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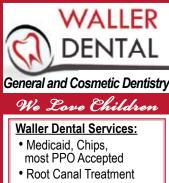
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Torrential downpours across Harris County. South Central Texas on Monday night, May 25 through Tuesday morning, May 26 wreaked havoc throughout several counties in the Houston area. Harris and Fort Bend counties were particularly hard hit with some areas receiving upwards of 10 inches of rainfall, resulting in massive flooding throughout parts of the Houston area.

Several bayous in Harris and Fort Bend Counties exceeded their banks, with rainfall at rates of 8.3 inches in a 3-hour period.

Brays Bayou experienced the worst flooding since Hurricane Alicia in 1983. Keegan's Bayou has had record flooding falo Bayou was 7.1 ft. over its banks in downtown Houston.

Thirty-eight counties have credit: Jonathan Hance.

By CARRIE PRAZAK-GOURLEY been declared disaster areas by Governor Abbott, including

> Thus far, Waller County has dodged a bullet. The merger of two storms dropped the heaviest

rainfall east of Waller. The middle and south portions of Waller County received 1-2 inches of rain, while northern areas of the county received 4-5 inches. Although the county experi-



near the 500-year level, and Buf- This photo of lightning over Waller County was taken on May 26 around 1 a.m. Waller County received lots of rain but was spared the devastating effects of flooding like many Texas counties. Photo



Water from the Brazos overflowed at FM 529 and the Brazos River, allowing landowners to jet ski on what would normally be dry land. Photo credit: Carrie Prazak-Gourley, The Waller Times.

roads remained passable. Waller County Emergency Coordinator Brian Cantrell advised elected officials to close their offices on May 26, due to possible adverse

enced some road closures, most road conditions. Offices reopened on Wednesday, May 27.

Heavy downpours may continue to occur over the next couple of weeks, according to the National Weather Service.

Commissioners Court Approves Payment to Access Health

By CARRIE PRAZAK-GOURLEY **The Waller Times**

On Wednesday, May 27, the Waller County Commissioner's Court met at 9 a.m. at the Waller County Courthouse. In the absence of County Judge Trey Duhon, Commissioner Jeron Barnett conducted the meeting. Also in attendance were Commissioners Justin Beckendorff, Russell Klecka, and John Amsler.

During public comments, T.J. Johnson urged the irt to follow the suit of Grimes County in authorizing the Waller County District Attorney to file an intervention against the transmission lines proposed by the PUC on behalf of Waller County citizens. Johnson stated that the deadline for filing an intervention is June 8.

After public comments, a presentation was then made by Harvey Laas, Public Policy Officer for Access Health and the services it provides to Waller County.

Laas stated that Access Health provides lowincome health care services under one roof. Access Health provides primary health care for both adults and children, obstetrics and gynecological care, behavior health services, dental care and the Women, Infants and Children program (WIC) in Fort Bend, Waller, and Wharton counties and has 13 service locations.

Access Health has been in operation since 1975 and became federally qualified in 2002, and has provided mobile healthcare to Waller County citizens for decades. According to Laas, 22% of Waller County residents are eligible for their services. Access Health, a United Way Agency, is funded through both federal and state grants, by payments through insurance companies and by co-pays paid by clients. After the presentation, commissioners voted unanimously to award Access Health payment of \$25,000, as allocated in the 2015 budget. Commissioners also unanimously approved payment of \$7,125 to Fritz, Byrne, Head & Fitzpatrick, PLLC, the newly-hired law firm now representing Waller County in the upcoming Contested Case Hearing Despite approving payment, several commissioners expressed concern over the high fees for travel charged by the law firm.



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Fatal Accident Involves Waller Citizens

By CARRIE PRAZAK-GOURLEY **The Waller Times**

On Friday, May 22, 2015, at 10:17 p.m., Waller Police Department Sergeant C. Smith and Officer R. Tyler were dispatched to the area of Business Highway 290 approximately 1/4 mile east of Kermier Rd. to hold an accident scene for the Harris County Sheriff's Office.

Responding units were advised while en route that the accident involved a motor vehicle that had struck a pedestrian. Waller County EMS and Tri-County Volunteer Fire Department were also dispatched to the accident.

The pedestrian was identified as Tony Lee Page, a

53-year-old white male who was a resident of Waller. Page was struck by a black 2014 Nissan that was driven by Bartolo Perez Jr., also of Waller.

Page was pronounced dead at the scene by Waller County EMS.

The accident investigation was conducted by Harris County Sheriff's Office Deputies. No criminal charges are pending at this time.

Notification to the next of kin was made by HCSO deputies.

The Harris County Medical Examiner's Office also responded to the scene and conducted an independent investigation.

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Blue Bell Ice Cream May Be Off Shelves for Several Months

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By CARRIE PRAZAK-GOURLEY is in the process of preparing a **The Waller Times**

Bell issued a statement saying it may be "several months" before the confections hit store shelves again.

Bell states, "The Brenham plant has been closed for repairs, cleaning and sanitizing. Workers have begun a variety of equipment disassembly, maintenance, and cleaning processes. They are continuing to receive training. The plant is undergoing a redesign of the production and processing areas. The FDA has completed its inspection of the Brenham plant, and the company

detailed response to the agency's A couple of weeks ago Blue inspection observation."

Since April 24, when a Listeria bacteria outbreak struck at least 10 people who consumed Blue Bell Products, the Bren-The statement from Blue ham plant has been closed.

The Department of Health and Human Services/Food and Drug Administration released its inspection report on the Blue Bell plant in early May, stating that Listeria was found on March 9. The report says: "Observation one: Failure

to manufacture foods under conditions and controls necessary to minimize the potential for growth of microorganisms.

"Observation two: The procedure used for cleaning and sanitizing of equipment has not been shown to provide adequate

cleaning and sanitizing equipment.

"Observation three: The plant is not constructed in such a manner as to prevent condensate from contaminating food and

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TDSH Outlines Requirements for Brenham Blue Bell

Texas health officials recently finalized with Blue Bell Creameries the steps the company must take before selling ice cream from its Brenham plant. The company temporarily shut down its operation following the discovery of Listeria monocytogenes in certain ice cream products.

Texas health officials outlined require-

ments and milestones the company must reach before releasing ice cream into the marketplace. The company agreed to the terms with the state early last week.

Blue Bell must notify the Texas Department of State Health Services at least two weeks before its intent to start producing ice cream for sale so health officials can conduct

a full assessment of the company's progress and test results. The company must conduct trial production runs of ice cream that will be tested separately by DSHS and the company for Listeria monocytogenes. The products must consistently test negative before they

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Waller Wonders - Neither snow nor rain nor ...

By NANCY ARNOLD



'11 bet you thought I was talking about the post office, didn't you? Nope, this

describes our family trip last weekend. That's right - in the midst of state-wide flooding, a good number of us were merrily driving into East Texas for our cemetery reunion.

That's correct. See, every Memorial Day weekend, High Prairie Cemetery in Madison County holds the annual cemetery association meeting followed by dinner on the grounds. My mother's people are buried there, thus our reason for attending with her.

And each year I have to explain to people that, no, we do not actually have dinner "on the ground." That's an old Southern expression, and probably did at one time mean that people "spread" their dinner (what we now call "lunch") on the ground, picnic-style. Or mavbe on the tailgate of the wagon. I don't know.

It might be helpful if I explain the event specific to the High Prairie Cemetery. Your people may have something like it.

The cemetery, located on FM 2289 off FM 978 (now you know exactly where it is, right?), is a private cemetery, and is loosely governed by a Cemetery Association board, elected by whomever shows us for the May meeting every year.

It's a pretty little cemetery, sitting high on a hill, nicely fenced, and has very few rules. Folks keep their family plots neat, and if there is no family left, those orphan plots are still kept up by the association. We have a covered pavilion with high tables running down the center and bench seats around the perimeter. "Facilities" (nonflush) are down a path toward the edge of the woods. Very few people venture down that path, although the menfolk have visited the day before to kill any wasp nests that might be hanging in inconvenient places.

On this Sunday in May, association families arrive with cars laden with tubs and baskets and casserole dishes, along with old bedspreads and tablecloths to "spread" their bounty along the serving tables. Fried chicken and ham and Sunday roast is laid out. Green beans and pea salad and any kind of potato you might have a hankering for is unwrapped.

Then the desserts start appearing. Homemade pound cakes, berry, peach, and cherry cobblers, chocolate, lemon and coconut pies - just looking at all that lusciousness can cause weight gain.

But wait! There's always at least one - sometimes more if we're lucky - banana pudding. This year the banana pudding, the real deal with cooked custard, was unfurled directly in front of me. And believe you me, I kept my eye on it during the entire meeting.

The lady who brought it -alady of some 80 years - assured all of us on that end of the table that this was the "old fashioned kind," not "that instant stuff," (said with a slight curl to her lip).

Not to miss out, I got my scoop along with my fried chicken, pea salad, and squash dressing. Oh, boy! It was soooo

good!

ter everyone arrives, the meeting starts It always starts late pealed to you. If you like it, you because someone always mentions that so-and-so is coming, so we wait for them. Sure GET THE BANANA PUDthe meeting begins.

