pageant expanded to include the ladies of class of 2015 and renamed the

pageant to 2015 Mr. and Miss. Valentine Pageant. The pageant consisted of 46 contestants, 23 competing for the title of Waller High School Mr. Valentine, and 23 for the title of the first ever Waller High School Miss Valentine.

The show began with Waller High School students, Danielle Bartholomew and Noah Brown, welcoming the crowd to the event. The female contestants then took the stage to perform their opening number the Trebles Finals, and

the boys followed with the Bel-las Finals. The judges were then introduced to the crowd, and the contestants took the stage once again to compete in the Casual Wear category.

Following the Casual Wear competition, the non-judged Talent category began. For the talent portion, groups of contestants joined together and hilarity ensued. Groups performed exciting acts, such as a silent movie, a glow in the dark dance number, and the Thriller for the boisterous

crowd.

As the administration team entertained the crowd, the contestants readied themselves for the Evening Wear portion of the event. This is a judged category in which contestants wear their most formal attire, and take to the stage to show off their good looks. The formal wear for the contestants was provided by Al's Formal Wear.

To close the event, the judges tallied their scores, and twelve winners were named to represent each month of the year.

February's winners are

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News Briefs

Waller ISD SHAC Sets Meeting

Waller ISD will hold a Student Health Advisory Committee (SHAC) meeting on Tuesday, February 17 at 4:15 p.m. in the Waller ISD Administration Building Board Room. The meeting council represents the Waller ISD community in evaluating the curriculum and programs in nutrition, health fitness, and health education. Parents and community members are encouraged to attend. For more information, contact Lindsey Gray at lgray@wallerisd.net.

Ladies Gathering Set for February 20-21

Lola Lockett Ministries International has invited area residents to their Ladies Gathering on Friday, February 20 at 7 p.m. and Saturday, February 21, 2015 starting at 9 a.m. This year's theme is "The Finish Product". For more information, visit them online at <http://ladiesgathering.eventbrite.com> or email powerhouse50k@gmail.com.

Pleasant Hill Masonic Lodge Plans Benefit

The Pleasant Hill Masonic Lodge will hold its 4th Annual Chili Cookoff and Car Show on Saturday, February 21, 2015. The Cookoff and Car Show will benefit the Tri-County Volunteer Fire Department and the event will be held at the Fieldstore Rodeo Arena on FM 1488 in Fieldstore. Cookoff teams and car show entrants may get more information by emailing events@pleasanthill380.org. Sponsorship packages are also available.

WHS Financial Aid Night February 23

Waller High School is hosting an informational Financial Aid Night on Monday, February 23 from 7 p.m.-9 p.m. for all Waller High School parents and students. The Free Application for Federal Student Aid FAFSA and Texas Application for State Financial Aid TASFA Workshops will be held to assist with the financial aid application process. If you have any questions, contact Waller High School College and Career Counselor Christy Smith at 936-372-3654 or at cvsmit@wallerisd.net.

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American Legion Holding Supply Drive for Soldiers

The Waller County American Legion Post 459 and Auxiliary Unit, along with Waller County VFW Post 4007, will join The American Legion

Auxiliary of the Department of Kansas in a campaign to help supply soldiers with special items they have requested while deployed.

Recently, over 500 men and women of the 1st Infantry Division at Ft. Riley, Kansas, were deployed to Iraq and many of these soldiers are in

very remote locations with no comfort items, toiletries, or helpful supplies, and no way to obtain them.

The local units are encouraging area residents to support this cause by donating the following items to either the local VFW Post or the American Legion Post for distribution to these soldiers. The Waller County American Legion Post will box the items and pay the postage to have them shipped to the soldiers.

For information on drop-off locations or other ways to help, contact Rose at 979-826-3868.

Items needed include drink mix (Mio), crystal light/gatorade dry drink mix packets, chewing gum, beef jerky, biscotti, Cheez-it/Ritz crackers, pillows, assorted chips/pretzels/Doritos, peanuts/assorted nuts, hard candy, sunflower seeds, cough drops, air fresheners, trail mix, Nutri-grain bars/granola bars, cold and flu medications, toiletries, feminine hygiene supplies, hand sanitizers, and tea bags.



