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## Burckhardt Compression Celebrates Groundbreaking

By CARRIE PRAZAK-GOURLEY  
 The Waller Times

On Thursday, June 4, Burckhardt Compression celebrated a groundbreaking for its new assembly and office facility, located in Waller at 19750 FM 362, just south of Old Washington Rd.

Several local dignitaries were present to welcome the facility to Waller County: Holly Davis, representative for U.S. Congressman Michael McCaul; State Senator Lois Kolkhorst; State Representative Cecil Bell; Waller County Judge Trey Duhon; Waller County Commissioners Pct. 2 Russell Klecka, and Pct. 3 Jeron Barnett; City of Waller officials - Mayor Danny Marburger, Council members Nancy Arnold, Edna Eaton, Sidney Johnson, Dwayne Hajek, and Mike McCormick, City of Waller Police Chief Phil Rehak, City Secretary Cynthia Ward; Superintendent of Public Works Gene Schmidt; Waller Economic Development John Isom; Waller County Economic Development Vince Yokom, and Royal ISD Superintendent Stacy Ackley.

David Curtin, President of Burckhardt Compression, opened the ceremony welcoming all in attendance. Curtin stated, "We look forward to building a successful relationship with the Waller community. Our facility will



Participating in the Burckhardt Compression groundbreaking ceremony is (l-r) State Representative Cecil Bell Jr.; Waller County Commissioner, Pct. 2 Russell Klecka; Waller County Judge Trey Duhon; State Senator Lois Kolkhorst; Martin Heller, Burckhardt Compression Vice President for International Business Development; Danny Marburger, Mayor of the City of Waller; Dave Curtin, President of Burckhardt Compression U.S.; Bryan Stewart, Operations Manager of Burckhardt Compression U.S.; Vince Yokom, Director of Waller County Economic Development Partnership; Glenn Bratcher, Lone Star Development; John Isom, City of Waller Economic Development Director; and Russell Plank, Lone Star Development. Photo credit: Carrie Prazak-Gourley, The Waller Times.

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## Waller Lions Club Sells Building to City of Waller

By CARRIE PRAZAK-GOURLEY  
 The Waller Times

Several months ago, the leaders of the Waller Lion's Club approached the City regarding selling their building on property located on 3007 Waller St. Tommy Albert met with the city council and agreed upon the contract of \$150,000 for the building, furnishings, equipment and approximately 2.5 acres. The city plans to use the building as a Waller Civic/Community Center, and has retained the services of James M. Turner, RA with TAO Limited Architectural Services of Huntsville to prepare designs for

renovation and remodeling.

According to Albert, the reason for the sale of the property is dwindling numbers in the club and the difficulty of upkeep with such a low membership.

Due to availability of funds from the Hotel Occupancy Tax (HOT fund) collected from stays at the city's two hotels, the city has been able to purchase and plan renovations with no cost to local taxpayers.

HOT funds must be used to promote tourism in Waller and the purchase, construction, renovation of a civic center is one of the usable requirements. Once the

center is operating, part-time staff will be hired to assist with rentals and to solicit usage of the facility for various trade shows and venues. The area currently housing the old scout hut, which is being demolished and removed, will be developed into a park.

The Waller Lion's Club was chartered in 1952 and is part of the International Lion's Club, founded in 1917, the largest service organization in the world. Originally established to help the blind and hearing impaired, the Lion's

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## Waller Freedom Festival Gearing Up For July 4th

By STEPHEN JOHNSON  
 The Waller Times

Organizers of the 2015 Waller Freedom Festival are once again making preparations for Waller's largest festival on Friday and Saturday, July 3 and 4. The festival continues to grow each year, with new attractions and vendors added to keep up with the huge crowds.

The annual patriotic event is brought to the community free of charge by the City of Waller and the Waller Ministerial Alliance, and will take place again this year adjacent to the Waller High School Football Stadium, located at 20735 Stokes Rd. in Waller.

The family fun will begin on Friday, July 3 at 6 p.m. with all of the fun, summer thrills revelers ex-



Colorful bumper boats are one of the many fun, family activities scheduled for the 2015 Waller Freedom Festival, set for Friday and Saturday, July 3 and 4. The festival continues to grow each year, with new attractions and vendors added to keep up with the huge crowds. Submitted photo.

pect such as dunking booths, zip lines, rock climbing wall, helicopter rides, family-friendly water rides and slides, and the very popular food vendors and arts and crafts booths.

Three-time GMA Dove Award nominee John Mark McMillan will join the two-day event by kicking off the annual Praise and Worship Night on Friday starting at 8 p.m. Admission is always free. KSBJ Radio will also be in attendance again for 2015.

Friday night will continue until 10 p.m. and planners will bring the fun back again on Saturday, July 4 starting at 3 p.m., continuing until the end of a spectacular fireworks show at dusk. Waller's Freedom Fest is well-known for its fireworks show, which

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## Property Appraisals Up in Waller County for 2015

### Texas Legislature Passes Property Tax Relief

By CARRIE PRAZAK-GOURLEY  
 The Waller Times

Recently in Waller County, 20,000 property owners found out their home values are a lot higher than just a few months ago. Although that can be great for those trying to sell, it can be tough to swallow for taxpayers intending to stay put.