As with any organization, dom. general business is covered: minutes of the last meeting, treasurer's report, and any news from the past year. Then new allows folks to offer thoughts who have passed on.

New officers are never of confidence given to the curblessing, and line up to eat.

son, to the gathering. Bless his in it. heart, we've introduced him to several family ordeals – umm – what civilized, and relatively this may have been the most un- cemetery. But once we got back planation of the "facilities." We miles from the cemetery), they

circle the table and see what's But back to my story: af- there. Then you go through and get a spoonful of whatever apcan go back for more.

We did warn him, though: enough, they arrive, folks help DING BEFORE IT IS ALL them unload their goodies, and GONE! He did, and thanked us later for sharing this bit of wis-

Now for a weather report. Madison County, about 80 miles north of Waller, had been under constant thunderstorms for two business is called for, and that weeks. The ground could hold no more water, so it just baland opinions, to ask questions, anced precariously on top of and maybe remember those very soggy, boggy ground. It was, in a word, a quagmire.

Our bunch included a 2-1/2 elected, unless death creates an year-old boy and a 16-month opening. Once you're in, you're old boy, while someone brought in. I suppose a person could re- their 3-year-old granddaughsign, but I don't think anyone ter. Those three kids - well, ever has. There's always a vote let's just say that if they could get to the mud before an adult rent officers, then we have the could stop them, they did. We also had three lap babies, and if This year, Rebecca Hart they could have made it to the brought her sweetheart, Ja- mud, they, too, would have been

We kept the boys sometraditions - this past year, but clean, while we were at the usual for him, including an ex- to the farm (just a couple of explained to him that you first were in little-boy mud heaven.

They rolled in it, they stomped in it, they dug in it with their bare hands. From time to time, a father would hose his kid off, only to watch him head for the mud again.

But you know what? The big kids played in the mud, too. Don Hart was leading the pack as he loaded up the two all-terrain vehicles and headed for the pasture ... and the mud. The vehicles came back coated with mud, and barely cooled off before someone was firing them up and going on another excursion.

I've been spending time on that piece of Madison County for many decades, and I don't believe I've ever seen it this wet. All five tanks (that's shorthand for "stock tanks" to those of you not from around here – you would call them "ponds") were out of their banks. Any fish that might have been in them were in the Gulf of Mexico.

By this week, the mosquitoes will probably be thick as thunder clouds. In fact, they were already starting to nibble on us. The only thing saving us from being eaten alive was a rather brisk wind.

Some family members stayed for several days, and

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When it Rains, It Pours; Hopefully No Ark is Necessary

By CARRIE PRAZAK-GOURLEY



As of Memorial Day weekend, Texans can acknowledge that the four year long drought has officially ended.

Beginning in October of 2010, the drought was the 2nd drinow, according to Victory Murphy, program manager for the National Weather Service's Southern Region, "It's over. The fat lady has sung." Great news. Our county has fought wildfires, cracked foundations, and high water bills for the last few years, and prayers for rain

have been answered.

But, wait! So much rain has now fallen that now we find ourselves praying for the rain to stop. I find myself singing, "Rain, rain, go away..." Cloudy, dark days seem never ending. Folks even joke about building an ark.

So what in the world is going on?

Blame El Niño. El Niño? What in the world is that?

El Niño is a weather phenomenon named for the Christ Child than a century ago, which alters global air currents.

During an El Niño summer, you can expect increased chances hicles dotting the roadways. for wet conditions in Texas, Okla-

pected weather worldwide.

abundance of moisture from the Pacific across the southern United States. Even Arizona experienced flooding this May, as well as unusual late snowfall at the Grand Canvon.

The prolonged rainy weather has already wreaked havoc across Texas. Mandatory evacuations occurred in Wichita Falls and Corpus Christi. Then over Memorial Day weekend, the Blanco River in Central Texas rose to unprecedented levels, washing away hundreds of by a Peruvian fisherman more homes in Wimberley and flooding the City of San Marcos. Even the Houston area experienced severe flooding, leaving abandoned ve-

them. The warm air rises, creating Although El Niño fizzled out last currents that alter the typical flow winter, a pool of warm water stuck of the atmosphere and disrupt ex- around and this spring it morphed into the full event we're experienc-

this weather pattern throughout the not come to fruition. summer

Another result of an El Niño is that it tends to tamp down Atlantic hurricane activity and boost Pacific storms, which would be great for the United States, but could cause devastating storms in Asia.

Perhaps we will get a repeat of 1957, the year when heavy rains, in both the spring and fall ended the Great Texas Drought of the 1950's.

Some may try to attribute our The El Niño is a cyclic cli- wet weather to climate change, but climate change. Like I said, there mate phenomenon involving both for those people I have news for always has been. The question is, El Nino happens every two the ocean and the atmosphere. you: climate changes. It always how can Western nations control est spell in the state's history, but to seven years when parts of the One of its hallmarks is warmer has and always will. In fact, we climate by reducing use of fossil tropical Pacific Ocean get so warm than average sea-surface tempera- have been in a warming period fuel? So many other factors conthey start heating the air over tures in the tropical Pacific Ocean. since the end of the last Ice Age tribute to the Earth's temperatures: ten thousand years ago. Even so, sunspots, solar flares, volcanic during the last ten thousand years, activity, for example. Asia and there have been a few "mini-ice Africa will do little to change their ages", all of which occurred before the use of fossil fuels. would know that 80 million years ago most of Texas was covered by a shallow sea. Extensive volcanism existed in what is today West take care of the Earth. We should Texas. Temperatures were much reduce, reuse, and recycle, and we warmer than today and most of Texas was a swamp. In due course, and all on its own, the climate changed. Remember back in the 1970's when scientists predicted a new ice age would devastate the planet by the turn of the century? Obviously, not so. Later, Al Gore pre-Save money on your insurance. Auto • Life Fire • Truck Commercial Monthly **Payments** Knight Insurance Agency Sue Knight Agent 350 Hwy. 290 E #3 Hempstead, Tx. 979-826-3026 • 800-660-3026

through the summer, but to what dicted in the 90's that by this time extent is unknown. While con- there would be no snow, yet the ditions of El Nino are in motion, U.S. experienced great amounts of ocean conditions are not yet past snowfall over the last two winters the threshold that would engage and the horrors predicted have just

> So please don't cite climate change as the cause of the rain.

If President Obama had gotten his wish to pass a carbon tax during his first term, our energy bills would have doubled, which the president stated was necessary to save the earth in his first Inaugural Address. How would you like to pay a fine for using too much hot water, or driving your car too much?

Of course, there may be some polluting ways. For the United States, any attempt to control the If you study geology, you climate would come at a massive cost to the consumer, with little

not due to massive governmental regulation and control.

Let's get back to the original purpose of the Environmental Protection Act--clean air and water. Let's use clean energy where possible, but not force higher energy prices on the public by eliminating fossil fuel usage unnecessarily. Remember, time and time again, these doomsday so-called scientific predictions have proven to be false.

Meanwhile, back in Texas, scattered thunderstorms are possible throughout the next two weeks, which could pose problems for already saturated ground.

So, Texans will watch the skies with trepidation, wondering if their community will be the next to succumb to the power of water.

Hopefully, the worst is over, and the showers scatter to areas more in need of rain than our neck of the woods. Let the sun reign supreme. It's time to roll out those "lazy, hazy, crazy days of summer". Bring it on, summer, and let the sun shine for a while.

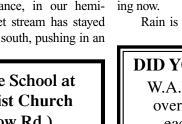
homa, and part of the Plains.

For instance, in our hemisphere, the jet stream has stayed much farther south, pushing in an



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benefit to the world. Without a doubt, we should shouldn't litter. But, we should do this for the common good, and

Genesis 9:13 " I do set my bow in the cloud, and it shall be a token of a covenant between me and the earth."

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



Waller Library to Hold Summer Program

The Melanee Smith Memorial Library, located at 2103 Main Street, in Waller will be holding a Summer Reading Program. The library will meet every Tuesday at 10 a.m. from June 16, 2015 - July 28, 2015. The theme this summer is "Let's Go For A Ride And Visit The Planets And Outer Space." All children are invited to participate by doing some interesting things with crafts and books. For more information, call 936-372-3961.

Market Goat Tag-In Announced

Tag in for all entries for the Waller County Fair Market Goat show will be held on Tuesday, June 16 from 6:30 p.m. - 8 p.m. at the Waller County Fairgrounds. Please see rules at wallercountyfair.org for information, or email wcfamarketgoat@ gmail.com.

Pine Island Baptist Plans VBS

Vacation Bible School is in the works at Pine Island Baptist Church, located at 36573 Brumlow Rd. in Hempstead. Children age 3 through completed 5th grade are admitted free for VBS, which is being planned for June 22-26 from 9 a.m. -12 p.m. Register online at http://goo.gl/EldRvg.

CALH Offers Save The Date

The Citizens Against the Landfill in Hempstead (CALH) are asking local residents to Save The date for its summer fundraising Rib-Eye Dinner and Auction on Saturday, July 25, 2015 at 6 p.m. The annual event is slated for the Knights of Columbus Hall in Hempstead and tickets are on sale now at various locations throughout Waller County. For tickets or more information, email them at CALHAuction@yahoo.com or StopHwy6Landfill@ gmail.com or visit them online at www.StopHwy6Landfill.com.