Waller Christian Academy's 3rd Annual "Forever Faithful" gala & auction was recently held at Houston Oaks Country Club. This year's theme was "An Evening Among The Stars" and was definitely that as families and community supporters came together in prayer, fellowship, and support. Dr. Rodney Haire, of Liberty Christian School in Argyle, served as the keynote speaker for the evening. This year's event proved to be a banner year for the school. Funds were raised in an excess of \$100,000 and will be used to further support the growth of the school and its programs. WCA is a full-time Christian school that serves 3 years olds through 8th grade and continues to pursue its motto of "building tomorrow's leaders through Christ-centered foundations and academic excellence." Submitted photo.

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said, "Owning a business is in his blood."

Despite some setbacks, the small business was a success, and in 1985, the Saladinos moved to a new location in the Harlan's Shopping Center. The move expanded their store's square footage from 750 sq. ft. to 10,000 sq. ft. With all the extra space, a gift area was added, as well as cards, balloons, and other specialty items.

Each year, the Saladino's travelled to the Gift Market in Dallas to restock the store with a variety of fine gifts. "Lenny loved to merchandise," Pam stated. "It gave him great pleasure to buy items that would please his customers back in Waller."

In 1989, despite having established a thriving business, Saladino sold his store to Eckerd Drugs, but stayed on as pharmacist. At the time of the sale, he had 17 employees, but as the manager of the entire store, he often put in 14-hour days, seven days a week, leaving little time for his growing family. Not only that, but he would often fill prescriptions after hours for his customers because he considered them a part of his family.

Although he loved being a business owner, spending more time with his three young daughters was a great benefit to becoming a 45-hour a week employee. He was able to help his girls raise animals for the fair and contribute more of his time to the community.

During this time, Saladino served on the Waller I.S.D. School

Board for 12 years. He also helped form the original Waller Optimist Club, an international organization dedicated to helping children, and was the president and a charter member of the club.

The Saladinos attended St. John's Lutheran Church where Lenny served on the church council. Two of their three daughters were married in the church.

Saladino continued as an Eckerd's pharmacist until 1999, at which time he took a position at Brookshire Brothers Pharmacy in Hempstead. At the new location, he continued to be a people person, and was known for leaving the confines of the pharmacy to walk around the grocery store, starting conversations and making new friends.

In 2008, Saladino returned to Waller, when he persuaded Brookshire Brothers to open a local pharmacy, which is located at 31303 Fm. Rd. 2920. The pharmacy will remain in business after his retirement, but Saladino's smiling face will be sorely missed by customers. However, he does plan to continue to work as a relief pharmacist on occasion.

Saladino plans to stay busy after retirement. He and his wife, Pam, live on a farm south of Waller where he can engage in his passion—raising cattle and

hay. The Saladinos are also proud owners of a 1962 vintage Air-stream travel trailer, and they intend to use it well, first to explore Texas, and then to travel north and discover Colorado. In addition to travel, they look forward to spending a lot more time with their six grandchildren.

Still with a love of entrepreneurship today, Saladino, with partners Paul and Charles Wood, own Lone Star Lube, with stores located in both Waller and Hempstead, and as a business owner he will continue to be involved in the community.

When speaking about his life in Waller, Saladino stated, "I have enjoyed serving this community. It is a great place and has been

wonderful to me and my family. Waller has given me and my family great opportunities and I can only say that I love the town and its people."

To celebrate his retirement, daughters Leslie, Lauren, and Lindsey are giving their dad an Open House at the Hockley Community Center on Sunday, February 22, from 3 p.m. - 5 p.m. The public is welcome to come and to congratulate Lenny and to celebrate his retirement with him.

The Saladinos are looking forward to beginning a new stage of their lives, and it is certain that in his retirement Lenny Saladino will continue to make new friends and to be a positive influence to all he meets.

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Elementary Students Visit Jr. Highs to See What Lies Ahead

WISD Public Information

The fifth grade students of the Waller ISD elementary schools took an exciting field trip on Wednesday, January 14 to tour the junior high school they will attend in the fall as sixth graders. Waller Junior High School Principal, Eric Meldahl, and W.C. Schultz Junior High School Principal, Bennie Mayes, invited the youngsters to tour the campus that they plan to attend next year.

