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**PSALMS 95:1-2**  
<sup>1</sup> Oh come, let us sing to the Lord; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation. <sup>2</sup> Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise.

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## Hundreds Attend Prayer Vigil and Prayer Walk

By CARRIE PRAZAK-GOURLEY  
**The Waller Times**  
 On Sunday evening, September 6 at 5:30 p.m., hundreds of Waller County citizens gathered at the Waller County Courthouse to pray for our county, country, and for law enforcement. The event began with the crowd singing the "Star-Spangled Banner", followed by an invocation by Journey Church Pastor Jonie Scroggs.  
 After the invocation, the Waller County Chaplain initiated the march from the courthouse to the sheriff's office with the words, "Let's GoForth", using the name of the recently fallen Harris County Sheriff's Deputy, Darren GoForth. The crowd stretched along the entire block of 8th St. between the Waller County Courthouse and the Waller County Sheriff's Office.  
 Among the county officials in attendance were Waller County



Hundreds of Waller County citizens participate in a Prayer Vigil on Sunday evening, September 6, to support law enforcement and pray for our nation at the Waller County Sheriff's Office. Photo credit: Carrie Prazak-Gourley, The Waller Times.

Judge Trey Duhon; Commissioner Pct. 1, John Amsler; Commissioner Pct. 3, Jeron Barnett; Commissioner Pct. 4, Justin Beckendorff; District Attorney Elton Mathis; and Tax-Assessor Collector Ellen Shelburne. Dozens of local law enforcement were also in attendance, including WCSO deputies, Waller County Constables, city police officers from Waller, Hempstead, and Prairie View as well as troopers from the Texas Department of Public Safety. In addition, several local fire departments as well as Waller County EMS were represented.  
 Upon arrival at the sheriff's office, the walkers joined in singing "I'll Fly Away", while waiting for the rest of the crowd to arrive. Then Richard Jennings, Pastor of River of Praise Church, led the first prayer, calling on the protection of God and asking His angels

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## WallCo Upgrades Website, Sets Vote for Salary Increases

By CARRIE PRAZAK-GOURLEY  
**The Waller Times**  
 On Wednesday, September 2, the Waller County Commissioners Court met in regular session at 9 a.m. in the Waller County Courthouse. Waller County Judge Trey Duhon led the meeting also attended by Commissioners Justin Beckendorff, Jeron Barnett, and John Amsler. Commissioner Pct. 2 Russell Klecka was absent.  
 The court voted unanimously to appoint Commissioner Pct. 4, Justin Beckendorff, as the alternate to the Houston-Galveston Area Council Transportation Policy council as the alternate in case appointee County Engineer Orval Rhoads is unable to attend.  
 In further action, the court voted

unanimously to approve to upgrade and enhance the Waller County website from a basic package to a custom package with an annual cost of \$3,995, plus \$1,550 for hosting and maintenance. The basic package, which the county now has, costs \$550. Judge Duhon applauded the change saying the upgraded website is much more user-friendly and allows each department to update their page as needed.  
 The website agreement is through CIRA (County Information Resource Agency), a part of the Texas Association of Counties to which Waller County maintains membership.  
 Commissioner Amsler also applauded the upgrade, stating that current campaign finance records are difficult to place online, but that with the ease of the

upgraded, user-friendly website, citizens will be able to easily access this information.  
 "Then," said Amsler, "Waller County citizens will be able to follow the money."  
 The court also voted to approve an alternate plan for health insurance for county employees through the Texas Association of Counties, which will save the county money, but provides lower benefits for employees. The prior county health plan was a luxury plan that paid 90% "in network" and had a \$1,500/\$3,500 deductible. The new plan pays 80% "in network" and has a \$2,500/\$5,000 deductible.  
 On Wednesday, September 16, the Waller County Commissioners Court is

to vote on the proposed salary and allowance increases for Waller County elected officials. According to public notices published in all county newspapers, including The Waller Times, salaries will rise from 5% to 8% with additional raises in other allowances, such as travel, cell phone, and longevity, if the increases are approved.  
 Both Commissioners Pct. 2, Russell Klecka, and Pct. 1, John Amsler have already voiced their opinion that they are against the increases, stating that they are still getting calls from constituents complaining about the recent increases in property tax valuations by the Waller County Central Appraisal District.  
 Waller County Elected Officials also received a raise in 2014.

## Waller City Council Proposes 2015-16 Budget, Tax Rate

By CARRIE PRAZAK-GOURLEY  
**The Waller Times**  
 On Monday, August 31, the Waller City Council met at 6 p.m. at the Waller Public Works Building, located at 1119 Saunders St. in Waller. Mayor Danny Marburger conducted the meeting, also attended by council members Nancy Arnold, Edna Eaton, Dwayne Hajek, Mike McCormick and Sidney Johnson.