HCC Makes Donation To Veterans Memorial

\$2,000 as a donation to The Waller encourages others to join in to County Veterans Memorial.

During the May monthly meeting, Waller County Veterans Service Officer Gary Nemec and Stan Kitzman gave a presentation on the details of the memorial that will be constructed on the southeast lawn in front of the Waller County Courthouse in Hempstead. Following the presentation, chamber directors voted unanimously to make a donation towards the project.

The memorial, which will honor the service and sacrifice of all veterans from each branch of the military, will be funded with private donations and the goal is to begin construction on Independence Day in July with a completion date on Veterans Day in November.

The committee has raised over \$100,000 of the almost

The Hempstead Chamber of \$300,000 project. The Hemp- help make this project a reality Commerce presented at check for stead Chamber of Commerce in 2015.

For more information, visit

the website at www.wcveteransmemorial.com or call 979-826-7733.



Pictured are representative of the Waller County Veterans Memorial Board and members of the Hempstead Chamber of Commerce Board. Shown is (front row, l-r) Gary Nemec, Chamber President Cheryl Carter, Stan Kitzman, Chamber Board member Kevin Jordan, (back row, l-r) Chamber VP Mary Ann Drawl, Treasurer Pat Chernosky, Secretary Cheryl Cooke, Veteran Gene Flory and board member Jack GIbbs. Submitted photo.

Texas Senate Finance Passes State Budget

nor Dan Patrick announced the Senate's passage of the 2016-17 state budget, by Senate Finance Chair Jane Nelson.

"I am proud of the Texas Senate for uniting to produce a conservative, responsible, state budget that will sufficiently fund our state's needs over the next biennium, while providing \$3.8 billion in necessary tax relief

Recently, Texas Lt. Gover- to the businesses and property owners of Texas," said Patrick.

"Under the brilliant leadership of Senate Finance Chair Jane Nelson, the Senate conference committee did unbelievable work in negotiating the final budget with their House counterparts," continued Patrick. "I began this session with a long list of budget priorities, based in large part on the prioriTexas. Each one passed as a part of the budget."

The 2016-2017 budget (HB 1) includes:

• 3.0 percent increase in All Funds and a 4.9 percent increase in state spending (total of General Revenue, General Revenue-Dedicated, and Other Funds), excluding tax relief, compared to the previous biennium. The

ties expressed by the people of budget is well under estimates of population growth and inflation ranging from 6.2 percent to 8.6 percent. The budget is billions under both the Article 8 Constitutional spending limit and the state's pay-as-you-go limit.

• No spending from the state's Rainy Day Fund. • \$3.8 billion in tax relief,

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WISD Names Districtwide Name that Book Competition Winners



Pictured is the Schultz Junior High eighth-grade first place team consisting of students Virginia DeCoste, Kriston Winner, Jenna Beyer, Nicole Garza, Abbigayle Leslie and Hannah Morrow with Coach Britany Mitchell. The eighth-graders won the districtwide Name That Book competition for the junior high school category. WISD Public Information.

WISD Public Information

Waller ISD held the annual districtwide Name that Book competition on Monday, April 27 in the Waller High School Auditorium. Students from both of the Waller ISD junior high schools and the five elementary schools competed in several rounds of clues from many book titles to win the competition.

After the book clue was

announced, team members worked together to agree on an answer using their memory to recall their readings. Each team's spokesperson would call out the title of the book, and if answered correctly, the team would gain one point. After several rounds, the scores were totaled and the elementary and junior high school teams with the highest total were declared

the winners.

After the winners were declared, the winning teams were announced and medals and trophies were handed out to congratulate all teams and coaches. Sonic gift certificates were awarded to winning students in addition to the medals and trophies to reward students for their dedication to the competition.

A Dangerous Bite: West Nile Virus

It's almost unthinkable, but and spinal cord. In warmer states a single mosquito bite can cause an illness so severe that it can incapacitate a person or even cause death. West Nile virus, spread by the bite of a mosquito, is such an illness. West Nile virus can cause encephalitis, an inflammation of the brain or meningitis, an inflammation of the lining of the brain

mosquitoes are already making their rounds, biting people and leaving them to scratch the itch and hope nothing more comes out of the bite.

The following tips can reduce mosquito encounters in and around homes and protect its occupants from West Nile virus:

· Dead birds could be an indication of West Nile virus; contact local health officials to report sightings of deceased birds so that they may be collected for testing

• When outdoors, wear insect repellant with DEET as an active product to prevent them from biting and spreading disease

 Drain even small amounts of standing water from bird baths, kiddie pools, outdoor toys, buckets, and plant pots on a weekly basis

· Avoid working or playing outdoors at dawn or dusk when mosquitoes are most active

· Make sure all windows and doors in the home are closed tightly and that screens are well-sealed to prevent mosquitoes from getting inside

· Wear long sleeves and long pants when doing yard work during mosquito season

People who contract West Nile virus from a mosquito bite typically show symptoms of the illness within two to six days. These symptoms include headache, high fever, neck stiffness, disorientation, coma, tremors, seizures, or paralysis. Most cases of the virus appear from June to September.

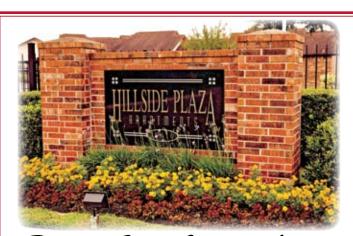
HISD Tompkins Places 5th in State Shot Put

By LAURIE BETTIS HISD Public Information

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Fredarian Tompkins, a senior at Hempstead High School, finished 5th place in 3A Boys Shot Put at the UIL Track and Field State Championship Meet at Mike Myers Stadium in Austin on Friday, May 15.

Tompkins qualified for state as the Regional Champion from the Conference 3A Region III Track & Field Meet held on Saturday, April 26 at Baylor University in Waco. Tompkins threw his career best at regional competition with a distance of 55' 1.25".



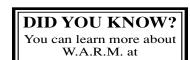
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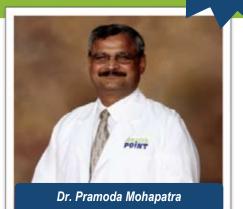
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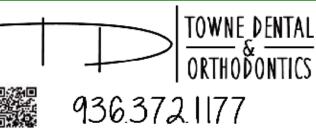


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WISD Students Celebrated at May School Board Meeting

WISD Public Information

The Waller ISD School Board of Trustees took the opportunity to recognize Waller ISD staff and students for their outstanding recent accomplishments at the regular called May 11 meeting. The first recognition highlighted the outstanding Waller ISD campus Paraprofessionals and Instructional Support Staff.

This award was presented by the campus principals who introduced the exceptional staff members that had been selected for the honor by their campus peers. The second recognition was presented by Waller High School teacher, Chris Donalson, who provided an overview of the placements of the Waller High School District 19 5-A UIL Academic Team.

and debate, as well as computer science team members. The team placed third at district and two students will advance to the State UIL Contest. Waller High School Director of Bands, Grant McWilliams, presented the most recent accomplishments of the Waller High School Wind Ensemble and Symphonic Bands, who earned First Division Superior Ratings in both the Concert and Sight-Reading portions of the UIL contest.

As a result of this great accomplishment, the bands won Sweepstakes at the contest. McWilliams also provided the Waller ISD bands overview of the entire school year's accomplishments.

The next recognition of the



night was by Waller ISD Choir Pictured is the Waller High School boys soccer team with Coach Tino Albarran. The boys soccer team was recognized at the May The team included speech Director Cherith Wells for the 11 Waller ISD School Board Meeting for earning District 19 5-A Honors. WISD Public Information.

WCA Announces Science Fair Winners



Waller Christian Academy 2nd through 8th grade students recently participated in their annual Science Fair. The students placing were: Elementary Division - First Place - Gaby Trevino, Second Place – Chesney Johnston, Third Place – Layla Behrens and Jake Zavala, Honorable Mention – Peyton Behrens and Aidan Looney; Junior High Division - First Place - Haley Bell, Second Place – Roy Shepherd, Third Place – Isa Trevino and Ethan Ohnesorge, Honorable Mention – Tyler Johnston and Brie Washington. Submitted photo.

nual Science Fair.

Each student carefully chose their topic of interest and research began. Throughout the month-long process, students diligently documented their progress, watching over experiments including everything from molding French fries to exploding sodas. They also chose a bible verse that best represented their project. On May 14, students arrived with notes, reports, and presentations in hand. Excitement was in the air as they set up and waited for the judging to begin. The following students placed in the fair: Elementary Division -First Place - Gaby Trevino, Second Place - Chesney Johnston, Third Place – Layla Behrens and Jake Zavala, Honorable Mention - Peyton Behrens and Aidan Looney. Junior High Division -

The 2nd through 8th grade First Place – Haley Bell, Second Ohnesorge, Honorable Menstudents at Waller Christian Place - Roy Shepherd, Third tion - Tyler Johnston and Brie Academy recently held their an- Place – Isa Trevino and Ethan

Washington.



and Excellent ratings at the Region 27 UIL Concert and Sight-Reading Competition.

