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## Motion Filed to Dismiss Appeal in Landfill Saga

By CARRIE PRAZAK-GOURLEY  
 The Waller Times

On Wednesday, June 10, the Waller County Commissioners Court met in regular session at 9 a.m. at the Waller County Courthouse. County Judge Trey Duhon led the meeting also attended by Commissioners John Amsler, Justin Beckendorff, Jeron Barnett, and Russell Klecka.

After much discussion, the court voted to approve a request by Pct. 3 Constable Herschel Smith to submit an application for a \$1.8 million federal grant known as the Comprehensive School Safety Initiative Partnership. The grant will provide each precinct with two additional constables, along with their entire salary package, vehicles and training. The constables will work with school districts in an effort to reduce truancy.

Waller and Royal ISD have agreed to participate, but Hempstead ISD, as well as the Waller County Sheriff's Office, have declined participation.

Commissioners Amsler and Klecka expressed great misgivings about the paperwork and liability to the county in accepting an

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The Waller High School Class of 2015 Graduation Ceremony was held on June 8 on the Prairie View A&M University Campus. The Waller High School graduates will now move forward into the next chapter in their life after having completed their public school education. The Class of 2015 received several scholarships and grants for a total of more than \$3.3 million. WISD Public Information.

## Waller County Considering Countywide Voting

By CARRIE PRAZAK-GOURLEY  
 The Waller Times

Waller County Elections Administrator Dan Teed has announced that Waller County plans to ask the State of Texas to allow Waller County registered voters to vote anywhere in the county on Election Day. It's called "Countywide Polling Places." As of November of 2014, 26 Texas counties were using the countywide polling places program.

In order to participate in county-

wide voting, the Elections Administrator must first submit a notice of intent to participate with the Texas Secretary of State, and the Commissioners Court must set dates for public hearings. Teed, as Elections Administrator, will also select members of a Vote Center Advisory Committee to be submitted to the Commissioners Court for approval.

If approved for the program in the November 2015 general election, the county would be required to have a num-

ber of polling places not less than 65% of the number used in the last equivalent election--November of 2013. If the program is deemed successful, in future elections the number of polling places may be reduced by 50%.

Traditionally, elections have been precinct based in order to know how many resources to devote to each poll, and elections using paper ballots could be specific to a neighborhood, and therefore easier to manage.

Technology, however, frees the system from historical constraints of precinct based voting, and according to the Secretary of State, Carlos Cascos, electronic poll books allow poll workers to access registration records condensed to laptops or notepads and allow easy assignment of correct ballot styles to any voter.

To begin the process of switching

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## Postal Service Changes May Delay Mail Service

By CARRIE PRAZAK-GOURLEY  
 The Waller Times

If you have recently noticed that letters and bills have been a bit slower arriving in your mailbox, it's not your imagination.

In January, the United States Postal Service implemented changes to the way it processes first-class mail that isn't big enough to be considered a parcel.

Facing a dramatic decline in mail volume, the agency announced in 2011 that it would be consolidating the processing and distribution facilities and making changes in its first-class delivery mail service standards.

Those changes took place nationwide on January 5, 2015 and resulted in the average processing and deliv-

ery time for a birthday card or a magazine to increase from 1-2 days to possibly up to 3-5 days, depending on the location.

Locally, if a card is to be sent within town, hand the card over the counter for immediate placement in a post office box or delivery bag. Otherwise, if you drop it in a slot or outside box, the mail will be shipped to the North Houston processing center and returned locally, delaying the arrival of your mail.

Also causing delay in delivery is the closing of processing and distribution centers. Since 2012, 141 centers have been closed, and 82 more closures are expected in 2015. As a result, delivery standards are down. For example, USPS delivered single-piece letters and postcards in the three to five day category only

91% of the time in 2014, down from the previous year's 95% average.

Postal Service cuts should not be inevitable. USPS routinely bemoans "billions of dollars in losses." But, according to the American Postal Workers Union, the postal service made more than \$1 billion in profit from operations in fiscal year 2014. The "losses" are the result of pre-funding requirements that have nothing to do with the cost of collecting, sorting, and delivering mail. By law, the USPS must pre-fund healthcare ben-

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## Colorado Valley Transit Hopes to Expand in WallCo

By CARRIE PRAZAK-GOURLEY  
 The Waller Times

Claudia Wicks, Executive Director of the Colorado Valley Transit, is asking Waller County officials for local funds in hopes of expanding their transportation system in Waller County. Four counties participate in the system--Colorado, Austin, Waller, and Wharton--which has provided services throughout each county for nearly 30 years. The transit operates five days a week from 8 a.m.- 5 p.m., and can pick up anyone in Waller County with a 24 hr. notice.

Wicks requested support from the county, stating that through grants and increased funding they hope to

increase routes and expand services in Waller County. At the current time, the transit system receives most of its funding from TxDot and the United Way, as well as support from the other counties.

Colorado Valley Transit District (CVTD) is a rural transit district organized under Chapter 458 of the Texas Transportation Code as a political subdivision of the state and an entity responsible for transit services in a 3,200-mile four-county area surrounding Houston. Established in 1986, the transit is the first public transit agency in the Houston-Galveston area.

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## WARM to Celebrate 10 Year Anniversary

Waller Assistance and Restoration Ministries (WARM) is celebrating their 10 year anniversary with a Birthday Celebration open free to the public. The event will be held on Saturday, June 20, from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. at their new facility, located at 40070 Business Hwy. 290 in Waller. There will be lots of free food, activities for the kids, and more. Parking will be available at Waller Baptist Church with a free shuttle to the event. Visit them online at www.wallerassistance.org for more information.

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# Waller Wonders - Hey, Bubba! Watch this!