Mayor Marburger has filed the proposed 2015-2016 Operating Budget with the City Secretary, Cynthia Ward. According to Ward, citizens are welcome to stop by the Office of the City Secretary to view the proposed budget. The city council will hold a public hearing on the proposed budget and its adoption on Monday, September 28, 2015 at 7 p.m. in the Waller ISD Boardroom.

The City Council has proposed a 2015-2016 tax rate at \$0.5211 per \$100 valuation. The preceding year's tax rate was \$0.53691. The slightly lower rate is due to an across-the-board hike in property valuations by the Waller County Appraisal District.  
 Also, council voted to move the September 21 meeting to Monday, September 28.

In addition, since the prior Finance Officer, Deborah LaDay, is no longer in the employ of the City of Waller, council voted to contact Texas First Group for an interim finance officer until a replacement can be hired.  
 Due to the City of Waller not having a police chief in place, council also voted to promote Sgt. Michael Williams to captain.

## Local Police and Houston SWAT Ends Stand-off at 2920 Exxon

By CARRIE PRAZAK-GOURLEY  
**The Waller Times**  
 On Monday night, August 31, 2015, a male caller contacted his home dispatch in Gibson County, Indiana at 11 p.m. and stated he was in his truck in the parking lot of the Exxon gas station on FM 2920 in Waller. The caller proceeded to tell dispatch that he had watched a Waller County Deputy walk into a nearby Jack-in-the-Box, and that he was waiting for the deputy to leave the store so he could shoot him.  
 Gibson County Central Dispatch kept talking to the suspect, trying to keep him

calm and immediately contacted Waller County to report the situation. Waller County Dispatch then called the deputy who had been threatened, asking him not to exit the store. Then local law enforcement was alerted and Waller Police Sgt. M. Lopez and Officer L. Predente were dispatched to the scene along with other area officers.  
 Lopez contacted Captain Michael Williams and advised him of the situation which had progressed into a standoff with the suspect barricaded in his truck, still threatening to kill officers. Williams

instructed Sgt. Lopez to request Harris County Special Response Unit (SWAT) and a Crisis Negotiator to come to the scene.  
 Harris County SWAT, along with Captain Williams and other agencies' command staffs, went in route to set up a command post at Love's Truck Stop, located just north of U.S. 290.  
 The HCSO negotiator talked to the then-identified suspect, 33-year-old Andrew Humphrey, for approximately an hour before SWAT used a distraction device, known as a flash-grenade, and removed him from the vehicle without any-

one sustaining serious injury. No weapon was found in Humphrey's vehicle when it was searched.  
 Harris County took Humphrey into custody and transported him to the Harris County Jail without further incident. Humphrey is from Princeton, Indiana, and according to the Princeton Daily Clarion, he was charged with making a terroristic threat.  
 Captain Williams stated, "All responding law enforcement officers used good judgment and training for a positive outcome here in the City of Waller."

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# Waller Wonders - *What does it all MEAN?*

By NANCY ARNOLD



Since computers have taken over our lives, we've almost had to learn a new language. Words that once meant one thing now mean something else entirely, and not just with computers.

Now, I'm probably going to get in trouble for this - I did a couple of years ago when I wandered into this discussion, but I want to talk about the word "hack."

It doesn't mean what it used to mean, or even what you think

it means. It doesn't even mean what it meant two years ago!

For instance, I grew up hearing people refer to a vicious cough as a "hack." Seems reasonable. When someone is coughing hard enough to seemingly cough up a lung, that sound could easily be described as a "hacking cough."

It still means that, but it's 'way down the list of definitions in the dictionary - number 13, in fact - and is described as "to cough harshly, usually in short and repeated spasms." Yep, that's one of the meanings I'm familiar with.

It can also mean "to cut, notch, slice, chop, or sever (something) with or as with heavy, irregular blows (often followed by up or down), such as to hack meat; to hack down trees."

Okay, I recognize that meaning, too.

If you're a fan of old black-and-white movies, you might remember a guy driving a "hack" - a taxi. That definition may have come all the way from the 1300s, and refers to a hackney coach - a

carriage or coach for hire.

A week - nay, a day! - can't go by without a news blast saying that some person, company, or country's computers have been "hacked," meaning a cyber-thief has gained access to private computer files. That's usually a bad thing, unless the hacker has been hired to break into the files to test security. Then it's a good thing. Don't dwell on it too much. It'll make you squint.