According to Chief Appraiser Chris Barzilla, property values have risen throughout the state of Texas. For residential property in Waller County, the average increase was 11%, but depended on the class of the house, quality of the neighborhood, and location.

"This past year, there's been an upward trend in the real estate market and appraisals reflect that trend," stated Barzilla.

In order to get the appraisal price back down, a homeowner can file a protest with the Waller County Appraisal District. In it, the homeowner will have to convince the district why their number is too high.

Things like cracked foundations, termites, or storm damage can be documented to present to the district. Homeowners should also note the value of homes nearby that sold within the last year.

On a positive note, the Texas Legis-

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# Waller Wonders - So far ... so good!

By NANCY ARNOLD



That is to say, we're one week into the 2015 Hurricane Season and so far, no hurricanes! Only four months left!

So, all the recent almost-epic rains and resulting floods was a sort of practice run for us. Is the roof sound, no leaks? What about the gutters? Did they manage all the water running off your roof? Did we have loose lawn furniture that got tossed around in high winds, and will have to be secured when (not if) a hurricane comes into the Houston area?

Then there are our tires. Slick tires on wet pavement equals unexpected adventure. Get those tires checked, and ask about the correct air pressure to provide

safety on wet roads. Don't forget new windshield wipers. I've found myself in heavy rain with worn-out wipers, and it's downright dangerous trying to peer through those streaks!

We're not on the coast, so it's unlikely that any of us will have to evacuate because of a hurricane. In fact, it is highly unlikely. Let's remember a few years ago when people as far from the coast as North Houston jumped in their cars and roared off to ... where? They didn't have gas in the car. They were, in some cases, half-dressed (from many of the photos broadcast of those ill-fated trips). They brought no food, no water, and no diapers for their babies. In addition, they had no idea where they were going.

Meanwhile, back home, their house was dry, safe, and intact, with plenty of food and water. They, on the other hand, were stuck on the side of some strange highway bemoaning their fate. In hundreds of cases, they were stuck in Waller, where we had no electricity to provide gasoline or food. The jams were so bad here that Waller residents were essentially landlocked and couldn't leave town because of the stranded hordes. They did not, as Harris County Judge Ed Emmett cautioned them, "hunker

down" until the storm passed.

Now, let's look at recent events. It appears that we can all use some reminders on how to remain safe in stormy weather.

Did you know that a mere six inches - SIX INCHES! - of fast-moving flood water can knock over an adult? It only takes two feet of rushing water to carry away most vehicles, INCLUDING pickups and SUVs. That according to <www.ready.gov/hurricanes#HurricanePrep>, where you find more tips and information.

While Waller experienced some water on city streets, it quickly drained off. But, in the northern and southern ends of the county, and to our west, where the Brazos River went on a rampage, there was real danger.

If you see floodwater on roads, walkways, bridges, and on the ground, do NOT attempt to cross. The depth of the water is not always obvious, particularly in low light, and the road bed may be washed out under the water.

That six inches of water I mentioned earlier: that can knock you off your feet. A mere foot of water can sweep a vehicle - even a large SUV - off the road. We saw the tragic results of that misjudgment many times over in recent weeks.

• Avoid wading in floodwater (especially important for kids, who have no fear). That water is likely contaminated with oil, gasoline, or even raw sewage from overflowing drains.

• Watch for dangerous debris, such as broken glass and metal fragments, dead animals, or venomous snakes in floodwaters.

• If you must walk through possible debris, use a stick to check for hidden dangers.

• Underground or downed power lines may electrically charge the water. We've read accounts of people losing their life in this situation. Once you're in electrically-charged water, you can't get yourself out, and would-be rescuers could be in danger trying to help.

• Stay away from downed power lines and report them to 911 or the power company's emergency number.

• And please, unless police, fire, or relief organizations request your assistance, stay away from damaged areas. Emergencies, of course, to help someone right in front of you, are different. Even then, take a minute to calmly assess the situation, and then exercise caution.

Here's a reminder of a different sort from TxDOT: It is illegal

to remove barricades blocking low water crossings. Penalties can range from \$200 to \$1,000, and/or two years in jail. There's also having to live with yourself if someone drowns because you moved that barrier! Just don't do it!

Before you say, well, no one will do that, a lady in the north part of the county, where many roads were impassable, told of barriers being moved so people could drive through. Of course they didn't put the barriers back. After all, they were much too important (read "selfish") to consider the welfare of others.

The question is, what happens if the person who drove past the barriers gets caught in high water? You know the answer. They will frantically call 911 and DEMAND that someone come rescue them NOW before they drown! Wish I could shake my head despairingly in print, but you're already doing that.

You can learn more about floodwater hazards by visiting the National Weather Service Turn Around Don't Drown® program at <http://tadd.weather.gov/>.

No bad weather last weekend, though, for the Michael Mathes fundraiser. I don't know who was in charge of the huge smokers parked on the Waller Baptist

Church parking lot, but that was some of the best chicken I've eaten - flavorful down to the bone! I should know; I gnawed every morsel off those bones!

Michael Mathes - Mike to most people - is a trooper with the Texas DPS. He's a 2004 Waller High School graduate, a husband, a Marine veteran, a Waller volunteer firefighter, a former Waller police officer ... and he has cancer, just diagnosed in March.