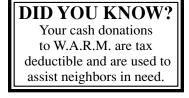
The Waller High School FFA program was the next recognition, presented by Craig Melton and Jason Guidry.

earning Sweepstakes, Superior throughout the school year. Retired FFA President and Area III Vice President Tyler Nelson announced the individual honors received in the many competitions they took part in throughout the school year.

Coach Tino Albarran rec-Melton and Guidry presented ognized the Waller High School an overview of the Waller High boys soccer team for earning

Waller High School choirs School FFA members success District 19 5-A Honors. Waller High School Coach Kasilla

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Texans to See Mosquito Explosion

Waller County 4-H Names Photography Contest Winners

communications tool, sharing were: Junior Class, 1st Place:

the message of 4-H, and utilizing Mackenzie Gilleland - Animal-

Anticipating a significant increase in the state's mosquito population, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service entomologists are offering tips on how Texans can help slow mosquito breeding in backyards and protect from being bitten.

"Mosquito populations are booming throughout the state and will likely not go away anytime soon after all our rains and flooding," said Dr. Mike Merchant, AgriLife

The 2015 Waller County

Photography contest was held

recently, with all contestants

able to engage in developing life

skills in composition, light, story

line, posing and awareness. Us-

Extension urban entomologist in Dallas. "Not all of the mosquitoes swarming us right now are likely to carry disease, but West Nile virus-infected mosquitoes are beginning to show up in traps."

Texas Department of State Health Services recently announced the first 2015 case of West Nile virus in the state, and Dallas County Health and Human Services just issued a health advisory reporting its

ing photography as a meaningful

photographs in order to promote

and strengthen the 4-H program

was the intent of the program.

the year.

Dr. Mike Merchant, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service, added that chikungunya, another disease transmitted by mosquitoes, is on the radar of U.S. and state health officials as a growing concern. He said the virus is regularly brought into the U.S. by travelers, but as yet a human-to-mosquitoto-human cycle has not developed in Texas.

"This could change, howfirst positive mosquito pool of ever, as it did last year in Flor-

Winners for the contest

Domestic, Plant/ Floral and

Catch All; Intermediate Class,

1st Henry Botkin- Henderson -

ida where a handful of cases occurred among Floridians who had not traveled to the Caribbean," Merchant said. "The principal mosquito vectors of chikungunya include the Asian tiger mosquito, Aedes albopictus, and its close relative, the yellow fever mosquito, Aedes aegypti. Chikungunya frequently comes with a very bad headache, joint pain, rash and fever. There is no treatment for or vaccine to protect from this disease."

Plant/Floral and Dominant Col-

or; and Senior Class, 1st Place:

John Philip Jones-People (Col-

or), People (Black and White),

Night Photography and Animal-

inspection reports from 2011 to

2014, however no warning let-

ever levied on the company.

Domestic.



The Asian tiger mosquito (shown here) is one of the two mosquito species known to commonly transmit the chikungunya virus. The other is the closely related yellow fever mosquito. Both species are found in Texas. Photo credit: Dr. Mike Merchant, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service.

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food contact surfaces.

"Observation four: Failure to clean food-contact surfaces as frequently as necessary to protect against contamination of food.

"Observation five: Failure to wear beard covers in an effective manner.

"Observation six: Failure to maintain buildings in repair sufficient to prevent food from becoming adulterated.

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can be distributed to the public. A trial run with negative test results must occur for each production line before the line can begin making ice cream for sale.

State health inspectors will be on site at the Brenham plant regularly to evaluate test results and monitor the trial runs. The company will be testing ice cream, ingredients, food surfaces, machinery and other equipment in its Brenham plant for Listeria monocytogenes and allow state health inspectors to review all results.

For at least two years after

health violations have always money," Beckendorff said. been promptly corrected. yet a firm timetable to get it back on grocery store shelves.

resuming production, Blue Bell

must report any presumptive

positive test result for Listeria

monocytogenes in a product or

ingredient to DSHS within 24

hours. For at least one year after

resuming production, Blue Bell

must implement "test and hold"

procedures for all finished prod-

uct, meaning products made at

the Brenham plant must have

negative test results before they

can be distributed for sale to the

reviewing deep-cleaning proce-

dures, ongoing sanitation pro-

State health officials also are

public.

cesses and training activities at the Brenham plant. Blue Bell has retained an independent expert to oversee sanitation efforts and, as part of the agreement, will conduct root cause analyses to try to determine the sources of contamination.

Texas is working with state and national experts to examine frozen dessert manufacturing and identify changes that may be needed to strengthen regulations to protect public health.

Texas Senator Lois Kolkhorst recently commented on Blue Bell Creameries, following massive

Finally, a proclamation was presented honoring Jo Reaves, Program Director for CASA for Kids South Central, in honor of her long-time service. According to Commissioner Barnett, Reaves has taken a job with the state, supporting children with epilepsy. CASA is an acronym for Court Appointed Special Advocates and the organization advocates in the best interest of abused and neglected children in the court system. CASA South Central serves Waller, Washington, and Austin Counties.

Commissioner Beckendorf stated that the court needs to be better informed and require a more detailed invoice in the Violations were noted in past future.

"There has got to be a more economical way to conduct ters were sent and no fines were business. We need to look into other options such as conference Blue Bell has stated that any calls, in order to save taxpayer

Amsler acquiesced, stating, CEO and President of Blue "Here we agree, commissioner. Bell Paul Kruse said there is not I am in favor of any method employed to increase transparency in relation to legal fees."

> layoffs on Friday, May 15, at the Brenham facility.

"My heart goes out to everyone touched by today's layoffs and furloughs at Blue Bell Creameries. The people that brought us Blue Bell are as tough as Texas. They're known not only for making the nation's most popular ice cream, but also for their hard work and dedication. That's why I'm confident that this iconic Texas company will recover from this setback. As a Brenham native, I know the same spirit that delivered over a century of success will see Blue Bell to brighter days."



Texas Granted Federal Disaster Declaration

Texas Governor Greg Abbott requested a Presidential Disaster Declaration for Texas counties due to damage sustained from the severe weather, tornadoes and flooding. The President granted the request on Saturday, May 30, for funds that will aid Texas counties as they continue to recover and rebuild.

"I thank the President and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for their prompt response to Texas' urgent need for a federal disaster declaration," said Texas

On Friday, May 29, 2015, Division of Emergency Management Chief Nim Kidd. "We have seen so many lives lost, homes damaged or destroyed, and communities threatened by this devastating storm system. Texas is grateful for the swift response by FEMA and I look forward to working with my FEMA partners to ensure critical assistance is delivered to Texans in need."

> Governor Abbott requested Individual Assistance for Harris, Hays and Van Zandt counties. Individual Assistance provides affected residents and business

es access to Disaster Housing, Disaster Grants, Low-Interest Disaster Loans, and other disaster aid programs including crisis counseling, disaster-related unemployment assistance, legal aid and assistance with income tax, Social Security and Veteran's benefits.

Governor Abbott requested Public Assistance for Cooke, Gaines, Grimes, Harris, Hays, Navarro and Van Zandt counties. Public Assistance is aid to state or local governments to pay part of the costs of rebuilding a community's damaged infrastructure, which may include debris removal, emergency protective measures and public services, repair of damaged public property, loans needed by communities for essential government functions and grants for public schools. Generally, public assistance programs pay for 75 percent of the approved project costs.

Additional counties may be added to the Governor's request once they meet the threshold required by the federal government to request federal disaster aid.

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others of us just drove up for the day. No matter, and in case you couldn't tell, we all had a grand time, and we'll do it all again next year, but hopefully without so much mud!

By the way, the unofficial motto of the United States Postal Service (USPS) is "Neither snow nor rain nor heat nor gloom of night stays these couriers from the swift completion of their appointed rounds." It appears on the James Farley Post Office in New York City, but there's no official motto.

The USPS does occasionally cancel deliveries in unsafe weather conditions, and such was the case last week during our epic floods. This is from a bulletin put out by the USPS on Wednesday, May 27:

"In the aftermath of torrential rain and overnight flooding ... the US Postal service will make mail deliveries where possible. The bulletin goes on to say "... we will make every attempt to deliver mail in areas where delivery was not permissible due to flooding."

ollings, Shannon Sandoval, Laney Darling, Mattie Ordaz, Howard Glueck, Bettie Sheffield, Andrea Matheny, Paul M. Moen, Steve Clifford, Chelsea Garrett, Joshua Schmidt, Anita Holiman, Marlee LaBorde, Dianne Brazell. Sue Paben, Karvn Jordan Sanders, Sharon Garrett, Mike Wright, Kirby Cromeans, Andrew Mikeska McCaffety, Danny Fields, Jr., Yanel Delacruz, and Ami Williamson.

Anniversary wishes to Danny and Stephanie Clark, Robert and Christy Smith, David and

Catherine Kaminski, Steve and Becky Lewis, Jason and Karen Williams, Joey and Leslie Smith, Howard and Margaret Glueck, Jon and Laura Haver, and Michael and Holly Longenbach.

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Wright-Johnson presented the Waller High School girls track Regional and Area qualifiers, and Waller High School coach Gary VanSant presented the boys track team members who advanced to Regionals and Area

After the Recognitions, the Consent Agenda was presented by Waller ISD School Board President, Bryan Lowe. Considerations included resignations, employment, leaves of absence, staff transfers, disbursements, budget change requests, tax refunds and reports, staffing requests, and the April 13 Board Meeting Minutes.