By NANCY ARNOLD



We've all heard the "bubba" jokes. A group of young guys, often with a beer in hand, are sitting around and bragging about this and that (and probably the other as well!). Then comes the bright guy in the bunch, usually with more than one beer in him, and, as he hands off his beer to a buddy, he says, "Here, hold my beer and watch this!" What follows is some dumb stunt that ends in lots of pain for the guy and wild laughter from his companions.

Why do I tell you this? On the way to work the other morning, while listening to the news, I learned that "Bubba" has cousins all over the world. A young

man in Thailand, sitting with a group of friends (no mention about their beverage of choice), decides to entertain his companions. He does this by stripping down to his underwear, scooping up a mound of fire ants, and ... wait for it ... dumping them into his (tight) underpants!

The audio depicts him screaming and apparently cussing a blue streak, while the announcer describes him as leaping about in obvious agony. The video ends with the man ripping off his underwear and running down the road, still screaming in pain, while the offended beasts gnaw on him.

I don't want to watch the video - the audio was bad enough - including the maniacal laughter from his friends at the end. Why would any sane person do this? Dunno. Why not a mound of regular ants? Dunno. Anyone who has ever been attacked by even ONE fire ant would NEVER choose to apply a whole village full of very angry fire ants to one's body, especially to a very sen-

sitive region. But this guy did. Sometimes we just have to shake our head in astonishment.

Questions remain, however. Where did the guy run to? Where did he seek help? Who picked these little demons off of him? And finally, I don't know about Thailand, but I'm going to guess that medical insurance doesn't cover an incident such as this. Maybe he could convince the insurance people that the critters assaulted him in his sleep ... and good luck with that.

Reckon there's some sort of "Bubba" society that will now issue him an official certificate of some kind?



This Friday is June 19, now known as Juneteenth. June 19, 1865, 150 years ago, is the day that

slaves in Texas learned that President Lincoln abolished slavery over two years before. There are several theories about the reason for that delay: the messenger was killed, the plantation owners wanted to get one more crop in and harvested, or that Texas had not been part of the Civil War and thus had no

Union presence in Texas.

Whatever the reason, the situation was corrected when Major General Gordon Granger arrived in Galveston and read the following order:

"The people of Texas are informed that, in accordance with a proclamation from the Executive of the United States, all slaves are free. This involves an absolute equality of personal rights and rights of property between former masters and slaves, and the connection heretofore existing between them becomes that between employer and hired labor. The freedmen are advised to remain quietly at their present homes and work for wages. They are informed that they will not be allowed to collect at military posts and that they will not be supported in idleness either there or elsewhere." — *General Orders, Number 3; Headquarters District of Texas, Galveston, June 19, 1865*

When Maj. Gen. Granger issued the above order, he had no idea that, in establishing the Union Army's authority over the people of Texas, he was also establishing the basis for a holiday, "Juneteenth" ("June" plus "nineteenth"), today the most popular annual celebration of emancipation from slavery

in the United States. After all, by the time Granger assumed command of the Department of Texas, the Confederate capital in Richmond had fallen; the "Executive" to whom he referred, President Lincoln, was dead; and the 13th Amendment abolishing slavery was well on its way to ratification.

In any case, the celebrations surrounding Juneteenth are now well-established, and several states (Texas and Oklahoma were the first) recognize the day as a holiday. In a practical sense, such as this year when June 19 is on a Friday, most celebrations will be held on Saturday.

Waller residents have had an informal gathering - no parade - for several years, so you can expect to see a big gathering here in town on Saturday, no doubt with pits full of yummy meats, vats of potato salad, and plenty of delicious desserts.

Brookshire will have a Juneteenth celebration starting with a parade at 10 a.m. and an afternoon of fun at Hovas Park with live music, food, vendors, and water works. The Brenham celebration starts on Saturday at 10:30 with a downtown parade, followed by activities for all ages at Fireman's Park.

To learn more about the

Emancipation Proclamation and that historical day in Galveston, go to <<http://www.pbs.org/wnet/african-americans-many-rivers-to-cross/history/what-is-juneteenth/>> to read a well-researched article entitled *What Is Juneteenth?* By Henry Louis Gates, Jr.

In coming weeks we'll have the two-day Waller Freedom Fest on July 3 and 4 (fireworks both nights), and the Hempstead Watermelon Festival (yum! watermelon!) in mid-July. So pace yourself! There's plenty to do for summer fun!

Happy anniversary to Hugh and Sue Porter, Tom and Dianne Paben, Ray and Lee Roy Jahn, Kirk and Toni Fajkus, Paul and Charly Kronberger, Kyle and Melanie Stone, Mark and Lisa Marburger Sanders, Rodney and Robin Loewe, John and Melissa Pinheiro, Erik and Lindsey Gray, Ronnie and Debbie Urban, Ryan and Jeanenne Loewe, and Gerald and Kim Ingram.

Blowing out birthdays candles next week are Melanie Sims Stone, Vera Kozort, Ralph Meyer, Carly Paben, Samantha Fitch, Rhonda Fitch, Nancy Machac Bolcik, Sigrid Hester, Pam Mellman, Dylan Kersch,

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## World Leaders Pledge to Control Earths Temperatures, Ignore Economy and Terrorism

By CARRIE PRAZAK-GOURLEY



On June 7-8, leaders of the free world met in Krun, Germany to discuss the most pressing world issues. Members of the G7 include the world's wealthiest democracies--the United States, the United Kingdom, Canada, France, Germany, Italy, and Japan.

And amidst the rise of terrorism, millions of displaced refugees, and collapsing economies, what did the world leaders find to be the most pressing issues? Climate change and women's entrepreneurship. Yes, ladies and gentlemen, the G-7 pledged to hold a rise in global temperatures to no more than 2 degrees Celsius. Who knew that mortal men had so much power?