That horrible disease costs a lot of money, even if you have so-called "good" insurance, whatever that means these days. Non-covered expenses start piling up pretty fast, and that's why Mike's many friends put on this fundraiser - to ease that financial burden.

Mike has a rare form of melanoma, and he's in the fight for his life. When he was in Afghanistan, he was in some fights OF his life; this is much worse. Good news came last week when he learned that the treatments he's undergoing have kept the cancer from spreading to his brain.

What can you do? Pray. Every day. Not just for Mike but for his wife, Christina, and his family. If you can, you can also do

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## June 14 Is Flag Day: The Importance of Honoring Old Glory

By CARRIE PRAZAK-GOURLEY



Each year, Americans set aside days to specifically honor our veterans and those that have perished in the service of our country so that we might live free.

But there is another special day--June 14--set aside to honor another veteran--a faithful comrade who has accompanied our military, and every service member to battlefields, ships, and bases all around the globe.

For more than two centuries, this veteran has always been there with us, always ready for a parade or a celebration. However, this vet is often overlooked and taken for granted.

Of course, I speak of Old Glory, our flag. Always faithful and decked out in red, white, and blue, our flag has guided and comforted countless numbers of our nation's defenders through the best and worst of times.

Our flag was adopted by the Continental Congress on June 14, 1777. The Congressional resolution stated, "The flag of the United States shall be of 13 stripes of alternate red and white with a union of thirteen stars of white in a blue field, representing the new constellation."

According to the book "Our Flag" published in 1988 by the U.S. House of Representatives, "White represents purity and innocence; red, hardness and valour; and blue, vigilance, perseverance, and justice." The

thirteen stripes stand for the 13 original colonies, and the 13 stars has now grown to 50, one star for each of the 50 states.

Adoption of a national Flag Day, however, was not soon in coming. Bernard J. Cigrand, a school teacher in Waubeka, Wisconsin, spent years trying to get Congress to declare June 14 as a national holiday. Although his attempts failed, the practice of honoring the flag on June 14 became widely observed.

In 1916, President Woodrow Wilson, followed by President Calvin Coolidge in 1927, issued proclamations asking Congress for June 14 to be observed as National Flag Day. But, it wasn't until August 3, 1949, that Congress approved the national observance as an official holiday and President Harry Truman signed it into law.

The American flag has flown in every battle of every war for more than 200 years--from Valley Forge during the American Revolution, to Gettysburg, San Juan Hill, in the trenches of France during WWI, to the beaches of

Normandy and beyond. The flag has been a silent witness to all of America's finest hours.

As a child in school, I learned many patriotic songs honoring our country and our flag. A favorite was "You're A Grand Old Flag" written in 1906 by the renowned American musician George M. Cohan.

Cohan, born on the Fourth of July in 1878, started writing songs by the age of 13. Born into a family of musicians, Cohan started performing at an early age. He became famous for his song "Yankee Doodle Boy" and wrote many successful Broadway musicals including "Yankee Doodle Dandy" and "Give My Regards to Broadway".

Cohan loved his country and also wrote the famous song "Over There" used by the troops in both WWI and WWII.

The rousing lyrics of "You're a Grand Old Flag" are a perfect prelude to this Sunday's Flag Day observance:

*"You're a grand old flag  
you're a high flying flag  
and forever in peace may you wave.*

*You're the emblem of the land I love*

*The home of the free and the brave.*

*Every heart beats true*

*For the red, white, and blue.*

*Where there's never a boast or a brag*

*But should old acquaintance be forgot*

*Keep your eye on the the grand old flag."*

**BBQ LUNCH**

The Waller County VFW, Post 4007, will be hosting a lunch from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm on June 12, 2015. The lunch will consist of a heaping chopped BBQ Brisket sandwich, an ice cold beverage, and a bag of chips. The lunch location is at 1236 New Orleans St. in Hempstead.

Tickets are \$8.00 and are available from any post representative or can be purchased at the door on the day of the lunch.

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**News Briefs**

**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 wallercounty-fair.org for information, or email wcfmarketgoat@gmail.com. crafts and books. For more information, call 936-372-3961.

**WISD to hold District Site-Based DCM**  
Waller ISD will host a District Site-Based Decision Making Committee Meeting on Wednesday, June 17 at 4 p.m. in the Waller ISD Administration Building Board Room, located at 2214 Waller Street, in Waller. An update from the Superintendent, a review of the No Child Left Behind NCLB Consolidated Grant Application for 2015-2016, a review of the Waller ISD Parent Involvement Policy 2015-2016, and a review of the State Compensatory Education SCE Evaluation are on the agenda. All meetings are open to the public; parents and community members are encouraged to attend. For more information, call 936-931-3685.

**Waller County Scam Prevention Workshop Set**  
Waller County Sheriff Glenn Smith and First Baptist Church-Hempstead will be holding a free scam prevention workshop on Tuesday, June 30 from 6 p.m. - 8 p.m. Learn how to reduce the risk of digital fraud and ID theft. Refreshments and a question and answer session will follow. The workshop will be held in First Baptist's auditorium, located at 445 Main Street in Hempstead. Call 979-826-2362 for more information.