But lately a NEW definition has surfaced, and I don't understand how this has come about at all. Let's say you open your Good Housekeeping magazine, and there's an article explaining a great new "hack" for using canned biscuits. The article is about using canned biscuit dough to make a casserole, or a pie, or a door wreath. (???)

Pinterest is full of "hacks" about repurposing all kinds of household items to make a different kind of household item. Mason jars seem to be the trend these days. Mason jar "hacks" show you how to make decorative candles, yard art, candle

holders, bookends ... I could go on.

First of all, Mason jars have been repurposed for ... well, probably since Mason jars were invented. Check your own kitchen, pantry, garage, tool shed. Shelves full of Mason jars, right?

Okaaaay. How does the word "hack" fit this usage? Didn't we used to use the word "hint," as in "household hints?"

Not to worry. The dictionary gives us the answer in definition #23. This new meaning is classified as "informal," and says it is "a tip, trick, or efficient method for doing or managing something: hacks for holiday entertaining; parenting hacks."

Boy! That sounds suspiciously like a "hint" to me. So what does the word hint mean? The same dictionary that explained "hack" to me says that "hint" means "a helpful piece of advice or practical suggestion." Oh, my head!

Is it any wonder that our kids go through 13 years of school and get to college unable

to write a coherent sentence? Well, that and "late" is spelled with the letter "L" followed by the number "8" - L8. You is spelled "u," and your or you're (used interchangeably by too many) is spelled "ur."

After all of this, I have a tension headache. I'll bet there's a hack for that. Some people might call it an aspirin.

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Lighting birthday candles next week for Shelley Taylor, Jeremy Hurry, Aaron Stasney, Jason McCaffety, Herb Cortes, Stanley Lesikar, Jeannette Wedemeyer, Jessica Sheffield, Susan Renken, Mandy Hurt, Trent Bundrant, Mary Lee Cook, Monica Bundick, James Warneke, Zoey Kilcullen, Kalum Haack, Denise Riley, Freddy Avila, Nicole Maxey, Donna Kruff Cox, Elmer Hooper, Krystal Kennedy, Kenny Box, Mary Lynn Hegar, Olivia Ray Phillips, Kenny Box, Elsie Ellis, Mike Cook, Karl Sagastetter, Hadley Herndon, Chris Shamblyn, Vivian Cavanaugh, Vickey Smith, Isabelle Starr, Nancy Pulpan, Joy Franz,

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Happy anniversary to Herb and Tammy Cortes, Lenoard and Mary Hasselmann, Christopher and Rebecca Thompson, Matthew and Tammy Ferguson, and Mark and Angie Poston.

Special anniversary greetings to baby sister Betty Kay Hart and her knight in shining armor, Don - collectively known as Grandma and Papa to four very lively little grandsons, ages not-quite-three, not-quite-two, not-quite-one, and just three months. Did I mention lively?

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While we're on the subject of special days, there are only 107 days until Christmas. Is YOUR shopping done yet?

Until next week ...

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# The Voice of an Angel: Remembering Mae Helen James

By CARRIE PRAZAK-GOURLEY



Mae Helen Wilson James was a native of Prairie View, Texas. She was born on August 2, 1933 into a family of Prairie View educators. Both her mother and father taught at Prairie View A&M University. Her father, Jessie Wilson, was an industrial arts professor and her mother also taught at the university, in addition to teaching private piano lessons.

Early on in Mae Helen's life, it was discovered that she possessed a beautiful soprano singing voice, and she was often called on to perform in the local Prairie View community.

Upon graduation from high

school, she was awarded a full music scholarship to prestigious Howard University in Washington, DC., where she earned a Bachelor's Degree in Music in 1956. During her college years, she performed in the renowned Howard University Choir. She later earned a Master's in Music from Prairie View A&M.

Mae Helen went on to teach for several years in high schools both in New York State and in the Prairie View-Waller area. She also served her community as City Secretary for the City of Prairie View, Secretary for the Dean of Women at Prairie View A&M, as well as Dormitory Director for the Honors Dorm. In addition, she served for many years as music director, lead vocalist, and pianist at St. Martin de Porres Catholic Church in Prairie View. In later years, she was a faithful choir member at St. Katharine Drexel Catholic Church in Hempstead, Texas.

I can attest to Mae Helen's piercingly clear, opera-like voice. I was blessed to meet her while I was a member of St. Katharine Drexel's choir. Mae Helen remained faithful in her attendance at choir practice and at mass, de-

spite her failing health, until the last few months of her life.