The Proclamation 2015 for Kindergarten-12th grade Social Studies, 9-12 Math and Kindergarten-12th grade Fine Arts Adoptions. Special Education supplies and equipment, awards and commemorative products, athletic supplies and equipment and first aid and medical supplies were presented for consideration. The consent agenda was approved.

The Regular Agenda items followed after the Consent Agenda. Waller ISD Superintendent Danny Twardowski announced that Governor Greg Abbott signed Senate Bill149 pertaining to high school graduation requirements.

In Information items, Twardowski provided an overview of legislative updates. VLK Architect Mark Lam informed the board that a Facilities Assessment Update is being created. Twardowski then gave an update on The Citizens' Planning Committee, and stated that there was a strong showing of committee members at the first meeting. He informed the Board that there will be a facilities tour conducted on the night of May 12.

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All persons having claims against this Estate, which is currently being administered, are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law. All claims should be addressed in care of the Independent Executor's attorney, Steven D. Baker, at Giordani, Swanger, Ripp & Phillips, LLP, 100 Congress Avenue, Suite 1440, Austin, Texas 78701.

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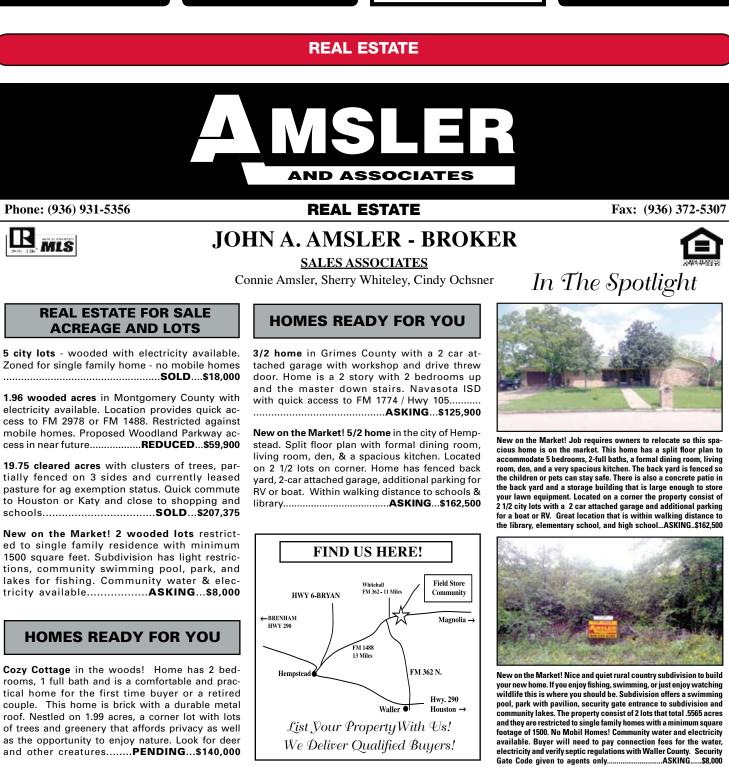
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including a permanent increase in the homestead exemption to \$25,000, pending voter approval, and a permanent 25 percent rate reduction in the business franchise tax.

• A dramatic increase in border security providing \$800 million for: additional Department of Public Safety (DPS) troopers; funding a 10-hour workday for troopers statewide; a new company of the Texas Rangers; sustained presence of the Texas National Guard on the border until necessary DPS assets can be deployed; and additional technology to fight crime.

· Funding for transportation infrastructure includes \$1.3 billion made available by completely ending diversions from the State Highway Fund and a \$2.4 billion transfer to the State Highway Fund resulting from the passage of Proposition 1 in 2014. Coupled with SJR 5,

billion per biennium to the State Highway Fund beginning in the 2018-19 biennium, this is the largest transportation infrastructure commitment in a decade.

• Full funding for enrollment growth in public schools, plus \$1.5 billion more than current law requires to increase per student funding from \$5,040 to \$5,140, to improve equity, and to fund new school facilities.

• \$40 million for math and reading training for K-3 teachers and \$118 million for a high quality pre-kindergarten grant program.

• A 3 percent formula funding increase for colleges and medical schools.

• \$53 million for Graduate Medical Education to provide sufficient funding for every Texas medical school graduate to have a residency in Texas.

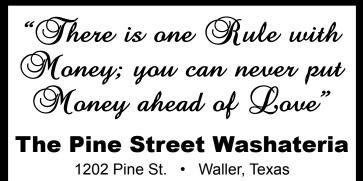
• \$373 million in Medic-

which will add a minimum of \$5 aid cost containment savings, \$50 million for women's health, and \$712 million in All Funds, an increase of \$573 million, for hospital payments, including rural, trauma-designated, and safety-net hospitals.

• Funding for an 8 percent salary increase and related benefits to Correctional Officers at the Texas Department of Criminal Justice.

• \$500 million for state facilities and deferred maintenance projects, as well as funding for the restoration of historic Texas courthouses, the Battleship Texas, and the Alamo.

"Texans expected this legislature to address priorities including tax relief, border security, public education, and transportation. I commend the Texas Senate for meeting these expectations while constraining state spending under population growth and inflation," concluded Patrick.



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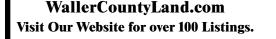
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SMALL ACREAGE: Many tracts to choose fromCALL OR GO ONLINEFOR DETAILS
2 ACRES: Pine Lake Estates in Plantersville. Restricted. Nice homes. Waller ISD. Near Magnolia\$22,000/ac.
5 ACRES: Unrestricted corner tract near Waller. Wooded & open. Near Bus. Hwy 290 with easy access to US Hwy 290 & the
Grand Pkwy\$35,000/ac.
10 ACRES: Wooded tract in scenic North Waller County. Lightly restricted with community water. Waller ISD\$15,000/ac.
15.85 ACRES: in gated Skymac Ranch. 2,000 sq. ft. insulated barn with large porch, pond & long frontage & Ag
exemptPENDING\$289,900
18 ACRES: Fenced, lightly restricted, Ag exempt. Easy access to Hwy. 6\$10,111/ac.
35 ACRES: Near Waller on Mathis Rd. Unrestricted. Some flood plain. Several building sites\$7,850/ac.
36 ACRES: in north Waller County. Pond, large trees & choice homesites. Unrestricted\$11,000/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\$10,750/ac.
40.9 ACRES: Near Hempstead. Unrestricted. More acreage available
50 ACRES: Hockley - heavily wood & bordered on the south by Three Mile Creek. Approx. 85% in flood plain. Lots of
wildlife. Great Secluded homesite\$7,895/ac.



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



50 ACRES: 2 minutes south of Waller. Fenced, well, electricity, driveway w/gate & seasonal creek\$11,500/ac.
50.25 ACRES: Near Hempstead. Unrestricted. More acreage available
75.2 ACRES: Organic Farm. Rolling, unrestricted, 2 ponds, 3 barns & working pens. Adjoining acreage available\$10,200/ac.
93, 96 & 98 ACRE TRACTS: Just west of Hempstead near Hwy 290 & Hwy 6. Scenic, with choice homesites, lakes, sandy soil,
gently rolling & long frontage w/3-board fence. Owner Finance\$15,000/ac.
144 ACRES: Organic Farm. Rolling, unrestricted, 4 ponds, 3 barns & working pens. Fronts Cochran Road\$10,500/ac.

HOMES

ANTIQUE HOME: Sits on 1.75 lots, corner location in Hempstead. This 2-1 home was built circa 1881 with high ceilings &
fireplace. Fenced in back yard & 1-car carport. Just needs some TLC
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
MALLARD CROSSING: 2 story 3-2-2 on corner lot of a cul-de-sac street. Spacious open floor plan, privacy fenced back yard w/
covered patio, kennel w/shelter & tastefully landscaped. Located in Hockley with easy access to Hwy 290 & the Grand Pkwy\$179,000
FAIRFIELD: Very attractive 3-2.5-2 two story on peaceful cul-de-sac lot. Updated open floor plan with game room & downstairs master
suite. Tastefully landscaped with spacious deck. Convenient to all Cypress shopping & the Grand Pkwy. Won't last long! \$194,000
HEMPSTEAD: Nice brick 3/1.5/3 home on 5 unrestricted acres. New aerobic system, scattered hardwoods, small pond and
plenty of pasturePENDING\$223,000
CHARMING: Remodeled 2-3 (possibly 3-3) farm house on 5 acres in Pine Ridge. Spacious with large kitchen, beamed ceilings,
wood floors & nice deck for outdoor living. Large shade trees. So much character!\$225,000
WALLER: Recntly remodeled 3-2-2 home on 2.3 fenced acres. Property includes workshop, well house & old barn. Easy access
to I-10 & Hwy 290PENDING\$279,000
PARK-LIKE: Adorable 3-2 home w/4-carport on fenced 4.38 acres. Wonderful wrap-around porch, island kitchen, gameroom &
back patio. Workshop, barn, covered stalls, lighted riding area & scattered beautiful live oaks. On FM 362 w/easy access to Hwy
290 & Grand Pkwy PENDING \$329,000