**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>.

**5K Walk/Run for Healthy Living Slated**  
The Step Up to Scale Down 5K Walk/Run or Roll for Healthy Living is slated for July 11, 2015 at Hempstead City Park. Check-in time is 7:30 a.m. and race start time is 8:30 a.m. A registration fee of \$15 for adults and \$8 for youth 6-18 is required. T-shirts will be given to those that pre-register, and as supplies last. Registration info and forms can be found at <http://waller.agrilife.org>. For more information, call 979-826-7651.

# City Of Waller's Tax Rebate Up 71%

By CARRIE PRAZAK-GOURLEY  
The Waller Times  
According to the State Comptroller's Office, the City of Waller's tax rebate from March sales, reported to the State Comptroller's Office in April and distributed to local cities in May, is up substantially to \$229,792, a 71% increase over last month's re-

bate, and up 19.71% over 2014. According to Maryjane Kennedy of the Revenue Accounting Division of the State Comptroller's Office, the increase is due to an audit collection totaling \$59,659.05, which is a one-time payment, and the next allocation will reflect a decrease due to this collection.

Other cities in the county received a slight decrease in their tax rebates. Hempstead's rebate was \$136,637.37, down for the month, but up 9.86% overall from 2014. Brookshire's tax rebate was down slightly to \$129,277.28, and Prairie View's was also down slightly to \$26,379.61, but has increased by 28.82% over 2014.

According to State Comptroller Glenn Hegar, tax collections have grown for 60 consecutive months despite weakening in the energy sector. The State Comptroller's Office sent cities, counties, transit systems, and special purpose districts \$576.6 million this month, up 4% from 2014.

# The Surprising History of the Pretzel

By CARRIE PRAZAK-GOURLEY  
The Waller Times  
Pretzels have long been a popular food item, with special vendors of the well-loved twisted dough always located in malls, sports venues and fairs. However, despite their com-

monality, little do most people know that the pretzel has a long Christian history that might have even once saved Christian Europe. According to the History Channel, the origin of pretzels dates back to 610 A.D. in

Italy. Italian monks presented their students with bread dough twisted in the shape of crossed arms. At that time, crossing one's arms was the traditional posture for prayer. As the custom spread through medieval Europe, the

pretzels three holes came to represent the Holy Trinity--Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. The story about how pretzels saved Christian Europe is even more fascinating. Pretzels were used as a mainstay of people's diet during Lent. In the year 1510 A.D., Turks from the Ottoman Empire were bent on invading Vienna in order to gain a foothold into Christian Europe. Who stopped



Dr. Bob Schoolfield represented Texans for Parental Choice in Education at the Republican Women of Waller County (RWWC) meeting held on May 19, 2015. He stated that Superintendents testified at trial under oath that they are not producing college or career-ready students. Private schools are growing, but most families do not have the funds to send their children to private schools. There is a need for families to give their children the best education possible. Submitted photo.



The fifth-grade students of E. Turlington Elementary researched a historical figure and displayed their findings in a historical wax figure gallery on Tuesday, May 19. The students dressed as the figure they researched, and made a poster with their findings to display for the school to see. Each student sat next to their poster and pretended to be a wax figure of the historical person they had researched. As onlookers walked by, they were encouraged to push the button on the student's poster to hear their speech. The students recited several key facts about the figure they researched, explained the pictures they chose and shared the significance of their figure in history. Pictured is fifth-grade student Evan Exley with his project on former American president John F. Kennedy. WISD Public Information.

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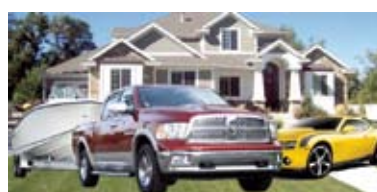
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## Four Lady Bulldog Athletes Commit to Play Collegiate Sports



Four Waller High School Lady Bulldog athletes were honored at a collegiate sports signing celebration on Tuesday, May 20. Pictured are (top row, l-r) Waller ISD Superintendent Danny Twardowski, Waller High School Girls Athletic Coordinator Kim Seiley, Varsity Assistant Volleyball Coach Jordan White, Varsity Assistant Softball Coach Chris Donalson, Waller Junior High Girls Athletic Coordinator Kaley Council, Waller High School Volleyball Coach Meghan Taylor, Waller High School Principal Dr. Brian Merrell; (bottom row, l-r) Waller High School seniors Shelby Williams, Alexis Huffman, Kara Beckmeyer and Haley Mathis. Williams is heading to Prairie View A&M University to play softball, Huffman will play softball at Purdue, Beckmeyer will attend Stephen F Austin State University to play volleyball, and Mathis will join the softball team at Weatherford Junior College. *WISD Public Information.*

### WISD Public Information

Congratulations to the Waller High School Lady Bulldog Athletes that will continue their athletic career in collegiate sports. A celebration complete with family, friends, cake, ice cream, decorated tables, banners, photographs, and hugs of congratulations took place in the Waller High School Library on May 19 for Waller High School seniors Alexis Huffman, Shelby Williams, Haley Mathis and Kara Beckmeyer.