Unable to drive, she was often assisted by her longtime friend, Mrs. Mary Hawkins, a retired mathematics professor who taught for several years at Prairie View A&M. Mary helped Mae Helen for years by driving her to church and often to doctor's appointments. She was a true blessing in Mae Helen's life. Mary said that even to this day, the choir never fails to think of Mae Helen when they have difficulty reaching that high note that Mae Helen always reached with ease.

Mae Helen was a beloved choir member. According to Jerry La Mere, St. Katharine Drexel Choir Director, Mae Helen had a "great spirit", and will be sorely missed.

La Mere also related a story that attested to Mae Helen's endurance. Last Easter Vigil, she was taken to mass by her son Everett. Mae Helen was in a wheelchair at the time, but was determined to hold on to her lighted vigil candle, even though it kept tipping and spilling wax in her lap.

When La Mere thought it best to take the candle from her for her own safety, she refused to give it to him, saying, "No! This is my candle!" And keep it she did, until the candles were all extinguished.

Choir member Anna Harris said of Mae Helen, "She was full of life and despite declining



Mae Helen Wilson James

health, never let anyone or anything get her down."

Longtime choir member and cantor, Becky Gurrola said, "Mae Helen was an inspiration to all." On a humorous note, Becky reminded me of an often-repeated phrase that Mae Helen would say. Mae Helen's voice was so strong and powerful, that often at the end of a choir piece, her voice could be heard well above the others.

Knowing that she really should just blend in with the choir, she would smile that famous smile and tell the choir jokingly, "The devil made me do it." Everyone would laugh.

Mae Helen left this earth on August 6, while in the hospital. Her heart simply stopped beating, and she died in peace.

When I heard about her passing, my first thought was that she is now singing a joyful song to the Lord in heaven.

Rev. David Harris, Pastor of St. Katharine Drexel Catholic Church, officiated the funeral mass on August 12 at the church, and during the homily, described Mae Helen as a loving, good person who will be sorely missed.

The choir practiced to perform the music for the funeral, and afterwards were mightily complimented for their music. Mary Hawkins stated, "We felt good about it, and know we did our best to sing our hearts out for Mae Helen."

Mae Helen is survived by her brother, James W. Wilson, Jr. of Austin, and by her four children: Everett James of Prairie View; Suzanne Donovan of Lithonia, Georgia; Kevin James of Corona, California; Shawn James of Towanda, Pennsylvania, as well as eight grandchildren.

Mae Helen was laid to rest at The Evergreen Cemetery in Austin, Texas, alongside her mother, Helen Grant Wilson.

One thing is certain: My husband and I and members of our church will always miss hearing "the voice of an angel." May she rest in peace.

Psalms 95:1-2 "Oh come, let us sing to the Lord; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation. Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise."

Contact Carrie at [gidget2114@gmail.com](mailto:gidget2114@gmail.com) for any questions or comments on her columns.

## Obituary

### HARRIS

Clarence "Bo" Ellery Harris, Jr., was born October 23, 1950 in Navasota, Texas and was welcomed into the Glory of Heaven at 8:40 a.m. on August 26, 2015 taking his last earthly breath at the Vitas Healthcare Facility in Conroe, Texas.

He was preceded in death by his nephew, Raymond Killingsworth, Jr.

Harris was a beloved first-born son, a constant brother, faithful husband, devoted father and grandfather, and a prayer

warrior for his family.

He is survived by his parents, Clarence and Patricia Harris; his wife, Debbie Harris; his daughter, Mindy Roebuck and husband Donnie; his son, Cory Harris; his granddaughter, Kaci Belle Roebuck; his sister, Wanda Killingsworth Liberty; and his brother, Steve Harris and wife Darra. He will be missed,

too, by loving nephews, cousins, relatives and friends.

Having donated his body to science, there was no formal funeral or memorial service, only a celebration of his life in our hearts.

Those left to grieve his absence cherish the memories and look forward to the reunion God has promised his children.

## News Briefs

### 2015 Emergency Preparedness Fair Scheduled

An Emergency Preparedness Fair, that will include over 20 subjects including Alternative Cooking, Emergency Management, Water Harvesting, Water Purification, Food Preservation & Storage, 72-hour Kits, Gardening, Ham Radio Operation & Licensing, and much more, is scheduled for Saturday, September 12, 2015. Residents are encouraged to be ready for any kind of unanticipated event that might disrupt the home or community. Citizens can learn how to become self-reliant and to prepare for times of adversity, whether a community disaster or personal struggle such as loss of employment. The event is slated from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, located at 2324 Waller Mayer Road, in Waller (west of Holloman Elementary School). For more information, email organizers at [jolyenne@gmail.com](mailto:jolyenne@gmail.com).