Of course, the main contributors to global pollution--India, China, Russia, and Brazil--were not even at the table. G-7 lead-

ers know that they have no control over these wayward nations, hence their announcement was merely a ruse--a false flag to lure the uninformed masses into believing that their policies, which would cost western citizens an arm and a leg, would actually save the world.

Meanwhile, back in the United States, our latest GDP report (Gross Domestic Product or everything our nation produces) was a NEGATIVE .7% for the first quarter of 2015. In fact, this administration's combined first quarter growth for the last seven years is a combined Negative .43%. And let's be clear: This is the worst seven-year record in the history of America's recorded GDP.

This administration has blamed the cold winter. Really? Don't Canada, Russia and China have cold first quarters too? So why is the GDP up in this first quarter of 2015 in those countries?

Despite the hefty rise in taxes in the U.S., the current deficit for 2015 is slated to run upwards of a trillion again. Yes, that's right. A trillion dollars. Why? There continues to be an explosion in federal spending, exacerbated by the higher than previously estimated costs of Obamacare.

As a nation, our economic weakness abounds. We no longer

produce what we need to sustain ourselves. We import much more than we export, and at the same time, we are selling off our assets, taking on massive debts to sustain a standard of living we can no longer afford.

An additional problem is that our government fails to acknowledge predatory foreign trade practices undermining U.S. industry. For example, China's currency manipulation has cost the United States millions of jobs. What do we do about it? Nothing. Instead, we encourage manufacturers to design, engineer, and produce in third world markets like China and Mexico, virtually wiping out American manufacturing.

Our nation, as a result, has out-of-control trade deficits. The cause of the present crisis is three decades of extremely detrimental U.S. trade and globalization policies. Under these policies, American manufacturers cannot compete with workers in third world countries that make \$4 an hour or less. Because of this, our nation has had 10 trillion dollar trade deficit for two decades.

Access to our markets should be conditioned on analysis of our own national needs, but as things stand, we have handed over our sovereign rights to international bodies like the World Trade Organization while we committed to disastrous "free trade" agree-

ments like NAFTA, with more such agreements on the way.

The United States recovery from the 2007-2008 recession is entering its seventh year and is the weakest since WWII. The last time our economy reached its traditional 3% GDP historical growth average was 2006. Our national debt, which stood at 10 trillion in 2008, is now ticking away at over 18 trillion, and is estimated to be near 20 trillion by the end of 2016.

All the while, the Federal Reserve has held interest rates low, creating easy money for investors and a boom in the stock market. But remember, as in the past, what goes up can easily plummet with little notice.

Wage growth, a key indicator of a strong economy, is stagnant. This is due to an unusually high

number of people who still cannot find full time work after six years of recovery.

In May, some 17.3 million people were classified as unemployed involuntary part time workers. If those people were counted in the unemployment rate, it would hold steady at 10.8%.

Hopefully, with the upcoming 2016 elections, we elect someone who intends to resolve these issues, for if not resolved, our debt is unsustainable, and the next economic downturn will be much worse.

Don't expect any help from our esteemed world leaders, though. They will continue to fiddle while Rome burns, for they have nothing personally to lose and only power to gain if everything falls apart. It is the common

people, like you and me, that will suffer from the results of their foibles.

For me, I take comfort in knowing that no matter who leads this nation, Jesus is King, and He will not fail us even when others do.

But, I will not be silent, and pretend that the economy is doing well or that we have achieved "recovery" from the recession of 2008, for that is just not the truth.

Isaiah 62:1 "For Zion's sake, I will not keep silent, for Jerusalem's sake I will not remain quiet, till her vindication shines out like the dawn, her salvation like a blazing torch."

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enormous grant, as well as concern over the creation of another government entity initially funded by the federal government, but without guarantee of continued funding in the future.

"Have you ever seen any government entity go away once it's established?", Commissioner Amsler asked.

The court then voted 3-2 (with Amsler and Klecka voting no) to allow the application to go forward.

In further business, in accordance with a prior transportation development agree-

ments made between the Waller County Commissioner Court and Willow Creek Farms, the court authorized payment due of \$213,394.74 to the Municipal Utilities District of Willow Creek Farms.

After meeting in Executive Session, the court took action regarding the Cause No. 14-15-00322 Glenn Beckendorff et al. v. City of Hempstead et al, and passed a resolution on behalf of Waller County requesting the 14th District Court of Appeals dismiss the appeal filed by Glenn Beckendorff et al., and authorized District Attorney

Elton Mathis to file a motion to dismiss.

The resolution states that former County Judge Glenn Beckendorff has no authority to file an appeal asserting his official capacity as judge, since he was no longer in any official capacity when the final judgement in the case City of Hempstead and CALH v. Waller County was finalized in the 506th District Court in February, 2015.

That judgment invalidated the 2013 amended landfill ordinance and the host agreement between Waller County and Pintail, LLC.

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## News Briefs

### Pine Island Baptist Plans VBS

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### 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.

### 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.

# Wedding



Katrina Kies, Curtis Hold

## Kies-Hold Wedding

Miss Katrina Dawn Kies of Waller, Texas and Mr. Curtis Wayne Hold of Hockley, Texas were united in marriage on April 25, 2015 at three o'clock in the afternoon at St. John's Lutheran Church. The double ring ceremony was officiated by Pastor Edd Wunderlich.

Escorted by her father and given in marriage by her parents, the bride wore an elegant Chantilly lace gown with a sweetheart neckline.

The reception immediately followed at Knights of Columbus in Hempstead with dinner and dancing.