The field trip makes the transition from elementary to junior high school a much easier process by allowing the students can familiarize themselves with the campus and course selections for the next year. Mayes introduced the Schultz students to the campus staff, and presented a brief

overview of how a typical school day runs. Assistant Principal, Anita Gilchrist, informed the incoming sixth grade students of the junior high school's "No Place for Hate" stance on bullying, and played the anti-bullying video that the Schultz Junior High Student Council created earlier this school year.

All students were encouraged to bring their parents to the Parent Information Night that occurred later that evening. Parent Information Night informed students and parents of the courses and electives available at each of the junior high schools, along with other important topics to make the transition into junior high school smooth.



Pictured are Waller ISD fifth grade students touring the W.C. Schultz Junior High School led by a junior high school student. The elementary students visited the junior high schools on January 14 to get acquainted with the campus layout and to be informed of the courses offered next year in junior high school. WISD Public Information.

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Obituaries

BAREFOOT

Mrs. Russell "Rusty" Virginia Barefoot, 64, of Hockley, passed away Saturday, February 7th at Tomball Medical Center. Interment will be in Fairview Whitehall Cemetery, after which an intimate family gathering will be held. Arrangements are under the direction of Nobles Funeral Chapel.

Rusty was born in Houston on December 21, 1950 to Russell John Whitaker and Margaret Virginia (Reynolds) Whitaker. She graduated from high school and attended college to become a nurse. In 1983 she married Lawrence Roy Barefoot, Jr., and together they raised three children.

Mrs. Barefoot is survived by her husband, Lawrence Roy Barefoot, Jr., of Hockley, Daughters and son-in-law Stacy and Michael Schulman of Tomball and Tammy Jessie of Hockley; son and daughter-in-law Russell Gene and Kate Johnson of

Waller; and sister Linda Hill of Tomball.

She was preceded in death by her parents; sister Rocky Williams and brother Joseph Whitaker.

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MINOR



Donald "Donny" R. Minor, age 58, passed away on Saturday, January 24, 2015 in Den-

ver, Colorado.

He is survived by his wife Carolyn Minor of 32 years, step-children Keith Pool and Felicia Boykin, sisters Robin Shepherd Whatley and Dana Minor. He is also survived by his nephews Doug Shepherd, J.D. Whatley, and Daniel Whatley.

Donny was the son of Clifford and Dee Minor. He and his wife Carolyn were residents of Waller for many years. He will be dearly missed by all.

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Bobcats Sign with Kilgore on National Signing Day

By LAURIE BETTIS
HISD Public Information

Will Smith and Fredarian Tompkins, seniors at Hempstead High School, signed letters of intent to play football with Kilgore College during a national signing day ceremony held on Wednesday, February 4, at Hempstead High School. Family, friends, coaches, teachers and administrators were on hand to witness the event.

Head Coach Ricky Sargent was excited to have two players from the Hempstead Bobcat football team accepted by Kilgore and is looking forward to watching them play for the Rangers under Head Coach J.J. Eckert. Smith and Tompkins have been a part of a winning football program at Hempstead and have competed at the post district level all four years in high school. Both players were members of the 2011 Class 2A Division I State Runner-Up Football team, the 2012 Regional Finalists, the 2013 Bi-District Finalists and the 2014 District Champions and Area Finalists.

Smith was selected as a "Built Ford Tough Texas High School Player of the Week" for the past two years in a row. He was selected as the All-District Offensive MVP both his sophomore and junior year and the All-District MVP his senior year. He also earned Academic All-District honors this year. Smith plans to study business and architecture and hopes his football skills will give him the opportunity to attend a D1 school upon graduation from Kilgore. His dream is to play in the NFL one day.

Tompkins was selected as the Defensive MVP his senior year after earning first team defensive lineman his junior year and second team defensive lineman his sophomore year. He was also selected as the second team defensive lineman for the Old Coach Class 3A Division I all-state team and the Texas Sports Writers Association 3A all-state team this year. Tompkins plans to major in petroleum engineering. Upon graduation from Kilgore, he hopes to continue his education on an athletic scholarship at a Division I school.