### CALH Sets September "Garage Sale"

On Friday and Saturday, September 18 - 19, 2015, the Citizens Against the Landfill in Hempstead (CALH) will hold its September 'more than a' Garage Sale at 641 10th Street, in Hempstead. Organizers are already building their inventory but ask for donations any time, Monday - Friday from 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. and Saturday from 9 a.m. - 12 noon.

### WHS Hosts PSAT/NQMST Testing October 14

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# Waller Police Department Activity August 26 – September 2

Waller Police Department Officers responded to 42 calls for service resulting in six incidents reports and two arrests; additional officers completed three motor vehicle accident reports

On August 30, Officer Fernand responded to the 31315 FM 2920 to investigate an Assault Family Violence that took place at the Pizza Hut between an employee and their spouse. After a thorough investigation, Officer Fernand concluded that there was enough evidence to issue an arrest warrant for the spouse who had fled the scene prior to his arrival.

On August 31, Officer Prudente responded to a mo-

tor vehicle accident in the 1700 block of FM 362. It was later discovered that one of the drivers involved had active warrants through the City of Waller. The driver was given an opportunity to make restitution. The driver was not willing to make restitution and was placed in custody. The driver was transported to the Waller County Jail without further incident.

On August 31, Officer Floyd responded to the 3025 block of Waller St. to investigate the burglary of a habitation. The complainant reported that while she was away at a doctors appointment, she returned home to find her front

door open and part of the door knob lying on the porch. It was discovered that several items and valuables were taken from the home. This case was forwarded to the Criminal Investigation Division for further investigation.

On August 31, Sgt. M. Lopez was dispatched to the Exxon station located at 31100 FM 2920 in regards to a male that had made threats to kill Law Enforcement. Harris County Sheriff's negotiators were called to the scene along with Harris County S.W.A.T. Team. The incident resulted in a four hour standoff with the suspect who was later transported to Ben Taub Hospital for a psy-

chiatric evaluation.

On September 1, Officer Floyd took a report for Credit Card Abuse. The complainant stated that someone used her credit card at Home Depot without her consent. It was discovered that the credit card had been used in several purchases in a two-day period. The case was forwarded to the Criminal Investigation Division for further investigation.

On September 2, Sgt. M. Bellard while on routine patrol, observed what appeared to be an abandoned vehicle. After a thorough investigation, Sgt. Bellard discovered the vehicle was stolen out of Harris County. The vehicle was towed

and was later returned to the registered owners.

The Waller Police Department would like to congratulate both Captain Michael Williams and Sergeant Michael Bellard on their promotions to their current ranks.

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## WCFA Continues Making Positive Changes

The Waller County Fair Board has been working diligently over the past year with one goal in mind: striving to make the experience even better for fairgoers.

That's why members of the board are so excited for this year's Waller County Fair and Rodeo, set for Friday, September 25 - Saturday, October 3, at the Waller County Fairgrounds in Hempstead.

"We've added an additional 5,000 square feet of concrete to better serve our attendance in our entertainment pavilion," said Larry Pershall, a member of the

fair's improvement committee. "In our sponsorship-VIP facility, we've added another 1,200-square-foot building, expanded our porch area to 1,200 square feet, poured it into concrete and added a tin roof."

That's just a small taste of the work that has been going on behind the scenes of one of the top fairs in southeast Texas. The stage has been moved to the north end of the entertainment section of the fairgrounds, opening the south end of the dance hall and allowing for more room and overflow.

"We have fully renovated an old barn into our new Wagon Wheel," said Chad Kersh, a member of the rodeo committee. "The new building has a Luckenback or Gruene Hall feel to it. It will be a great place to hang out and enjoy our nightly entertainment."

In addition to an action-packed lineup of four top-level artists - Aaron Watson on Saturday, September 26; Jeff Woolsey on Thursday, October 1; John Conlee on Friday, October 2; and Neal McCoy on Saturday, October 3 - the Wagon Wheel also will host an evening of entertainment

through most every evening of the fair and rodeo:

Brian Loftin and Texas Reflections, 6:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m. Saturday, September 26.

DJ and karaoke, 5:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. Tuesday, September 29, and Wednesday, September 30

Aubrey Lynn Band, 5:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m., Thursday, October 1

Lacy Booth and Tim Nichols, 5:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m., Friday, October 2

Texas Special Band, 5:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m., Saturday, October 3

"We are constantly looking at ways to make our fair better, and we have worked really hard to make sure we are heading in the right direction," Pershall said. "We believe that these changes reflect on our passion to continue to make the Waller County Fair and Rodeo the top event in southeast Texas every year."