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	

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	
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	

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COMMERCIAL - INVESTMENT

FOR LEASE: Historical building in downtown Hempstead with 1,500 sq. ft. High visibility. Needs some TLC\$750/mo.	
FOR LEASE: 1,820 sq. ft. office/retail space on the corner of Smith & Main Street. High visibility in downtown Waller\$1,200/mo.	
0.46 ACRE: Cleared lot in Brookshire with high visibility from 90. Zone commericial or residential. Property is in	
100 year flood plain\$60,000	
0.92 ACRE: City of Brookshire. Commericial or residential. City utilitiesPENDING	
1.5 ACRES: Just 1 block north of I-10 in Brookshire. Zoned commercial\$1.95/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.	
30 ACRES: Commercial corner on Kickapoo right off US Hwy 290. Freeway on/off ramps on east & west side of inter-	
section for easy access	
450 ACRES: Excellent for residential or light industrial development in Katy. 1.5 miles north of I-10 & 15 miles from the	
energy corridorPENDING\$30,000/ac.	
HISTORIC BUILDING: on 12th Street in Hempstead. Approx 1,500 sq. ft. Great location with high visibility\$105,000	
WALLER NURSERY: 12 unrestricted acres with well, irrigation & commercial greenhouses. Heated plant beds for	
year round growing. Everything needed to operate a business\$275,000	
SEALY: Prime commercial location. 0.332 acre on 36 (Meyer St.) between I-10 & Hwy 90 next to auto parts store. Currently	
has older 3-2-2 home on the property\$350,000	
HEMPSTEAD: Investment opportunity - 8 houses on 8 lots. Must be sold together. All but one is currently leased\$364,430	
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\$1,299,000	

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4440 3-2-2 Brick home, sunroom, large living with fireplace, formal dining, large kitchen on over an acre..... \$230,000



4450 4-2.1-2 Brick home, two story, nice large corner lot with large shade trees......\$199,900



4452 3-3.1-3 Ranch style home with circle drive, fruit trees, workshop, cross fenced, recent roof, ag exempt......\$479,900



4456 Stunning New Orleans style custom home, with curved mahogany lanai doors that open onto the back patio area, beautiful fireplace, professionally landscaped pool area, large master with custom details, elevators with antique features, theatre room with automatic leather reclining chairs, barn with stalls and guest quarters, on 13 acres with improved pastures......\$1,200,000



4457 3-2 Brick home on 9th green, 2 1/2 lots, huge island kitchen, formal dining, study, large patio overlooks golf course, garage with shop and half bath.....\$237,500



4449 Commercial building on 2 acres with Hwy frontage, all equipment included......\$495,000

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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
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 Ccorner lot in city with utilities\$4,500

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COUNTRY HOMES AND ACREAGE

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
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	,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	,200,920
4437 3-2-1 Home, open floorpan, island kitchen on 4 acres, beautiful scattered trees	\$225,000
4448 40 Acres, Hwy 290 visible frontage, currently in ag use\$1	,006,000
4449 Commercial building on 2 acres with Hwy frontage, all equipment included	\$495,000
4451 42.5 Acres, scattered trees, corner property, can be divided	\$638,640
4452 3-3.1-3 Ranch style home with circle drive, fruit trees, workshop, cross fenced, recent	t roof, ag
exempt	\$479,900
4455 11+ acres, heavily wooded, secluded, lots of wildlife, Waller ISD	\$146,212
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Waller High School Valedictorian & Salutatorian

Valedictorian



Araceli Pacheco

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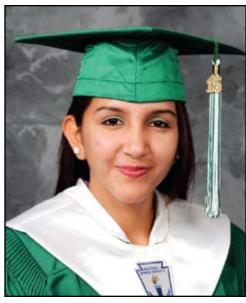
Salutatorian



Emma Pollard

Hempstead High School Valedictorian & Salutatorian

Valedictorian



Yenifer Santibanez Gonzalez

Class Colors Yellow

Class Flower White Daisy

Class Song "Laugh Until We Cry" - Jason Aldean

Class Motto "Do not go where the path may lead; go instead where there is no path and leave a trail." Ralph Waldo Emerson

Salutatorian



Faryn Rhett Fort

Waller High School Class of 2015 Senior Superlatives

<u>Mr. WHS & Miss WHS</u> Tyler Twardowski & Kacie Costea

<u>Class Favorite</u> Bradley Zeka & Julia Payne

<u>Most Loyal to WHS</u> Robert (Bobby) Grimaldo & Megan Allen

> <u>Most Courteous</u> Cole Geigley & Allyson Payne

> <u>Most Dependable</u> Javier Garcia & Nury Benitez

<u>Citizenship</u> Raul Benitez & Hope Sitton

<u>Most Likely to Succeed</u> Jean Paul Pretto & Emma Pollard

<u>Studious</u> Alexander (AJ) Spalding & Hannah Phipps

> <u>Wittiest</u> Daniel Nieto & Lorena Hernandez

<u>Best Looking</u> Jacob Cadieux & Kassie Kersh

<u>Best Dressed</u> Austin Springer & Tiffany Turner

<u>Best All-Around</u> Tyron Taylor & Alexus (Lexi) Huffman

> <u>Class Color</u> Maroon, Black & Silver

<u>Class Motto</u> "Make It A Great Day Or Not - The Choice is Yours...."

> <u>Class Song</u> "See You Again"- Wiz Khalifa

> > <u>Class Flower</u> White Rose

Hempstead High School Class of 2015 Senior Superlatives

<u>Mr. & Miss HHS</u> Fred Tompkins & Julie Stefka

Most Changed Since Freshman Year Desmond Mayes & Karina Alfaro

> <u>Most Athletic</u> Will Smith & Leslie Munoz

<u>Most Unique</u> Gio Sanoval & Ana Waters

<u>Class Clown</u> Donall Watson & Krystal Manns

<u>Best Dressed</u> Tyson Mayes & Akia Gage

<u>Most Spirited</u> Josh Rodriguez & Julie Stefka

<u>Most Likely to Succeed</u> Donall Watson & Faryn Fort

<u>Most Outspoken/Talkative</u> Jason Richard & Krystal Manns

<u>Best Legs</u> Cory Pfeffer & Julie Stefka

<u>Best Eyes</u> Jordan Schultea & Alexandria Wojenski

<u>Best Smile</u> Fred Tompkins & Kaylyn Contreras

> <u>Class Colors</u> Yellow

Class Flower White Daisy

<u>Class Song</u> "Laugh Until We Cry" by Jason Aldean

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Waller High School Celebrates the 2015 Texas Scholars



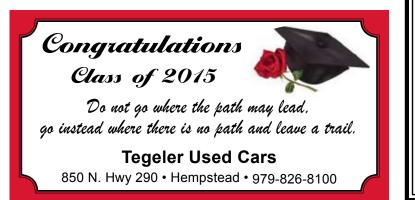
Congratulations to the 2015 Waller High School Texas Scholars. The 2015 Waller High School Texas Scholars earned semester grades above 70, and yearly averages above 75 in all of their classes from ninth grade through the first semester of their senior year. *WISD Public Information*.

WISD Public Information

The Waller High School 2015 Texas Scholars were honored at a banquet held at St. John's Lutheran Church on May 19. Texas Scholars is a program that recognizes graduating seniors completing the recommended or distinguished program, two completed dual-credit college courses, and receive semester grades of above 70 and the yearly average above 75 in all of their classes from ninth grade through the first semester of their senior year.

Congratulations to each of the 2015 Texas Scholars for this honorable achievement: Megan Allen, Capatra Ardoin, Juan Arellano, Tyler Arnold, Yadira Arroyo, McKenzie Bartlett, Michael Beltran, Nury Benitez, Cristin Bolton, Tyler Brumley, Brody Burrus, Tracey Burton, Hannah Byers, Jacob Cadieux, Wesley Campbell, Edgar Castillo, Rebecca Cervantes, Timothy Cone, Marco Delarosa, Kelsi Duke, Ilen Gonzales, Jacob Hart, Lorena Hernandez, Garrett Herzog, Evan Herzog, Alexus Huffman, Travis Hyatt, Madison Jackson, Cody Klare, Cheyenne Knight, Chase Landefeld, Esthela Lira, Brittney McBride, Jazlyn McDade, Jessica McGrew, Jasmine Miller, Thomas Miller, Yuriria Monreal, Kevin Mueller, Rudy Mueller, Victoria Nash, Tyler Nelson, Daniel Nieto, Bridgette Nickles, Araceli Pacheco, Julia Payne, Katie Phillips, Hannah Phipps, Emma Pollard, Jean Paul Pretto, Deaisy Ramos Rodriguez, Cameron Rape, Taylor Rudel, Giselle Ruiz, Shanice Saunders, Dustin Schneider, Collin Sims-Davenport, Hope Sitton, Delena Sons, A.J. Spalding, Jared Standefer, Daniel Thompson, Sinay Trujillo, Tyler Twardowski, Maria Valle, Josh Van Sant, Iridian Villasenor, Shelby Williams, Jasinee Xiong and Bradley Zeka.

The faculty and staff of



Waller High School would like to commend the 2015 Waller High School Texas Scholars on their outstanding achievements and wish you well in all of your future endeavors.