Alexis Huffman signed to play softball with Purdue University. Shelby Williams will join Prairie View A&M University's softball team. Haley Mathis committed to play softball for Weatherford Junior College, and Kara Beckmeyer signed to play on Stephen F. Austin State University's volleyball team.

Each of the girls were given the opportunity to speak on their accomplishment and thank the ones in attendance who helped them along the way. All four of the girls thanked their family and team for their support and fun throughout their years of playing

ball. Waller High School Principal Dr. Brian Merrell expressed his honor to watch each of them play their sport, and asked them to represent Waller across the country at each of their universities in a positive manner. Superintendent Danny Twardowski

stated that he was very proud of the girls for this prestigious accomplishment and reminded them of the three A's of success: academics – know what you have to know, attendance – attend school or work every day, and attitude – have a positive at-

titude all the time.

Kim Seiley, Waller High School's Girls Athletic Coordinator, coordinated the wonderful event and the athlete's high school coaches, teachers, friends, and loved ones joined in the celebration.

## Reese, Lindsey to Compete at State Rodeos

By LAURIE BETTIS  
HISD Public Information

Troy Reese and Jaylon Lindsey will have a busy summer with high school rodeo competitions. After graduation from Hempstead High School on June 5, both boys will participate at the Texas High School Finals Rodeo in Abilene on June 7-12 and the Texas FFA Summer Rodeo held at the San Patricio County Fairgrounds in Sinton in conjunction with the State FFA convention on July 13-14.

Reese will compete in steer wrestling and calf roping while Lindsey will compete in calf roping and team roping at both state events.



Troy Reese (left) and Jaylon Lindsey (right) plan to compete in the Texas High School Finals Rodeo and the Texas FFA Summer Rodeo. Reese and Lindsey will each compete in two events at these rodeos. *HISD Public Information.*

## Hempstead High School Band Student Competes at State UIL

By LAURIE BETTIS  
HISD Public Information

Lionel Ward, a junior percussionist at Hempstead High School, competed in the Texas State Solo and Ensemble Contest at Pflugerville ISD's Hendrickson High School on Monday, May 25.

Ward received a silver medal for an Excellent Division II rating on his solo performance to the music entitled "And the Kitchen Sink" on the snare drum.

Ward qualified for state after receiving a Superior Division I rating, the highest rating a contestant can receive, on his solo performed by memory at the UIL Region 27 Solo and Ensemble Contest back in February.

Ward recently received The "Semper Fidelis" Award for Music Excellence. Congratulations Lionel for a job well done in representing Hempstead High School at the state level.



Lionel Ward, a junior percussionist at Hempstead High School, received a silver medal at the Texas State Solo and Ensemble Contest. *HISD Public Information.*

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# WHS Shattered Dreams Program Teaches Students Tough Lessons

## WISD Public Information

The Waller High School junior and senior class students walked to the courtyard from their classrooms on the afternoon of May 11 to find a horrific accident scene. The program, Shattered Dreams, staged mangled cars, smoking flares, and three bloody students to represent a drunk-driving accident. Shattered Dreams is a program featured by Waller High School over a two day period every two years before the Prom to teach students the harsh reality of the consequences that can result from drinking and driving.

Students heard the 911 call over the school intercom before they moved outside to the scene of the accident. The students gathered around the courtyard to watch the accident scene unfold.

When students arrived at the staged scene, senior Kassie Kersh was injured in the wrecked car. The car was so mangled, she had to be cut out of the car by emergency personnel. The sounds of crushing metal could be heard as fire rescuers cut the car top open with the Jaws of Life to find out if other victims were trapped in the mangled vehicle. Kersh was placed on a gurney

and wheeled into the cafeteria to be treated for her injuries in front of the students. Once she was stable enough to be moved, she was taken to North Cypress Hospital where she was treated in the Emergency Room by hospital staff as though her injuries were real. Her parents met the ambulance at the hospital where they learned that she did not make it in the accident scenario.

Senior Megan Allen was lying on the ground near one of the cars and was covered in blood and ripped clothing. The scene ended with a most disturbing image that would be engrained in the minds of the students. Allen, the well-liked student who had been ejected from the vehicle, was pronounced dead by Precinct 2 Justice of the Peace Judge Delores Hargrave and then placed into the Canon Funeral Home white hearse to be taken away.

Senior Alexis Huffman played the drunk driver who cried as the blaring sirens of emergency medical personnel rushed to the scene. Students were able to witness how a drunk driver would be treated by the authorities from a sobriety test to the actual arrest. Huffman

was apprehended in front of her class peers and was taken to the Waller Police Department to be fingerprinted, photographed and booked. She was later taken to Judge Hargrave's court where she was sentenced to 99 years in prison and fined \$500,000. While at the court, the parents of the seniors who died in the accident had a face-to-face meeting with Huffman and told her what they thought about her actions.

After the accident scene concluded, the students returned to the classroom. As the school day continued, a student was unexpectedly removed out of the classroom every 15 minutes by a grim reaper. The grim reaper represented that an innocent life is lost every 15 minutes in the United States due to a drunk driver. The students chosen by the grim reaper, including those involved in the accident, were taken to Camp Allen for the evening where they wrote emotional last letters to their parents.