Waller ISD celebrated a landmark in student enrollment on Thursday, September 3. For the first time in the District's history, student enrollment passed 6,500. Students from Waller Junior High School joined Waller ISD Superintendent, Danny Twardowski, in ringing the District's historical bell to mark the historic achievement. Waller ISD is growing rapidly and will hold a school bond election on Tuesday, November 3 to address the student growth. Pictured are Waller Junior High Students Dillon Chapa and Leeanna Schmidt ringing Waller ISD's historic first school bell with Superintendent Danny Twardowski to celebrate the District's enrollment reaching more than 6,500 students. *WISD Public Information.*

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# WHS Students Inducted Into National Honor Society

## WISD Public Information

More than 80 of Waller High School's scholars were inducted into the Waller High School Chapter of the National Honor Society program on the night of September 2.

The National Honor Society program recognizes high school students for maintaining exemplary grades in addition to demonstrating leadership, service, citizenship and character. The current officers of the Waller High School honors society program led the ceremony, and each officer addressed the proud parents, friends and family members in attendance.

The current Waller High School Honor Society officers are President Caitlyn Ulrich, Vice President Jasmen Perry, Secretary Chloe Frattalone, Treasurer Brittney Jones and Parliamentarian Brant Lemons. Special thanks was extended to the Waller High School staff who coordinated the event, Waller High School Principal Dr. Brian Merrell, Sponsor Roy Weesner, and Faculty Council Persons Julie Bankston, Mel Daigle, Stephanie Hendrix, Kristy Hyatt and Adella Ramirez. After the service, attendees were invited to attend a short reception with light refreshments.

The Waller High School students who were inducted for the 2015-2016 school year are as follows: Josue Adame, Ash-



More than 80 of Waller High School's scholars were inducted into the National Honors Society on September 2. The students maintain exemplary grades and demonstrate dedication to their scholarship, leadership, service, citizenship and character. WISD Public Information.

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# Chamber Hosts Superhero-Themed Luncheon

## WISD Public Information

The Waller Area Chamber of Commerce and Waller Baptist Church hosted a new teacher luncheon on August 11. The superhero themed luncheon welcomed new teachers from Waller ISD, Waller Christian Academy, and Rosehill Christian School.

Waller ISD's English Language Learners Coordinator, Teresa Cavazos, was the keynote speaker at the event. In her speech, Cavazos discussed the impact teachers and school staff had on her as a child. She encouraged all staff members to take the time to nurture children and to help students achieve their goals.

Cavazos was a Waller High School graduate, employed as a school custodian, and went to college as she worked to earn her teaching degree. Generous Chamber of Commerce members donated



Newly hired H.T. Jones Elementary Teachers Felicia Ervin and Elodia Garza enjoy lunch together at the Waller Area Chamber of Commerce New Teacher Luncheon. *WISD Public Information.*

a host of door prizes to be raffled to the teachers at the event including school supplies, technology equipment and gift cards. ...

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# HISD Secondary Students Enjoy New Bobcat Den

## By LAURIE BETTIS

### HISD Public Information

Students in Hempstead Middle School and High School had a nice surprise when they returned to school. Over the summer months, the secondary cafeteria was converted into the Bobcat Den.

Students can now enjoy the

atmosphere of a student center rather than a cafeteria setting during their lunchtime each day. A variety of eating areas allow students to enjoy time together whether it is sitting in small groups at one of the tall tables, large groups around the patio style tables, face to face in one of the booths, or relax-

ing on the couch seating area in the corner. The new Bobcat den is equipped with two large screen televisions and students are allowed to use their cell phones while in the den.

The great thing about the new Bobcat Den is that it didn't cost taxpayers a dime as the funding was available

through the food service account. Students seem to be happy with the new look and feel of their eating area as well as the food that is being served this year.

The secondary cafeteria will now be referred to as the Bobcat Den. ...



Ryan Boulais, Roberto Rosales, Russell Beard, Alex Kmiec, and Jayden Cavender enjoyed lunch at one of the tall tables in the new Bobcat Den at Hempstead ISD. The secondary cafeteria was converted into a student center over the summer with a wide variety of setting areas available to students. *HISD Public Information.*

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## The Mark

You may have heard about the "Mark of the Beast" and "666." Novels have been written, movies produced, most of them without a careful analysis of the Biblical context. You see, Scripture spoke about it first in the book of Revelation 13:11-18. It is the subject for a whole separate study, but suffice it to say that mark is something we want to avoid! It identifies evil and produces eternal consequences.

It is imperative to understand first the *opposite* of the mark of the beast, and that is the mark that God desires to put on his people! Yes, He has a mark. The exciting book of Ezekiel tells us about it. Ezekiel saw God about to command judgment on Jerusalem. (If you look at current events and compare them with Christ's signs mentioned in Matthew 24, you can see we are about to see another act of judgment from Heaven as Christ returns for His people!)