Smith and Tompkins were among 31 players from across the nation to sign with Kilgore College on national signing day. Kilgore is part of the Southwest Junior College Football Conference. According to school records, KC has the "winningest junior college football program in Texas, claiming two national titles, appearing in 19 bowls games and producing 52 first team All-Americans."



HHS Senior Will Smith signed a letter of intent to play football for Kilgore College on national signing day. Smith's family and coaches were on hand for the national signing day ceremony held on February 4 at Hempstead High School. Pictured from the left are (seated) Lisa Ragston, Will Smith, Kenari Hood, Andrea Smith (mother), Patria Hood, (standing) Head Football Coach Ricky Sargent, Coach Bryan Douglas, Coach Royce Hill, HHS Principal Eric Mullens, Carla Perry, Athletic Director Bobby Spain and Cherell Hubbard. HISD Public Information.



HHS Senior Fredarian Tompkins signed a letter of intent to play football for Kilgore College on national signing day. Smith's family and coaches were on hand for the national signing day ceremony held on February 4 at Hempstead High School. Pictured from the left are (seated) Sheree Tompkins (mom), Fredarian Tompkins, Fredrick Gentry (dad), (standing) Charles Tompkins, Carla Perry, Head Football Coach Ricky Sargent, Fredrick Ragston, Abigail Ragston, Coach Royce Hill, Coach Bryan Douglas, Athletic Director Bobby Spain and HHS Principal Eric Mullens. HISD Public Information.

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by Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac and the low income quotas set by the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

None of the major factors were addressed by Dodd-Frank; Congress instead opted to further empower every regulatory establishment that had fueled the crisis to begin with.

Unfortunately, Dodd-Frank has had the unintended consequence of saddling small regional banks with extra burdensome regulations. Small banks were not the ones that got the nation into the financial mess to begin with; it was rather the large banks--CitiBank, Bank of America, Chase, Bank of New York--whose actions led to the financial meltdown.

American Enterprise Institute has reported that community banks play a vital role in the nation's economy, particularly in regards to small business, farmers, and ranchers, who are in essence the America's economic backbone.

Yet, due to Dodd-Frank, community banks must abandon traditional business models to redirect resources to comply with regulations, meaning millions of Americans are having a tougher time accessing financial services and credit.

In Texas, that means fewer loans to small businesses that want to expand and fewer loans to farmers and ranchers who need operating funds through the harvest season.

Sadly, while community banks have declined in number over the

last few years, the five largest U.S. bank's share of U.S. assets and domestic deposits has increased markedly. Megabanks are benefitting from an \$83 billion annual taxpayer subsidy, the value of implicit guarantees by the Treasury, which is a major driver in the largest bank's profits.

Oddly, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation data shows that

large banks have the lowest credit quality and lowest cost of funds in the industry, while community banks rank the highest, yet small banks have had to compete against megabanks access to cheaper money in pricing loans. Also, small banks must compete against big lenders' lower cost in handling regulatory paperwork.

It's time for Congress to help

main street by easing regulations on small banks. Small banks should be exempt from certain mortgage rules, allowing them to have safe harbor for qualified mortgages. Also, Congress should cut red tape in small business lending, the costs of which have fallen harder on small banks. In addition, Congress should prevent regulators from implementing new rules without a cost benefit analysis and they should waive certain audit rules that have been onerous for small banks.

It is a failure of logic and law-making if the new wave of banking regulations that are meant to stop Wall Street accesses instead result in cutting off one of main streets economic lifelines.

These onerous regulations will not guarantee that a housing bubble and collapse will not happen again. So, in essence, Dodd-Frank punishes consumers more than protects them, and that must be amended or over time small community banks will continue to decline--which will eventually make the small town personal banker a relic of the past.