Katrina is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Kies of Waller, Texas. She is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Howe of Waller, Texas and Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Kies of Gillett, Texas. She is also the great granddaughter of Mrs. J. E. Braband of Hempstead, Texas and Mr. R.J. Howe of Jersey Village, Texas.

Curtis is the son of Mr. and Mrs. James Hold of Hockley, Texas. He is also the grandson of Mrs. Cecelia Fehlau and the late

Mr. Willie Fehlau of Hockley, Texas and Mrs. Bonnie Hold and the late Mr. Richard Hold of Cypress, Texas.

Serving as maid of honor was Katrina's best friend Ms. Jennifer Babin. Brides maids were Miss Shay Phillips, best friend of the bride, and Larissa Howe, cousin of the bride. Flower girl was Kylie Howe, cousin of the bride.

Serving as best man was Mr. Brandon Ullrich, best friend of the groom. Mr. Cameron Kies, brother of the bride, served as groomsman. Ring bearer was Riley Howe, cousin of the bride. Dakota Howe and Colin Ruch, cousins of the bride, served as ushers.

Katrina is a 2010 graduate of Waller High School, 2013 graduate of Lone Star Tomball with an associate degree in science and is continuing her studies for nursing school.

Curtis is a 2007 graduate of Waller High School and works for James R. Hold Trucking in Hockley.

After a honeymoon to Colorado Springs, Colorado, the couple will reside in Waller.

# Waller Police Department Activity for June 1-7

Waller Police Department Officers responded to 59 calls for service resulting in eight incident reports and one arrest. Additionally, Officers completed five motor vehicle crash reports.

On June 2, Officer Tyler responded to the 2600 block of Taylor Street in reference to suspicious activity. The officer determined that no criminal activity had occurred.

On June 4, Officer Castillo assisted a Waller County District Attorney Investigator with a warrant arrest. Person was arrested without incident.

On June 5, Officer Tyler responded to a report of damage to property in the 31100 block of FM 2920. No criminal charges were filed.

On June 6, Officer Fernand encountered a disoriented elderly male in the 100 block of Key Street. Through investigation, Officer Fernand was able to reunite the man with his family without incident.

On June 6, Sergeant Smith took a report for the theft of

property in the 40900 block of US Hwy 290. This case was forwarded to the Criminal Investigations Division.

On June 6, Officers Tyler and Floyd responded to the 31800 block of Waller-Tomball Road in reference to a disturbance. Two persons were determined to have been in a physical altercation and both were issued citations for disorderly conduct. One of the men was arrested for public intoxication and transported to Waller County Jail.

On June 7, Officer Fernand responded to the 500 block of Penick Road for a theft of property report. This case was forwarded to the Criminal Investigations Division.

On June 7, Officer Fernand conducted a routine traffic stop in the 40200 block of Business Hwy 290. During the course of the traffic stop, the vehicle was determined to have been stolen out of the state of Iowa. The operator was unaware that the vehicle was stolen. The vehicle was seized as recovered stolen property. This case was referred

back to the originating agency in Iowa.

**Public Safety Moment:** The Waller Police Department would like to remind everyone that during the summer months incidents of stolen property and burglary of motor vehicles tends to escalate. Please secure recreational vehicles, boats, lawn care tools, and other easily stolen items when they are not in use. Also, remember to remove or conceal valuable property in vehicles and most importantly lock all vehicles when left unattended, especially overnight.

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The Royal ECC Teacher of the Year was announced Thursday, June 4, 2015. The Royal ECC faculty and staff chose Cara Paben Stawarczik. Cara has taught for Royal for 6 years and Susan Hopkins, principal of Royal ECC, presented her with a beautiful arm bouquet, and Royal ISD presented her with a plaque. Submitted photo.

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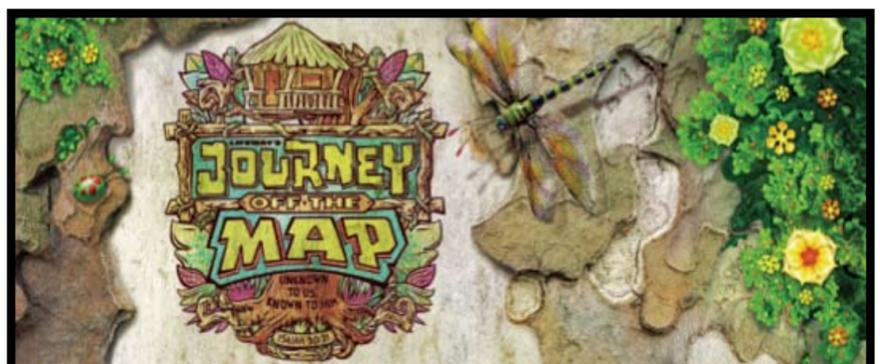
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# After Allegedly Ramming WallCo Police Vehicles, Two Arrested in Brenham

*Charges Filed for Aggravated Assault of a Police Officer, Felony Evading With a Vehicle, Tampering With Evidence and Possession of a Controlled Substance*

On Thursday, June 11, a Waller County Sheriff's K-9 Criminal Interdiction unit located a vehicle travelling West on US 290 near the City of Prairie View, stated Waller County Sheriff Glen Smith. The K-9 Unit attempted to stop the vehicle for a minor traffic infraction when the vehicle disregarded police lights

and sirens and fled from law enforcement at speeds exceeding 120 miles an hour towards Washington County, according to Smith.

After approximately two miles into the vehicle pursuit, suspects reportedly threw two large bags of methamphetamine onto the roadway, while continu-

ing West on US 290 at a high rate of speed. A second deputy was ahead of the vehicle pursuit attempting to warn other drivers on US290 of the pursuit, Smith said. The suspect vehicle then rammed the rear of the vehicle, and when this deputy yielded, the suspect then swerved into the side of this deputy's vehicle striking the driver's side of the patrol car, according to Smith.