Before Ezekiel saw evil being punished, he saw mercy. One messenger was given a special command:

**And the LORD said unto him, Go through the midst of the city, through the midst of Jerusalem, and set a mark upon the foreheads of the men that sigh and that cry for all the abominations that be done in the midst thereof. (Ezekiel 9:4)**

Here is a mark given not for those who are evil, but for those who cry at evil! It is a mark to identify those who were already exhibiting this character trait. In other words, those who have the heart of Jesus, who Himself cried at our unbelief (see Mt 23:37-39; Luke 19:41-44, John 11:35). It is interesting to note here that the Hebrew word for "mark" is "tau," the last letter of the Hebrew alphabet. This letter in Ezekiel's day was shaped like a cross. The cross of Christ represents how deeply God abhors sin. So much, that in order to prevent His creations from its eternal consequences, He sent His only Son to suffer its wrath! And I believe Heaven cried on that day. We are called to react to sin the same way. Not with a literal cross on our literal forehead (Ezekiel is a prophetic/symbolic book), but by allowing the understanding of the price of sin--and, by contrast, the love of God--to overwhelm us and compel us to Godly living.

Ezekiel then tells us that God commanded the Heavenly messengers to kill the evil ones in the city, but to avoid one group:

**"...do not come near anyone on whom is the mark." (Ezekiel 9:6)**

What wonderful protection! Here is described the remnant, God's remaining people. So having the cross of Christ saturating our lives causes us to first weep with Him. We are not participating in the errors and immorality around us. (Not even Spiritual leaders were excused from accountability. Judgment started with the elders at the Temple). By this response, by taking on Christ, we are spared. We end up becoming God's last-day people who are spared as they are "sealed" on their "foreheads" (Revelation 7:4).

Do you want to be part of God's kingdom? Let's learn from this lesson today. Embrace God's amazing love and let Him transform you with his character (Rom 12:1-2). Weep at the sin on TV. Reject the values that saturate the internet. Most importantly, weep at your own sin...and receive His "mark"!

**Travis Patterson is the pastor of the Waller Seventh-day Adventist Church on Hamilton St.**





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# Remembering Our 9/11 First Responders

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

As we approach the 14th memorial remembrance of the tragedy of 9/11, we must also remember the valor of our first responders, many of whom lost their lives on that sorrowful day.

Three hundred and forty-three firefighters, (including a chaplain, two paramedics and a fire marshal), 37 police officers, eight EMT's, and one fire patrolman lost their lives on 9/11 while trying to save the lives of others.

Sixty to seventy thousand brave first responders responded to the call that day in New York City, at the Pentagon in Washington, D.C., and at the scene of the downed airliner in Shanksville, Pennsylvania. Over 250 firefighters were injured and thousands were exposed to hazardous dust particles from the destruction of the twin towers in New York City.

Today, 2,518 rescue works, mostly firefighters and EMT's, are battling cancer as a result of their brave dedication to their fellow man that day.

In 2010, Congress passed legislation officially called the James Zadroga Health and Com-



First responders working rescue in the aftermath of the terrorist attacks on 9/11 at the former World Trade Center. *Internet photo.*

pensation Act to provide monitoring, medical treatment, and compensation to those exposed to and made sick by toxic exposure resulting from 9/11.

Zadroga was a New York City Police Officer who died of a respiratory disease attributed to

his participation in rescue and recovery operations in the rubble of the World Trade Center. The Act is due to expire, and Congress has put forth a new bill which would make the Zadroga Act permanent. It is currently under debate in both the House and the Senate.

Rich Allen, Deputy Chief of the New York City Fire Department, testified before Congress saying, "Never forgetting 9/11 is a hollow political statement. Congress needs to pass this legislation. Actions speak louder than words."

# Texas Peace Officers Memorial Badge Gains Favor

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

Texas has adopted a Peace Officer Memorial Badge to be worn in honor of Texas police officers who have died in the line of duty.

In the wake of the horrific unprovoked execution of Houston's Harris County Deputy Officer Darren GoForth, the badge was displayed on local television news stations, and it has an interesting history.

Historically, the heraldry on the badge can be traced to Scotland, probably because in early American history, men of Irish and Scottish descent served overwhelmingly in the nation's law enforcement agencies. According to legend, the "guardian of the thistle", dis-



An example of the Texas Peace Officers Memorial Badge used by some law enforcement agencies to honor the fallen. *Internet photo.*

played on the badge, played its part in defense of the ancient realm of Scotland against Viking attacks more than 1,000 years ago.