The student body gathered the next day at an assembly to hear last letters written by the several parents and students whose lives were affected by a drunk driver. The Shattered Dreams student assembly opened up with a video



The junior and senior class of Waller High School participated in the bi-annual Shattered Dreams program on May 11 and 12. The program, coordinated by Waller High School teacher Walt Snitkin, is an emotional reenactment of the dangers of drunk driving, and is meant to discourage students from making poor choices in hopes of saving lives. The program is put on the week before the Prom in an effort to keep Waller High School students and the community safe. WISD Public Information.

and photographs of the gruesome event that occurred the prior day. The students that were involved in the program approached the stage pushing two caskets. The keynote speaker of the program

was an inmate who spoke about the poor decisions he had made throughout his life, his journey to incarceration, and the impact it had on both his family and the families of the victims.



Students from Prairie View A&M University were included in a team that won an esteemed award from the U.S. Department of Energy recently for their excellent designs for Zero Energy Ready Homes – homes so efficient they can produce as much energy as they use. Prairie View A&M University competed in the annual U.S. Department of Energy Race to Zero Student Design Competition in late April and won a Design Excellence award for their net zero energy designed home. Submitted photo.



The kindergarten students of Roberts Road Elementary School celebrated Mother's Day on Friday, May 8. The students welcomed their mothers to the school cafeteria, where they were presented with cupcakes and gifts in honor of the sacrifices they make as moms. The mothers were catered a beautiful luncheon, and spent some quality time with their thoughtful young students. The Pre-Kindergarten students also seized the opportunity to celebrate their mothers with an outdoor picnic lunch on the same afternoon. Pictured are Roberts Road kindergarten students sharing a delicious lunch with their moms in honor of Mother's Day. WISD Public Information.

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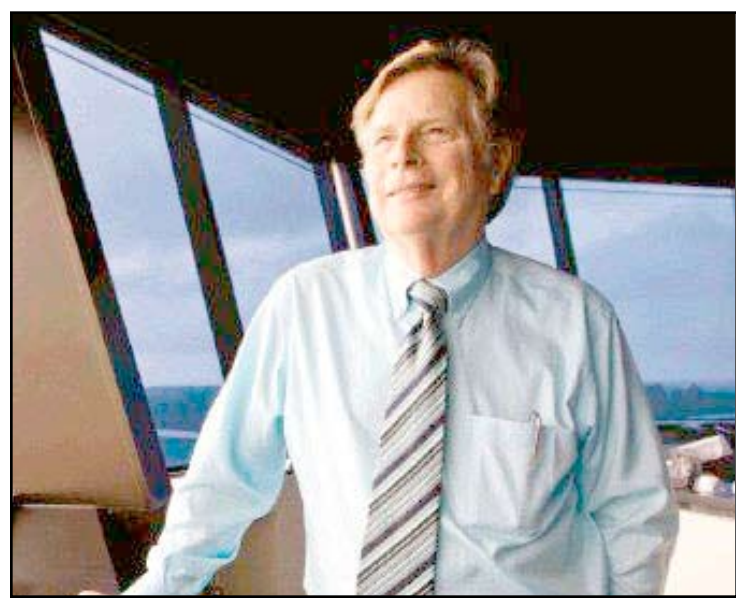
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Local Hockley resident Scott Smith was recently honored as the 2015 Reliever Airport Manager of the Year. Smith is Manager of the Lone Star Executive Airport, located just northeast of I-45, 35 miles from downtown Houston, and was one of 24 airport managers considered in receiving this coveted award from the Texas Department of Transportation. The FAA designated the Lone Star Executive Airport as a "reliever" airport to George Bush Intercontinental Airport and recognizes Lone Star as an airport of national significance for its role in handling non-airline traffic. The award was given to Smith in part for his leadership in expanding the airport; rebuilding the main runway, building the control tower, taxiway, development of hangar space and current work on a US customs facility. *Submitted photo.*

# Beware of Snake Invasions

With all the rain received last month, there is an array of snakes in yards, garages, homes, and roadways. The appearance of snakes, however, should be temporary, according to Damion Turner, Waller County Extension Agent with the Texas Agri-Life Extension Service.

As things start to recede, a lot of the snakes should go back into hiding. Higher grasses

might be providing cover for some of them for the time being.

Water moccasins, or cottonmouths, prefer to live near water, not in it. They might climb to a low branch to get out of water. Rat snakes and other harmless varieties will climb a tree when they think a bird egg meal awaits.

The Western cottonmouth is among the four most danger-

ously poisonous, along with the Western diamondback rattlesnake, the copperhead and the coral snake — the smallest, most colorful of the lot, with the most potent venom.

A measure of prevention is for people to wear boots and long pants and be careful around bushes when reaching for things.

If bitten, don't waste time going online to try to identify

the snake. Instead, go to the emergency room of a full-service hospital. You likely would be put on painkillers and kept overnight. Even if bitten by a harmless snake, go to an emergency room to have the wound cleaned and to get antibiotics, as well as a tetanus shot.

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This is an artist's rendition of future Burckhardt building. *Photo courtesy of City of Waller.*

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Holly Davis, representative for Congressman Michael McCaul, State Representative Cecil Bell, and State Senator Lois Kolkhorst also offered warm welcomes to Burckhardt.