Smith said the suspect then decreased his speed and swerved into the K-9 Unit striking it on the driver's side. The Texas Department of Public Safety joined the pursuit as the vehicle entered Washington County. The vehicle continued into the City of Brenham where spike strips were effectively deployed and the vehicle came to a stop, Smith said. The driver remained inside the vehicle and the passenger fled on foot, but was apprehended after a brief struggle in a nearby field.

The passenger was found to be in possession of methamphetamine and Xanax, according to Smith.

The driver was taken into custody for aggravated assault of a Peace Officer, felony evading with a vehicle, tampering with evidence, and possession of a controlled substance.

Sheriff's Deputies were able to recover 648 grams or almost one and one-half pounds of crystal methamphetamine that was thrown from the suspect's vehicle, which has a street value of \$50,000, according to Smith.

"Fortunately, no citizens were injured as a result of the vehicle pursuit," Smith said. "The two Waller County Sheriff's deputies, whose vehicles were struck by the suspect, were treated for minor injuries, released from the hospital, and will return to service within three days."

According to Smith, the driver of the vehicle was iden-



Lorenzo Hernandez



Adam Alcozer

tified as Lorenzo Hernandez, age 21, and passenger Adam Alcozer, age 36, both of Belton, Texas. Both were arrested and transported to the Waller County Jail and were being held on a \$250,000 bond.

"Charges filed in this case include Aggravated Assault on a Peace Officer, Possession of Controlled Substance, Tamper-

ing with Evidence, and Evading," Smith said. "Thanks to our partners with the Texas Department of Public Safety, the Hempstead Police Department, the Washington County Sheriff's Department, the Brenham Police Department, the Waller County District Attorney's Office, and the Hempstead Volunteer Fire Department."

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## New Theme Park Grand Texas Issues Revised Timeline

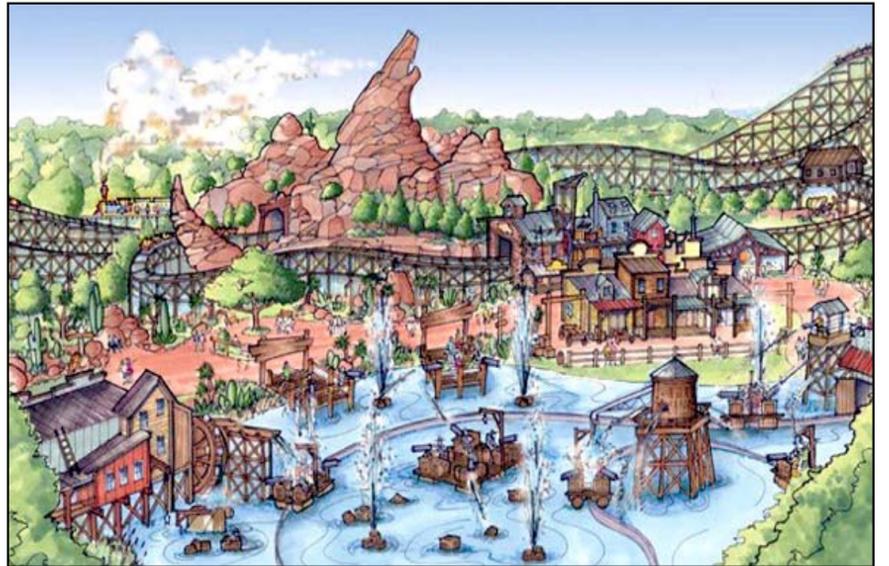
By CARRIE PRAZAK-GOURLEY  
The Waller Times

Monty Galland, CEO of the 610-acre theme park located in New Caney along State Hwy. 242, has released a new timeline for the park's development.

According to Galland, portions of Grand Texas, originally slated to open in early to mid-2015, have been delayed by months to more than a year due to design issues and delays in utility hookups.

The park, when completed, will host a factory outlet mall, a 150-acre theme park, a 40-acre water park, an 83-acre sports complex, four hotels, and an RV park.

Phase I, the Big Rivers Water Park, is now slated to open in



Rendering of Grand Texas Theme Park

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# Four Waller County 4-H'ers Advance in Contests

By LYNNA WRIGHT

Texas Agri-Life Extension Service

Big Time in District 9 4-H Roundup is a chance for 4-H youth to showcase the knowledge and skills they have developed through various project areas from the county level. The event was held May 1 - 2, 2015, in Alvin, Texas at the Alvin Community College. The event was full of contests, educational presentations and workshops, community service of a Baby Shower for local Pregnancy Centers, and lots of fun activities to do. Waller County was represented by 15 local 4-H'ers.

Results from May 1 are as follows: Cate Frankin placed 1st in Senior Educational Presentations, Open Ag and Natural Resources titled Environmental Impact of Hummingbirds; John Philip Jones placed 2nd in Senior Educational Presentations, Open Ag and Natural Resources titled Plant Succession and Its Effects on Wildlife; and Sam Franklin placed 1st in Senior Educational Presentations, Open Family & Consumer Sciences titled The Temperament God Gave Me.

These three 4-H members qualified to participate in the Texas 4-H Roundup at Texas A&M University in College Station in June. Sarah Mc-



Shown is John Philip Jones, Waller County Council Chairman, who delivered Baby Shower items to the Waller Pregnancy Care Center staff and Janet Lemelle, Center Director. Submitted photo.

Farlane placed 3rd in Intermediate Open Ag & Natural Resources titled Fighting the Perfect Crime by Reducing Bee Killing Pesticides In Our Community.