The phrase on the badge "nemo me impune lacessit" is Latin for "No one wounds me with impunity; or "no one harms me and gets away with it" in modern language. This phrase has been adopted for centuries by Scottish regiments as their motto and has spread internationally to be used by peace officers throughout the world. Today, the badge is worn to express support for fallen officers and their families.

The back of the badge has a special die struck inscribed

with these words, "Honoring Those Who Stood the Thin Blue Line of Texas."

Sadly in 2015, there has been a 15% increase in the fatalities of law enforcement officers nationwide.

Not all law enforcement agencies have the special badge, but wear instead a black band over their badge to show respect for their fallen brethren.

In both the Waller Police Department and at the Waller County Sheriff's Office, many officers wear black bands over their badge with some bearing the traditional Latin phrase, "Nemo me impune lacessit." These bands will be worn until their fellow officer is buried.

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Photo taken on September 2 of a "rainbow cloud" at Hockley Community Center and Recreational Complex. The cloud is not part of a rainbow, but rather the colors are formed in the cloud itself by tiny water droplets or ice crystals scattering light. *Photo credit: Carrie Prazak-Gourley, The Waller Times.*

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# NED Show Shares Positive Principles with FSE Students

## WISD Public Information

The Fields Store Elementary yo-yo sales are underway and started off with an exciting display of yo-yo tricks and valuable positive behavior lessons. A performer from the NED show visited the school on September 2 to share a captivating performance and encouragement for the students to become champions.

The guest speaker's yo-yo and magic tricks captured the student's attention while teaching them the principles of the NED show and encouraging the students to demonstrate what they had learned. The NED show promotes positive attitudes and behavior through three principles: N= Never give up, E=Encourage others and D=Do your best. The students were inspired to set goals and use



Pictured is third-grade Fields Store Elementary Student, Emma Nicewarner, who won the balloon crown and yo-yo prize at the NED show for reciting the NED show principles; N=Never give up, E=Encourage others D=Do your best. WISD Public Information.

the three principles to lead them to success.


At one point in the program, the speaker had the students turn to one another and tell them how wonderful they were to demonstrate how good it felt to be kind to others. The speaker also used various sized pencils and erasers to show students that it is okay to make mistakes. The speaker informed the students that although we do not have an eraser in real life like the pencils do, when the students make mistakes, they can apologize for them and learn from them so they are not made again in the future.

To conclude the program, the speaker asked the young students what they had learned and gave a prize to the student with the best answer. Third-grader Emma Nicewarner recited some the NED show principals and stated that she would like to help her younger brother learn to read. Nicewarner won the balloon crown prize along with her very own yo-yo.

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Waller County citizens participating in a Prayer Walk between the Waller County Jail and the Waller County Sheriff's Office. Photo credit: Carrie Prazak-Gourley, The Waller Times.

to shield our law enforcement as they perform their duties.

Jennings prayed over our nation citing Chronicles 7:14, "If my people, who are called by my name, will humble them-

selves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land."

The crowd then joined in

singing the "Lord's Prayer" and "America", and afterward Waller County Chaplain prayed for law enforcement, encouraging them to "Put on the whole armor of God and continue to 'GoForth' and serve."

and serve." At the end of the prayer service, dozens of blue balloons, which had been sold as a fundraiser for the family of Deputy GoForth, were released into the sky, looking like dark blue polka-dots floating towards heaven.

The prayer vigil was the brainchild of local citizens, Tammy Westbrook and Stacie Stech, both natives of Waller County and long-time friends.

Westbrook said, "The Lord put it on our hearts to do this. We grew up together in this county and wanted to get people together in prayer and love to support law enforcement."



Waller Bulldogs William Wagner and Jarrett Curry work together to tackle a Lamar opponent on Friday night, September 4, 2015. Waller lost to Lamar Consolidated 27 - 6. Photo credit: Sherry Roesner.



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/s/ Scott C. Nagel

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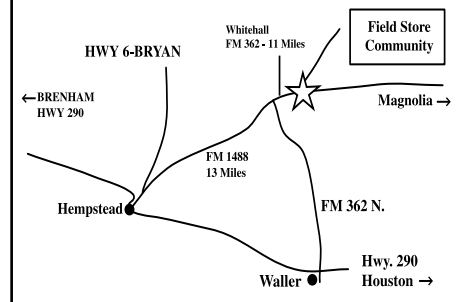
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### SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENCE

- 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.....\$218,000
- 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.....\$196,500
- 4454 Nice brick 3-2 home on corner lot with large shade trees, fireplace, hardwood flooring...\$139,000
- 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.....PENDING.....\$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.....PENDING.....\$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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