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IN FUND BALANCE - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
For the Year Ended August 31, 2014

Data Control Codes	General Fund	Debt Service Funds	Nonmajor Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
Revenues				
5700 Local, intermediate, and out-of-state	\$ 5,650,754	\$ 1,007,316	\$ 168,681	\$ 6,826,751
5800 State program revenues	8,443,116	212,651	46,544	8,702,311
5900 Federal program revenues	278,716		1,440,075	1,718,791
5020 Total revenues	14,372,586	1,219,967	1,655,300	17,247,853
Expenditures				
Current:				
0011 Instruction	6,801,519		810,386	7,611,905
0012 Instructional resources and media services	160,884		1,168	162,052
0013 Curriculum and instructional staff development	128,522		18,659	147,181
0021 Instructional leadership	143,457			143,457
0023 School leadership	852,558		1,546	854,104
0031 Guidance, counseling and evaluation services	416,756			416,756
0033 Health services	85,432			85,432
0034 Student transportation	579,185			579,185
0035 Food services			777,768	777,768
0036 Extracurricular activities	537,900		45,070	582,970
0041 General administration	1,090,188			1,090,188
0051 Facilities maintenance and operations	1,407,060		3,705	1,410,765
0052 Security and monitoring services	182,177			182,177
0053 Data processing services	153,236			153,236
0061 Community services	20,367		4,700	25,067
Debt service:				
0071 Principal on long-term debt	429,271	558,097		987,368
0072 Interest on long-term debt	73,768	1,023,169		1,096,937
0073 Debt issuance costs and fees		1,650		1,650
Intergovernmental:				
0099 Other intergovernmental charges	123,432			123,432
6030 Total Expenditures	13,185,712	1,582,916	1,663,002	16,431,630
1100 Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	1,186,874	(362,949)	(7,702)	816,223
Other Financing Sources (Uses)				
7914 Loan proceeds	39,516			39,516
7915 Transfers in		500,000		500,000
8911 Transfers out	(500,000)			(500,000)
7080 Total other financing sources (uses)	(460,484)	500,000		39,516
1200 Net change in fund balance	726,390	137,051	(7,702)	855,739
0100 Fund Balance - beginning	1,541,042	349,115	56,129	1,946,286
3000 Fund Balance - ending	\$ 2,267,432	\$ 486,166	\$ 48,427	\$ 2,802,025

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crowned Mr. and Miss Valentine. The calendar month winners were: January: Riley Hickerson and Morgan Calvert, December: Jared Standefer and Savannah Scott, November: Ashton Cotton and Bridgette Nickles, October: Cameron Rape and Karla Sanchez, September: Collin Sims-Davenport and Haley Riddle, August: Joe Marino and Katie Phillips, July: Dylan Schroeder and LaPrincia Jackson, June: Jacob Cadieux and Dani Sons, May: Brody Burrus and McKenzie Schild, April: Tyler Twardowski and Araceli Pacheco, March: Travis Hyatt and McKenzie Bartlett and February's Mr. and Miss Valentine: Austin Springer and Kacie Costea.

The pageant Executive Producers were Dr. Brian Merrell, Kim Seiley, Melissa Walton, and Seth Marable. The pageant Producers were the Class of 2015. The Technical Crew consisted of Taylor Rudel, Benton Cole, Hector Aguirre, Aubrey Herzog, Cristin Bolton, and Justin Smith. The Production Assistants were hosts Danielle Bartholomew and Noah Brown. The dances were choreographed by Sergio Ayala.

The proceeds from the pageant sponsorships and ticket sales will go towards the Class of 2015 Senior Picnic and Senior Prom. A special thank you to our distinguished judges: H.T. Jones Elementary School Principal Carol



The Waller High School class of 2015 presented the Mr. and Miss Valentine Pageant on the night of February 4. Waller High School seniors Austin Springer and Kacie Costea were named February's Mr. and Miss Valentine for 2015. WISD Public Information.

Bates, Waller ISD Board member David Kaminski, Waller ISD Human Resource Director Mike Brooks, Waller Area Chamber of Commerce member Laurie

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Dated February 2, 2015.