In the Fashion Storyboard contest, Adam McFarlane received a 2nd with his fashion design talents in the Senior Wearable category, qualifying him to participate in the Texas 4-H Roundup at Texas A&M University in College Station

in June.

In the Food Show, Mackenzie Gilleland placed 5th in Junior Grains, Jillian Edwards placed 5th in Intermediate Fruits & Vegetables, and John Philip Jones placed 2nd in Senior Protein. Other participants were Avery Botkin-Henderson in Junior Protein, Henry Botkin-Henderson in Intermediate Dairy, and Skylar Edwards in Intermediate Grains.

Results from May 2: John

Philip Jones placed 9th in the Consumer Decision Making contest as an individual contestant and received 2nd place in Reasons. Jones also received 2nd place in the Wildlife Challenge contest.

For the first time, Waller County 4-H sent three teams to the Food Challenge contest. The Kitchen Commanders team earned 4th place, the Intermediate team members were Kaylee Bankston,

Kelly Bartlett, Henry Botkin-Henderson and Madilyn Lim. Christian Clovers with Junior team members of Avery Botkin-Henderson, Ashlee Mayo

and Madison Newell and Eagle Strong with Senior team members of Kory Burkhalter, Lauren Spiess and Heidi Wellman also competed.

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## WallCo 4-H Awards \$6,000 in Scholarships

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The \$1,000 David McGregor, Sr. Memorial 4-H Scholarship recipient went to Eli McFarlane this year. David McGregor was an Extension Agent in Waller County for agriculture from 1975 until 2003. He greatly enriched the 4-H program locally.

Funds raised during the Annual Waller County 4-H BBQ and Auction support these 4-H scholarships and numerous educational activities each year.

Eli McFarlane will attend the University of St. Thomas this fall to major in environmental science and minor in international studies. Her goal is to earn a graduate degree and work internationally, conducting research about honey bees.

Claire DePenning will at-



Claire DePenning



Eli McFarlane

tend Sam Houston State University in Huntsville this fall, to major in elementary education. Her choice to get a teaching degree has been influenced by many different things throughout her life. Her career goal is to earn her teaching certificate and secure a position with a small public or a private school. WallCo 4-H Awards \$6,000 in Scholarships

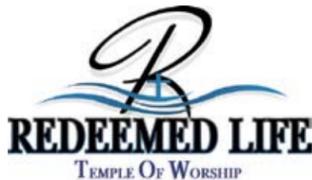
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# WHS Athlete Commits to Play Softball for University

## WISD Public Information

Waller High School senior Emily Burns signed a letter of intent to play softball at The University of Houston -Victoria on Wednesday, May 27. Burns was offered a scholarship to play softball after dedicating herself to the sport throughout her high school career.

Emily's parents, Anita and Richard Burns, along with several coaches, teachers, administrators, teammates, and friends gathered to celebrate Emily's successes and watch her sign to play for the team at a signing party coordinated by her family and coaches. Emily is sure to make Waller ISD proud next year and will undoubtedly be a great addition to the university's softball team.



Waller High School senior Emily Burns signed a letter of intent to play softball for the University of Houston Victoria. WISD Public Information.

# Waller ISD Honors 2014-2015 District Retirees

## WISD Public Information

The 2014-2015 Waller ISD Retirees were recognized at the end of school year Service Awards Program on June 3 and at the Waller ISD School Board Meeting on June 8. The retirees were awarded a rocking chair at the Service Awards Program and treated to a delicious dinner prepared by the Waller ISD School Nutrition Department on the evening of the June 9 Waller ISD School Board Meeting.

The 14 Waller ISD retirees have a cumulative 370 years of experience in Texas education with 226 of those years served in Waller ISD.

Waller ISD 2014-2015 Retirees are as follows: Annette Bennett 25 years in Waller ISD, 25 years total in Texas education; Betty Brigner 12 years in Waller ISD, 29 years total in Texas education; Diane Elliott 12 years in Waller ISD, 12 years total in Texas education; Charles Landers 10 years in Waller ISD, 41 years total in Texas education; Luana Lee 31 years in Waller ISD, 31 years total in Texas education; Alpha Moore 14 years in Waller ISD, 26 years total in Texas education;



The 2014-2015 Waller ISD Retirees were recognized on June 3 at the annual Service Awards Program for their many years of service to Waller ISD and students. The retirees received a rocking chair as a gift from Waller ISD. Pictured is Waller ISD Superintendent Danny Twardowski informing the program audience of retiree Luana Lee's accomplishments. WISD Public Information.

Melanie Payne 16 years in Waller ISD, 18 years total in Texas education; Kathy Reinhart 27 years in Waller ISD, 28 years total in Texas education; Gary Rollings 16 years in Waller ISD, 16 years total in Texas education; Julie Schuller 15 years

in Waller ISD, 31 years total in Texas education; Michelle Stanton 11 years in Waller ISD, 29 years total in Texas education; Betty Summers 19 years in Waller ISD, 19 years total in Texas education; Alicia West 15 years in Waller ISD, 37 years

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# ACE Program at RRE Receives Award

**WISD Public Information**

On May 21, Roberts Road Elementary ACE Site Coordinator Yolanda Saldana received the 2014-2015 Innovative Family Engagement Award.

The Roberts Road ACE Program was given this prestigious award because of the program's multiple Family Engagement Activities and family literacy promotion programs that have been implemented. One such class was the Do it Yourself class offered under the instruction of Francisco Romero, which focused home repairs and painting techniques.

One of the valuable skills the students learned was how to patch sheet rock dents and holes. Romero demonstrated this process for the students, illustrating various textures of walls that may need repair, and how to apply the correct fix to ensure the repair looks seamless. After the repair was complete, Romero and the students worked on the skill of painting using rags, sponges, paint brushes and paint rollers.