City of Waller Mayor Danny Marburger added, "I am humble and happy that you chose Waller. I also want to express my thanks to John Isom of Waller Economic Development, and Vince Yokum of Waller County Economic

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now encompass a wide range of charitable activities.

For the first 25 years of its existence, the Waller Lion's Club had no permanent building. It was in 1977 that Lion's Club member Alvin Stasny decided the club needed to establish a permanent location, and he loaned the money to the club to build the original building on Waller St. The note for that building was paid off by

the sale of adjacent land to the City of Waller for the purposes of constructing a water tower.

In the early 1990's, Stasny paid for the building's addition. Today, the building consists of 5178 sq. ft. Rental of the building for parties, showers, and other events paid for the building's upkeep over the years.

Albert stated that the money the Lion's received from the sale

of the building will be donated to local charities. A \$50,000 donation is slated to be presented to the Crippled Children's Camp, and another \$50,000 to W.A.R.M. The remaining \$48,000 will continue to fund the eyeglasses program at local schools.

The center will be closed for a short period for renovations and upgrades. Rental policies and fees are currently being drafted

for city council approval. The city plans a grand opening upon completion of the project. The earliest expected date for completion of renovations is September.

Gene Schmidt, Superintendent of Public Works stated, "I've already gotten calls about the building, so there's a great deal of interest in rental. It will be good for Waller to keep it going as a Civic Center.

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can be seen from many areas in Waller. The best view is from a lawn chair at the festival or a blanket on the grass on the festival grounds. Many festival at-

tendees retire from the action to their pickup trucks where they relax and watch the show from their somewhat elevated perch.

Freedom Fest is support-

ing W.A.R.M (Waller Assistance and Restoration Ministries) again this year so bring a canned food item to give to W.A.R.M. This organization is based on two primary services - the assistance office and the thrift store. They provide supplemental food, clothing and personal assistance to families in need throughout the Waller area and Waller I.S.D. The WARM Treasurers Thrift Shop is located at 31315 F.M. 2920, Suite 11, in Waller, and they sell gently used clothing, furniture, books, music and other goods to support the assistance

office and their expenses.

Organizers are still accepting more food vendors and additional arts and crafts booths are also being accepted.

To help sponsor the event or to donate to the event, contact Joel Bauler, Waller Ministerial Alliance, at 713-899-3215. Additional information is also available on the website, [www.wallerfreedomfest.com](http://www.wallerfreedomfest.com).

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# Houston Museum of Natural Science Brings Texas Animals to Visit HES

## WISD Public Information

A representative from the Houston Museum of Natural Science visited I.T. Holleman Elementary School throughout the week of May 11-15 to discuss the native animals of Texas with eager students. The museum representative, Christine Battan, brought several examples of Texas animals both live and preserved including a framed bat, a mountain lion pelt, and a tortoise. Battan discussed with students the four things animals need to survive: food, water, shelter and space. If an animal does not have access to one or more of these things, they must develop adaptations to survive. Battan informed students of the many creatures who live in the Gulf of Mexico including dolphins, turtles, porpoises and many others. Battan and students discussed how the creatures who reside in the Gulf of Mexico must have an adaptation that allows them to live in and survive off of salt water. If the creatures did not have this adaptation, they would have to swim to rivers to access fresh water, or simply would not survive. The museum representative also discussed many of the unique adaptations and attributes several animals have. She explained that dolphins use echolocation to navigate the waters of the Gulf of Mexico, an adaptation bats also use to find their way home after a night of hunting insects for food. She amazed the students by telling them that bats can travel



Pictured are students of I.T. Holleman Elementary petting a live milk snake handled by Houston Museum of Natural Science presenter Christine Battan. The students were educated on the native animals of Texas in interactive presentations held throughout the week of May 11-15. WISD Public Information.

100 miles in one night in search of food. Battan also discussed vertebrates and invertebrates and how animals can use their backbone or lack thereof to their advantage. Battan discussed the carnivorous state shell of Texas, the lightning whelk, which uses its hard exterior shell as a crowbar to open clams and oysters for food. Battan then brought out a 38 year old Texas tortoise to demonstrate to students one of the animals that can be found in Texas. She explained that it is at risk of becoming en-

dangered because well-meaning individuals tried to keep them as pets, but they do not fare well in captivity. Battan discussed mountain lions, bighorn sheep, and the black bear, which is the only bear that is native to Texas. She told students about the peregrine falcon, the fastest flying bird in the world which can reach speeds of up to 200 miles an hour. Battan told the students about the Mexican free-tail bat, deer, cow, buffalo and armadillos, all of which are native to Texas. She then brought


out her next animal, a ferret. She explained that the ferret is flexible because it burrows in the ground and needs to be able to turn around and get out of the narrow holes it digs. She discussed camouflage, and brought out a cane toad to illustrate how well they can blend into their environment. Battan told students that all Texas toads are capable of excreting poison for their protection. After the toad, Battan brought out a milk snake. She told students that there are very few poisonous snakes in Texas, but some,

such as the milk snake, try to appear poisonous to deter predators from eating them. The milk snake is red in color, and mimics the pattern of the deadly coral snake to scare away potential predators. To close the exciting presentation,

Battan let students come pass by her table and check out all of the neat animal artifacts she brought to display. She also brought out her final animal, a baby alligator which the students were invited to touch as they walked out the door.