Hempstead High School Class of 2015



Yasmin Adame Karina Alfaro Alma Daniela Alvarez Xiomara Abigail Alvarez Marlene Elizabeth Arranaga Ezequiel Avila Adam Deshawn Banks, Jr. Erik Barboza Maldonado Daniel Alexander Alvarez Benitez Fredrick Ray Bernal Ju'Marcus James Brooks Santiago Emmanuel Castro Tabita Guadalupe Compean Kaylyn Danielle Contreras Abhishek Manoj Dalwadi Iliana Alejandra Diaz Emma Delisa Dominguez Andrew Ryan Duke Ernesto Elizondo, Jr.





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Jaylon Ray Lindsey David Lopez Jorge Humberto Lopez Marissa Marie Lopez Kyle Austin Lucherk Krystal Marie Manns DyQuain Earl Lamar Manuel Roman Alexis Manzano Devin Jamal Martin Jesus Daluna Medellin, Jr. Amy Cristina Mendoza Hernandez Olivia Synclaire Middleton Amy Morales Leslie Gisel Munoz DeLeon

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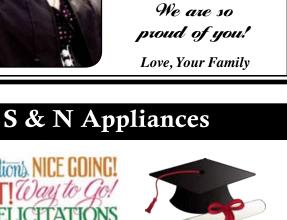
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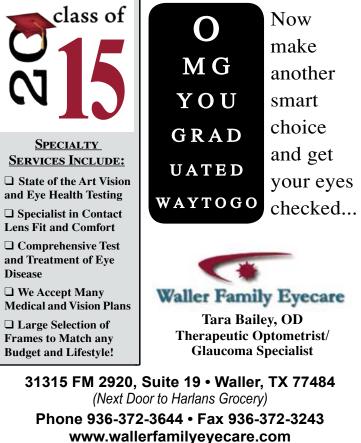
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More Than \$3.3 Million in Scholarships at Senior Award Night

WISD Public Information

Waller High School students in the Waller Independent School District were awarded more than \$3.3 million in scholarship and grant offers on May 14 at the Senior Awards Night held in the Waller High School Auditorium. The scholarships awarded were funded by area businesses, scholarship funds, fundraisers and donations.

The following scholarship presenters awarded the scholarships to students on Award Night: The Jonathan Lowden Courage Award Scholarship, worth \$5,000, was presented by Nathan Lowden to Tyler Twardowski.

Prairie View A&M University's Alpha Kappa Alpha Scholarship, worth \$750, was presented by Teresa Nickleberry and awarded to Bianca Henderson. Nickleberry also presented a \$500 Prairie View A&M University Academic Achievement Scholarship to Jazlyn McDade. Joyce Thornton presented the Prairie View Retired Teachers and School Personnel \$500 scholarship to Crystal Alvarado.

The American Bodhi Center Scholarships, worth \$4,000 in total, were presented by Venerable Katapuno and William Yeh, and awarded to Tyler Nelson, Jean Paul Pretto, Giselle Ruiz and Jastinee Xiong at \$1,000 each.

The Cheryl Krolzcyk Memorial Scholarships, worth \$3,000, were presented by Julie Abke and Susan Newrones and awarded to Tanner Iselt and Tyler Nelson at \$1,500 each.

Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. Byrd-Campbell Scholarship, worth \$1,200, was presented by Caroline Stevenson and awarded to Bianca Henderson.

Dixie Martin Foundation, Inc. Scholarships worth \$2,000 were presented by Joy McCaffety and awarded to Megan Allen, Garrett Herzog, Travis Hyatt

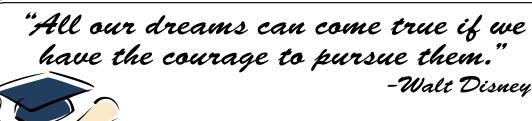


Pictured is Waller High School Principal Dr. Brian Merrell, Jonathan Lowden Courage Award scholarship recipient Tyler Twardowski, and Nathan Lowden. The Jonathan Lowden Courage Award was established in honor of the late Waller High School teacher. Numerous organizations awarded Waller High School seniors scholarship and grant money to help further their education after high school graduation. Students received more than \$3.3 million in scholarship and grant funds at Senior Awards Night and the total continues to grow. *WISD Public Information*.

and Tiffany Turner at \$500 each. The Bettye Jackson Memorial Scholarship worth \$1,200 was awarded to Crystal Alvarado. The Beca del Club de Español worth \$500 was presented by Lidia Torres and awarded to Giselle Ruiz. The Gloria Lovell Memorial Scholarship, worth \$750, was presented by Lillian Knapheide and awarded to Morgan Calvert.

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Class of 2015

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Opportunity Scholarships, worth \$2,000, were presented by Debra Stamper and Kylan Voss and awarded to Emmanuel Aguirre and Samantha Gilliam at \$1,000 each.

Jocelyn Whiting, on behalf of Prairie View Local Alumni Scholarships, presented \$500 Scholarships to Chelcee Davis and Bianca Henderson. Eunice Sitton and Diane Flanagan presented two \$500 scholarships to Hope Sitton and Tyler Twardowski on behalf of the Order of the Eastern Star Waller Chapter #1047

The Richie Robertson Athletic Scholarships, worth a total of \$8,000, were presented by Holly McLean and awarded to Megan Allen, Brody Burrus, Travis Hyatt and Tyler Twardowski at \$2,000 each.

The Waller Rotary Jerry Calvert Scholarship worth \$1,500 was presented by Christy Smith to Jean Paul Pretto. The Waller Rotary Vikki Taylor Rosenkranz Memorial Scholarship was presented by Christy Smith and awarded to Morgan Calvert for \$1,500.

College Station, Texas

Christy Smith presented the Texas A&M University Keys to Aggieland Scholarship in the amount of \$1,000 to Wesley Campbell.

Several Waller Area Chamber of Commerce Scholarships worth \$800 were presented by Carole Nemec and awarded to Wesley Campbell, Jordan Herr, Tyler Nelson, Daniel Nieto, Cameron Rape, Delena Sons and Tyler Twardowski. An additional Waller Area Chamber of Commerce Scholarship worth \$1,000 was presented to Jean Paul Pretto.

Waller Association for School Nutrition Scholarships worth \$500 was presented by

Frankie Johnson and awarded to Garrett Herzog and Brittney McBride at \$250 each.

Waller Baptist Church Student Leadership Scholarships worth \$5,500 were presented by Blake Nichols and awarded to Megan Allen and Hope Sitton at \$2,750 each.

Stacey Thaler presented \$1,000 scholarships to Victoria Bennett, Morgan Calvert, Bridgette Nickles, Taylor Rasberry and Delena Sons, and a \$750 scholarship to Christopher Olvera on behalf of the Waller Cheer Booster Club.

Dustin Standley presented several scholarships on behalf of the Waller County Fair Association. \$4,000 was awarded to Travis Hyatt and Dylan Schroeder; \$3,000 was awarded to Kaitlyn Hightower and Rudy Mueller; \$2,500 was awarded to Tyler Arnold, Megan Hesse, Kevin Mueller, Tyler Nelson and Jared Standefer; \$2,000 was awarded to Madison Jackson, Chelbi Lane and Taylor Znidarsic; and \$1,500 was awarded to Corbin Stone on behalf of the Waller County Fair Memorial Scholarship fund. The Waller County Junior Fair Board

Scholarships were awarded to Megan Hesse \$1,500, Taylor Znidarsic \$600, \$500 to Tyler Hallmark, \$300 to Tyler Nelson, and \$200 to Cashlee Snow.

The Waller County Texas A&M Club Scholarships in the amount of \$1,000 each were awarded to Bobby Grimaldo, Dylan Schroeder and Collin Sims-Davenport and presented by Christy Smith.