The final class of the course included how to apply stain to wood trim.



Roberts Road Elementary ACE Site Coordinator Yolanda Saldana (right) received the 2014-2015 Innovative Family Engagement Award on May 21. WISD Public Information.

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from traditional precincts to countywide voting, the county is holding three meetings that are open to the public. All three meetings will be held at the Waller County Courthouse, located at 836 Austin St. in Hempstead, 2nd floor, in the Commissioners Courtroom: Meeting 1 is Monday, June 22, 2015, at 6 p.m. "Open Committee Meeting" hosted by the Elections Administrator and the Republican and Democratic Party Chairs to present proposed plans and listen to public comments and concerns. Meeting 2 is Wednesday, June 24, 2015, immediately following Commissioners Court with a Commissioners Court Workshop. Meeting 3 is Wednesday, July 1, 2015, at 9 a.m. during the regularly scheduled meeting of the Commissioners Court.

During the July 1 meeting, commissioners will vote on

whether to authorize the County Judge to sign an application to the State of Texas for Countywide Polling Places.

Teed stated that countywide polling will be great for the county and will make voting easier and more secure.

## Local Attorney Chosen for NADC

The National Association of Distinguished Counsel have selected Hempstead attorney Paul Looney, with Looney & Conrad, P.C., as a member of the Nation's Top One Percent of attorneys.

The NADC is an organization dedicated to promoting the highest standards of legal excellence. It's mission is to objectively recognize the attorneys who elevate the standards of the Bar and provide a benchmark for other lawyers to emulate.

Members are vetted by a re-

search team, a blue ribbon panel of attorneys, and a judicial review board. By virtue of the selectivity of the appointment process, only the top one percent of attorneys in the United States are awarded membership in the NADC.

The roster of NADC members consists of the leading legends of the legal profession. They are featured prominently on networks and in publications such as ABC, NBC, CBS, MSNBC, FOX, The New York Times, The Washington Post, Time and Newsweek.



Paul Looney

## MAIL Continued from page 1A

efits for postal retirees 75 years into the future, costing billions each year.

To rectify this issue, Congress has put forth a reform bill for the Postal Service--the Postal Reform Act of 2014-- but the measure failed to gain traction.

However, the new Postmaster General, Megan Brennan, is pressing Congress for comprehensive postal reform, including eliminating prefunding of retiree health benefits.

Brennan is hopeful that the reform legislation will pass.

"Congress understands that the Postal Service is a trusted institution and that it has relevance to every community in this country. I absolutely believe Congress is committed to the long-term viability of the Postal Service," Brennan stated.

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## TRANSIT Continued from page 1A

Currently, the transit has no permanent scheduled routes in Waller County, as it does in Austin, Colorado, and Wharton County. However, in the works

are plans to develop permanent routes for Brookshire, Waller, Hempstead, Prairie View, and a route along 290 east to Cypress.

Senior citizens (age 60 and

up) in Austin and Waller County ride "free", but donations are accepted. In the counties that currently have established routes, inner city loops are \$1 one-way, inner county trips

are \$2 one way, and county-to-county \$5 one way. Exact change is required.

To check out current route maps and bus schedules, go to gotransit.org.

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## PARK Continued from page 4A

2016, and will be the second largest water park in Texas.

Construction of the theme park, which will have rides based on Texas history, is contingent upon the addition of a new electricity substation near Splendor, which is not slated for completion until 2017. Existing power grids in the area were unable to accom-

modate the electricity need to fuel the rides planned for the park.

Galland stated that the initial project, slated to be completed in 2016, will comprise the RV park, Speedsports, the Sportsplex, water park and factory outlet. The theme park and "downtown Texas" will follow when power becomes available, hopefully by

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Notice is hereby given that original Letters of Testamentary upon the Estate of Irene Plunk Falks, Deceased, was granted to me, the undersigned, on May 27, 2015, by the County Court of Waller County, Texas. All persons having claims against said Estate are hereby required to present the same to me within the time prescribed by law. My residence and post office address is as follows:

Mr. Richard B. Falks  
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/s/ RICHARD B. FALKS  
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Waller County Elections Office  
Monday, June 22, 2015  
6:00 P.M.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Waller County Elections Office of Hempstead, Texas will hold a Public Meeting at 6:00 P.M. on Monday, the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of June, 2015, at the Waller County Courthouse 2nd Floor Commissioners Courtroom, 836 Austin St., Hempstead TX, 77445. This meeting may include a Quorum of the Waller County Commissioners Court and of the Elections Commission.

Said purpose of the meeting will be to give the public a status update on Countywide Polling Places as proposed for the November 3, 2015 Elections, and to allow the public to provide input.

### Noticia se da a todo el public que la Oficina de Elecciones del condado de Waller

Que llevara una junta publica el Lunes, Junio, 22, 2015 ala 6:00 p.m., en la el segundo piso de la casa de corte del condado Waller, 836 Austin St., Hempstead, TX 77445. Esta junta puede incluir el quorum de los comisionados del condado de Waller y la comision electoral.

El proposito de esta junta es para darle al publico el estado de cuenta de los propositos de los lugares para votar en Noviembre 3, 2015, y proveer al publico que participe en las discusiones.

/s/ Dan Teed  
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#### Communication:

Maintain effective communication (oral and written) with District Administration, and Landscaping & Grounds Management. Promote awareness of Grounds Management Program to all users.

#### Working Conditions:

Extensive driving, walking and equipment operation. Will be exposed to pesticides, fertilizers, a pollen producing environment, paint and petroleum products. Work time expectation, 90% of time will be physical labor, 10% administrative.