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Until next week ...



Contact Nancy at [arnoldn@msn.com](mailto:arnoldn@msn.com), or mail news items to her at P. O. Box 282, Waller 77484.




The Waller High School UIL Academic Speech and Debate Teams attended the 19-5A District Academic Speech and Debate Meet at Spring Woods High School on Monday, April 6. Magnolia High School, Magnolia West High School, Tomball High School, Tomball Memorial High School, Spring Woods High School, Brenham High School, Stratford High School and Waller High School all competed at the event. The Waller High School team placed 3rd overall, and won several individual medals. In the Prose Interpretation event, Kyle Bookout placed fourth and Madelyn Lyon placed fifth. In Poetry Interpretation, Cassidy Kelly placed first, Kennedi Hendrix placed third, and Cailyn Santee placed fifth. Edwin Cortez placed sixth in Extemporaneous Speaking, and Cassidy Kelly and Kennedi Hendrix both qualified for Regionals. Pictured are the Prose and Poetry teams at the UIL District Meet. WISD Public Information.

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### IN THE ORPHANS' COURT OF THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS ARMSTRONG COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

IN RE: Adoption of ) NO. 9 of 2015  
T.S., III ) ORPHANS' COURT DIVISION

TO: Amber Lytle

A Petition has been filed asking the Court to put an end to all rights you have to your child, T.S., III. The Court has set a hearing to consider ending your rights to your child. That hearing will be held in the Armstrong County Courthouse on Tuesday, June 23, 2015 at 2:30 PM. Should you appear and indicate that you intend to oppose the termination of your rights, the time will be used as a pre-trial conference and a new hearing date will be set.

You are warned that even if you fail to appear at the scheduled hearing, the hearing will go on without you and your rights to your child may be ended by the Court without your being present.

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# Obituary

## STRINGER



Mr. L. E. "Gene" Stringer, 73, of Hempstead, passed away peacefully at Hospice Brazos Valley in Bryan on Sunday, May 24th. A memorial service celebrating his life was held at 10:00 am, Thursday, May 28. Arrangements were under the direction of Nobles Funeral Chapel.

Gene was born in Rosenberg, Texas on December 20, 1941 to Edgar and Louise

Stringer. When he was young, he supported himself by working as a ranch hand on neighboring ranches. He owned and operated Stringer Construction, Inc., for over 35 years until his retirement and most recently worked for Grimes County Road and Bridge. He was very active in the TPR and USTRC, Team Roping and the Gulf Coast Donkey and Mule Association. He was known in and around Waller County as "Stringer the Mule Man".

He is survived by his loving wife, Deborah, of Hempstead, daughters and sons-in-law Sheana and Brett Guerin of Waller, Tammy and Wayne Navarro of Austin, Neely and Shawn Zorn of Houston and Teri Sue and Patrick Longoria of Houston; sons and daughters-in-law Clint and Tina Stringer of Hempstead

and Dale and Pam Stringer of Damon; sister and brother-in-law Coralou and Clarence Hennessey of Rosenberg; brother and sister-in-law Eddie Joe and Sissy Stringer of Texas City; 13 grandchildren and 9 great grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; daughter Kimberly Ann Bridges and stepson Terry Dayle Henriksen.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that you consider a memorial donation to Hospice Brazos Valley at [www.hospicebrazosvalley.org](http://www.hospicebrazosvalley.org).

You are invited to leave kind words and fond memories at [www.noblesfuneral.com](http://www.noblesfuneral.com).

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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...\$169,900

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!.....\$192,000

HEMPSTEAD: Nice brick 3/1.5/3 home on 5 unrestricted acres. New aerobic system, scattered hardwoods, small pond and plenty of pasture.....PENDING.....\$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!.....PENDING.....\$225,000

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

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## 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.....PENDING..... \$510,000

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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.....PENDING.....\$499,000

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


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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.

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## COMMERCIAL - INVESTMENT

0.46 ACRE: Cleared lot in Brookshire with high visibility from 90. Zone commercial or residential. Property is in 100 year flood plain.....\$60,000

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

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 intersection for easy access.....PENDING.....\$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.

HISTORIC BUILDING: on 12th Street in Hempstead. Approx 1,500 sq. ft. Great location with high visibility.....\$105,000

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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

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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

### SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENCE

- 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
- 4440 3-2-2 Brick home, sunroom, large living with fireplace, formal dining, large kitchen on over an acre.....\$230,000
- 4441 3-2.1/2 Two story home on two and a half acres with mature trees, large island kitchen, gated entrance.....\$499,000
- 4450 4-2.1-2 Brick home, two story, nice large corner lot with large shade trees.....\$199,900
- 4454 Nice brick 3-2 home on corner lot with large shade trees, fireplace, hardwood flooring ...\$149,000
- 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

### 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.....\$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
- 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 roof, ag exempt .....\$479,900
- 4455 11+ acres, heavily wooded, secluded, lots of wildlife, Waller ISD .....\$146,212
- 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 .....\$1,250,000

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- 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 Corner lot in city with utilities .....\$4,500

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