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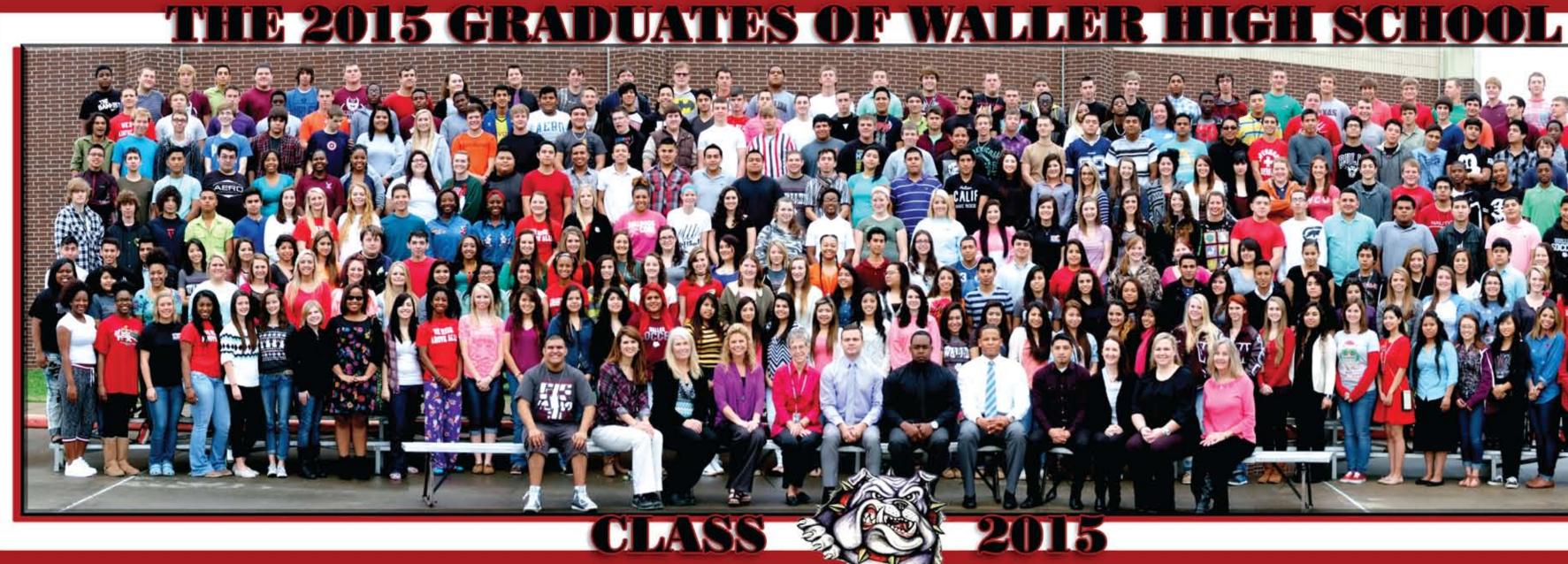
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Class of 2015 Jessica Rosebud McGrew



Love you, Dad, Mom, Andy and Joey

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Congratulations & Best Wishes to all 2015 Graduates. from Sheriff R. Glenn Smith

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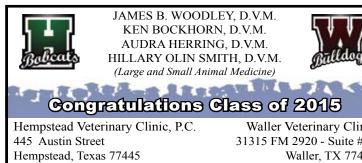
Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable if anything is excellent or praiseworthy —think about such things. Philippians 4:8 NIV



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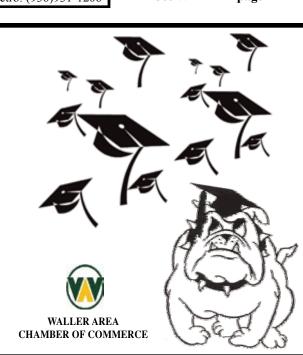
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The Waller Lady Bulldog Athletic Booster Club Scholarship was presented by Tamara Zinglemann and a \$1,000 scholarship was awarded to McKenzie Bartlett.

The Waller Masonic Lodge Scholarships were presented

by Bart Harvey, Jason Tones and Richard Ventrca. The \$500 awards were given to Emmanuel Aguirre, Hannah Byers, Wesley Campbell, Kacie Costea, Kelsi Duke, Travis Hyatt, Tyler Nelson, Katie Phillips and Jared Standefer.

Staff Sergeant Justin Tenerowicz recognized Iovana Gonzalez and Israel Tristan to receive a scholarship for joining the United States Army. Sargent Brian Fratus announced Jordan Evans, Kody Gunn, Tyler Hicks, Cody Clare, and A.J. Spalding were accepted to the United States Marine Corps. Petty Officer Second Class Curtis Martin announced the United States Navy Enlistees Capatra Ardoin and Garrett Gilliam.

The Senior Awards Night was attended by the student re-

cipients, teachers, principals, administrators, parents and special guests. A special thank you goes out to the generous donors that help make a difference in the future of Waller ISD students.

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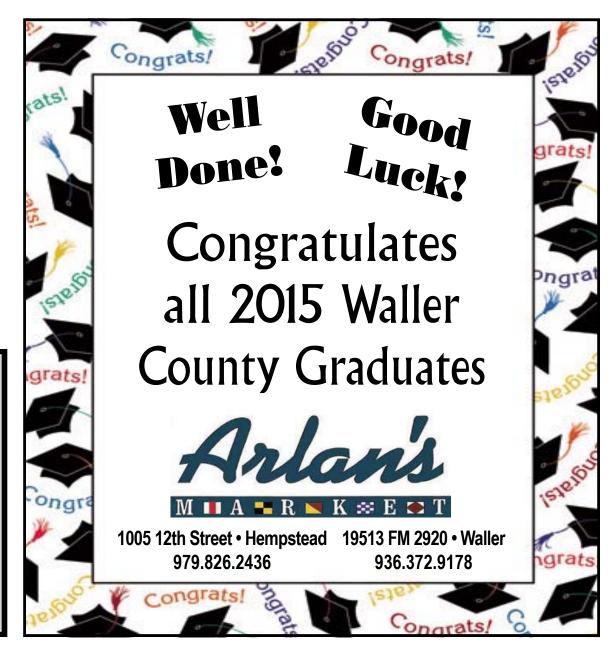
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HHS Senior Signs Rodeo Scholarship with Houston Community College

By LAURIE BETTIS HISD Public Information

Jaylon Lindsey will continue his rodeo career at the college level after signing a letter of intent to be a part of the rodeo and horse judging teams at Houston Community College. Jeff Koch, Department Head of Agriculture & Horticulture at HCC along with family, friends, staff and administrators were on hand to

witness the event during a signing day ceremony held on Friday, May 22, in the Hempstead High School library.

Lindsey, a senior FFA member at Hempstead High School, has participated in rodeo for quite some time and competes in calf roping and team roping with the YRA (Youth Rodeo Association), Texas High School Finals Rodeo and Texas FFA Rodeo. He is also a member of the FFA Horse Judging team at Hempstead High School.

Lindsey was the YRA Finals Calf Roping Champion in 2009 and 2013. In 2014 Lindsey made it to the state finals in calf roping and was a member of the Hempstead FFA State Horse

"Way to Go

Judging team. In 2015, Lindsey was the 6th high point individual overall at area. This summer, Lindsey will participate in calf roping and team roping at the Texas High School Finals Rodeo in Abilene in June and the Texas FFA Summer Rodeo in Sinton in July.

Lindsey plans to study Petroleum Engineering in college. He hopes to buy and invest in real estate in the future and own his own cattle operation.

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Jaylon Lindsey will be part of a college rodeo and horse judging team after accepting a scholarship from Houston Community College. Seated and pictured from the left are Jeff Koch (Department Head of Agriculture & Horticulture at HCC), Lindsey, Dr. Wendell Baker (grandfather), and Annette Baker (grandmother). Standing are Angela Butler (Academic Counselor), Dr. Barbara Seals (College & Career Counselor), Andrew Duke, Todd Thiel (FFA Advisor), Gerald Robinson, Benjamin Burkhalter (FFA Advisor), Eric Mullens (HHS Principal), Troy Reese, and Sharlonda Rutledge. *HISD Public Information*.







Green Group Holdings Congratulates All Waller County High School Graduates!

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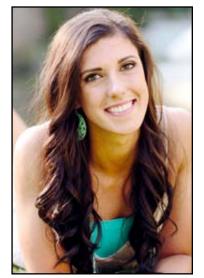
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ConocoPhillips Awards Scholarship to Student

Mckenzie Bartlett, a senior at Waller High School has been selected to receive a \$16,000 college scholarship from the ConocoPhillips Dependent Scholarship Program. Mckenzie is the daughter of ConocoPhillips employee Debbie Bartlett. She plans to attend Texas A&M University in College Station, Texas in the fall.

The ConocoPhillips Dependent Scholarship Program is designed to recognize exceptional graduating children of ConocoPhillips employees for their classroom and community achievements. For more than 60



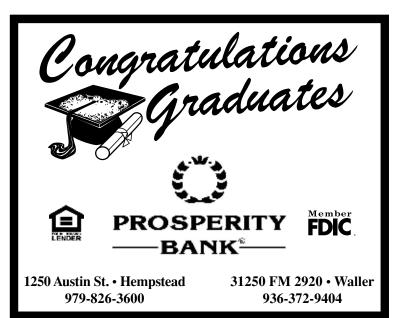
Mckenzie Bartlett

years, the company has awarded dependent scholarships to students in communities where it operates.

This year, ConocoPhillips awarded 34 scholarships. Scholarship Management Services, an independent third-party administrator of educational benefit programs, evaluated candidates based on academic excellence, community service and financial need. Recipients may utilize their scholarships to attend any accredited educational college or university of their choice.

Each recipient will receive a \$4,000 annual award, renewable yearly based on scholastic achievement, for a four-year scholarship total of \$16,000.

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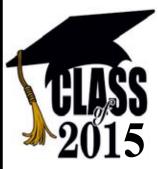
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The Waller High School Class of 2015 Seniors visited Waller ISD's five elementary campuses on Waller High School's Cap and Gown Day. Each senior was given the opportunity to choose the elementary they wanted to visit. Many seniors selected to visit the elementary that they once attended to encourage the young students that they too will be walking down the same halls in their cap and gown in a few short years. The graduating seniors received a warm welcome from the elementary students as the high school fight song played over the intercom. Pictured are siblings Santiago and Maria Valle at Turlington Elementary as Maria walked the halls of the school in her cap and gown. Santiago is a fifth-grader at the school, and was excited and proud to see his sister at his school as she celebrated her prestigious accomplishment. *WISD Public Information*.









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