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### Grounds Technician SSC - Prairie View, TX

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#### Responsibilities:

- Mow turf using a Push mower at height specified by the Foreman. Trim non-uniform turf with string trimmer to a consistent height without damaging Trees or desired plants. Edge sidewalks and street curbs with a power edger or hand held edger.
- Assist the Grounds Keeper Sr. and team while pruning shrubs by removing dead or clipped materials as it is being cut. Assist in the preparation of planting shrubs by digging holes and backfilling with specified soil mix. De-weed shrub beds mechanically by hand pulling or hoeing.
- Prune ground cover using powered or hand tools to specified height of area Foreman de-weed as necessary to maintain weed free.
- Prepare organic soil mix, place and maintain in flower beds. Plant flowers in desired pattern and spacing according to instructions of area foreman. Pluck or prune the foliage if necessary to sustain good healthy flower production.
- Assist the Grounds Keeper Sr. in pruning Tree limbs and a branch by discarding the material as it is pruned.
- Perform minor/routine maintenance on small powered Equipment.
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- Report broken irrigation heads or any other damaged Landscape features to the area Foreman for proper assignment by the Grounds Manager. Report any damaged or missing property including campus site elements, grounds inventory, tools and equipment. Report any questionable plant health problems including pest and disease. Report any insect problems or pests that are harmful to pedestrians.
- Prune to promote healthy, safe and aesthetically pleasing growth habits using National Arborist Specifications for both shade trees and ornamentals. Also remove dead wood imbalance and when in conflict with pedestrian or vehicular circulation. Quickly identify or diagnose potential tree disease and report to the area Foreman.
- Perform other duties as assigned.

#### Communication:

Maintain effective communication with the Landscaping and Grounds Management team. Promote awareness of grounds management program to all users. Participate in active stewardship program for employees.

#### Working Conditions:

Extensive use of hand and power tools, driving, walking and equipment operation. Will be exposed to pesticides, fertilizers, a pollen producing environment, paint, and petroleum products. Work time expectation, 90% of time will be physical labor, 10% administrative.

#### Requirements:

Prefer a high school diploma or equivalent. Two years experience in grounds maintenance. Must be able to read and speak English. Have the ability to operate grounds related equipment and have a valid driver's license.

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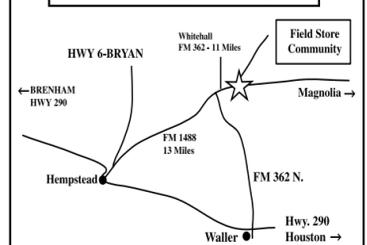
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# Obituary

## GREEN



Alphonse (Al) Green, age 81 of Prairie View, Texas, transition to be with our Lord & Savior June 5, 2015, at Kindred Hospital surrounded by his loving wife and daughter. He was born December 19,

1934, in New Iberia, LA, the son of the late Irene Mitchell-Grant and O'neal Green. He was the oldest of two children.

He graduated from Prairie View A&M University of Prairie View in 1973. He married Carolyn Olivia Vance on June 21, 1974, in Hempstead. They both graduated from Prairie View A&M University on May 1, 1977 him obtaining his Master of Education and her a Bachelors of Science in Industrial Education.

He served in the U.S. Navy and the Merchant Marines in the 1960's. After his discharge, he was employed by Multiple Schools as a Teacher of Record for High School Vocational classes.

Alphonse (Al) Green was an avid saxophonist, playing the full spectrum of saxophones

from the Soprano to the Baritone. Playing for his family, friends and many gigs for well over 60 years honing the talent to perfection.

He is survived by his wife Carolyn Green, daughter and son-in-law, Valereé and Alan Teasley of Stone Mountain, GA and his granddaughter Ashleigh LaSheé Harvey.

Al Green was preceded in death by his sister, Anna Guienze; his mother, Irene Mitchell-Grant and his father, O'neal Green.

There will be no service, but the family will create a memory book for all that would like to so please contact a member of the family.

Soliciting all prayers and well wishes in Al Green's honor: Carolyn Green, P.O. Box 2298, Prairie View, Tx 77446.

# ARNOLD

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Danny Williamson, Duane Gregory, Aliska Schmidt, Seth Quast, Marion Patricia Gollmer, Becky Davis, David Hargrave, Matthew Kennedy, Andrew Michael Wright, Morgyn Reiten, Greyson Ryan Storz., retired Waller Postmaster Delbert Schultz, Frank Lucas Hudy, Linda Hasselmann Tarutis, Cody Tomlinson, Novella Sheffield, Rod Hatcher, Lauren Kaminski, Keith Kumz, Jacob Franz, and Matthew Franz.

Remember to keep Hazel Lea Boettcher in your prayers as she recuperates from surgery after suffering a broken leg at home. Keep her cheered up as she endures rehab by sending cards to her at P. O. Box 34, Waller.

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  - 5 ACRES: Unrestricted corner tract near Waller. Wooded & open. Near Bus. Hwy 290 with easy access to US Hwy 290 & the Grand Pkwy.....PENDING ..... \$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 exempt.....PENDING .....\$289,900
  - 18 ACRES: Fenced, lightly restricted, Ag exempt. Easy access to Hwy. 6.....PENDING..... \$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 .....\$9,500/ac.
  - 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 .....\$9,500/ac.
  - 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.....\$45,000
- HEMPSTEAD: 3-3 all brick home on 2.5 lots. Wood, floors, formals, plantation shutters, sunroom, gameroom, crown molding & fireplace. Needs some TLC.....\$162,500
- 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

## 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

## 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

## 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.

## Featured Listings



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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
- WALLER NURSERY: 12 unrestricted acres with well, irrigation & commercial greenhouses. Heated plant beds for year round growing. Everything needed to operate a business.....PENDING.....\$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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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

### 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
- 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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