/s/ Mai Khanh Lu

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The Board of Directors of the District may grant a contested case hearing on the applications if a written hearing request is filed within 20 days after the publication date of this notice. To request a contested case hearing, you must submit the following in writing: (1) your name (or for a group or association, a representative), mailing address, daytime telephone number, and fax number, if any; (2) applicant's name; (3) the statement "[I/we] request a contested case hearing;" (4) a specific description of how you would be affected by the application in a way not common to the general public; (5) the location and distance of your property relative to the proposed activity; and, (6) for a party desiring for the hearing to be conducted by the State Office of Administrative Hearings the request must include the statement: "[I/we] request that the State Office of Administrative Hearings conduct the hearing." Note that a party requesting that the State Office of Administrative Hearings (SOAH) conduct the hearing shall pay all costs associated with the contract for a SOAH hearing and will be required to deposit with the District an amount determined by the District to pay the SOAH contract amount.

You may also file written comments within 20 days after the publication date of this notice without requesting a contested case hearing.

Comments or requests for a contested case hearing must be submitted in writing and mailed to Bluebonnet Groundwater Conservation District, P.O. Box 269 Navasota Texas 77868-0269, or faxed to 936-825-7331, or emailed to BGCD@bluebonnetgroundwater.org.

The applications are available for review at the District Offices, 303 East Washington Ave, Suite D, Navasota, Texas 77868 or on the District's website at www.bluebonnetgroundwater.org.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Clarence Elmo Doyle, Deceased, were issued on December 17, 2014, in Cause No. P14-106, pending in the County Court at Law of Waller County, Texas, to: Betty Doyle.

All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them to the undersigned within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

c/o: Stacy Williams
Attorney at Law
12345 Jones Rd., Suite 110
Houston, Tx 77070

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DATED the 5th day of February, 2015.

/s/ Stacy Williams

Stacy Williams
Attorney for Betty Doyle
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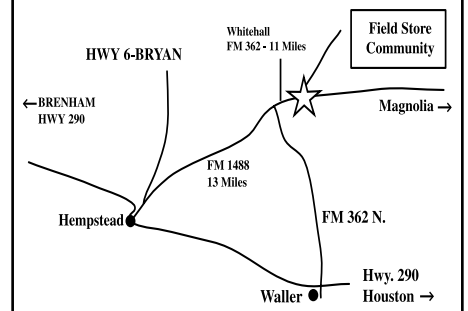
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35 ACRES: Near Waller on Mathis Rd. Unrestricted. Some flood plain. Several building sites.....PENDING\$7,850/ac.
36 ACRES: in north Waller County. Pond, large trees & choice homesites. Unrestricted.....\$12,000/ac.
39 ACRES: NW Waller County. Secluded at dead-end of road. Fenced, well, 1,500 sq. ft. metal building, 12'X12' well house, large pond & pad for homesite. Trees & pasture\$11,450/ac.
40.9 ACRES: Near Hempstead. Unrestricted. More acreage available\$9,500/ac.
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100 ACRES: Level with long frontage near Hwy 290 at Waller. Fenced on 3 sides, pond & shed.....PENDING\$14,900/ac.
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1226 ACRES: Highly productive working cattle ranch in Chappell Hill. Over 4 miles of frontage, improved pastures, good fencing, 5 water wells, working pens, chute, hay & equipment sheds, irrigation system for 200-300 acres, holding tank, pond, good interior road, frontage along creek & Red Gully. Flood plain.....\$5,500/ac.

HOMES

FOR LEASE: Nice 2-2-1 duplex unit in Tomball. No pets.....\$1,185/mo.
HWY 6 CORNER: older 2-1 wood frame home on 0.39 acre at Hwy 6 & FM 1736. Needs work.....PENDING\$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...\$110,000
HEMPSTEAD: 3-3 all brick home on 2.5 lots. Wood, floors, formals, plantation shutters, sunroom, gameroom, crown molding & fireplace. Needs some TLC.....\$162,500
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!.....PENDING\$225,000
BROOKSHIRE: Recently remodeled 3-2-2 home on 2.3 fenced acres. Property includes workshop, well house & old barn. Ag exempt. Easy access to I-10 & Hwy 290\$299,000
COUNTRY ESTATE: Stunning 4-2/2-3 home on 4.5 acres in Tennoaks. Home is loaded with too many features & upgrades to list + guest suite over garage. Manicured grounds, 22-zone sprinkler system, deck w/hot tub & 30'X50' insulated shop w/extended cover.....\$585,000

MULTI-FAMILY

TOWNHOMES: 5-Unit townhome building in Prairie View. Each unit is a 2-2. Located less than 1 mile from Prairie View A & M campus. Built in 2009 on 1 acre with paved parking\$510,000

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 entrance.....PENDING.....\$325,000
CORNER TRACT: 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.....\$380,000



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FARMS & RANCHES

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
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/fireplace, & plumbing roughed in for kitchen, utility room & 2.5 baths. Plus a 35X60 Morton building/barn, RV parking, pond, pasture & fenced\$695,000
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-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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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.....PENDING.....\$99,500
HISTORIC BUILDING: on 12th Street in Hempstead. Approx 1,500 sq. ft. Great location with high visibility.....\$128,000
WALLER NURSERY: 12 unrestricted acres with well, irrigation & commercial greenhouses. Heated plant beds for year round growing. Everything needed to operate a business.....\$250,000
HEMPSTEAD: Investment opportunity - 8 houses on 8 lots. Must be sold together. Allbut one is currently leased...\$364,430
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.....PENDING.....\$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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4408 3-2-2 brick home on corner lot with nice shade trees.....\$169,000



4367 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.....\$1,080,000



4427 3-2 brick home in Cypress, double sided fireplace, Cy-Fair ISD.....\$200,000



4428 3-2-2 brick home, recent roof, formals, large kitchen on 2 lots.....\$107,500



4402 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...PENDING..\$379,900



4403 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

- 4356 3-2-2 brick home on 5 beautifully landscaped lots, formals, large den, wood burning stove, small creek, corner property\$149,500
- 4359 1-1-1 brick home in Hempstead.....\$69,000
- 4375 3-2 home in town with a smaller home also on property.....\$65,000
- 4391 5 small homes on 3 city lots, investment potential\$250,000
- 4408 3-2-2 brick home on corner lot with nice shade trees.....\$169,000
- 4427 3-2 brick home in Cypress, double sided fireplace, Cy-Fair ISD\$200,000
- 4428 3-2-2 brick home, recent roof, formals, large kitchen on 2 lots.....\$107,500

COUNTRY HOMES AND ACREAGE

- 4088 80 acres, barns, storage shed, lake, beautiful land\$2,258,760
- 4267 9 acres, FM 2920 frontage, excellent development location\$1,300,000
- 4275 9+ acres, Tomball area, ag exempt, FM 2920 frontage.....\$750,000
- 4276 318 acres, Peek Rd in Katy, excellent location\$11,130,000
- 4290 3000 sq. ft. building with covered porches, currently a restaurant, with ample parking on 1.9 acres with FM frontage\$525,000
- 4309 Three lots with city utilities, curbs, close to schools and shopping\$35,000
- 4349 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
- 4360 Corner lot in city with utilities\$4,500
- 4367 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.....\$1,080,000
- 4372 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

- 4374 10 acres in subdivision, deed restrictions, Waller ISD\$470,000
- 4386 160 acres with lots of frontage, water well, FM frontage, could be divided\$2,486,820
- 4401 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
- 4402 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.....PENDING\$379,900
- 4403 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
- 4411 Lots in City of Waller, corner property, scattered trees, recently cleared\$27,900
- 4421 Beautiful 97 acres, brick home, barn, pond, scattered trees, close to Hwy. 290.....\$2,764,500
- 4422 Corner lot in Hempstead, additional lots available.....\$6,000
- 4423 Two lots in Hempstead, city utilities available\$12,000
- 4431 5 acres, frontage on 2 roads, close to town, some restrictions.....\$79,500
- 4432 Unrestricted lot, commercial or residential, community water.....\$165,000
- 4433 4-3-2 Brick home with 2 fireplaces, on 4 acres with pond\$265,000
- 4435 4-3-2 100 acres, large scattered oaks, ag exempt, community water available\$1,200,920
- 4437 3-2-1 Home, open floorpan, island kitchen on 4 acres, beautiful scattered trees\$225,000

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