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Commissioners hear update on Communities That Care

By CARRIE PRAZAK-GOURLEY
 The Waller Times

On Tuesday, November 10, Waller County Commissioners attended a workshop presented by Dr. Samuel Arungwa, on the status of implementing the program Communities that Care in Waller County. The prior commissioners court had passed a resolution of support for the program in 2014. Dr. Arungwa is the Executive Director of Texas CTC, and works to implement the program throughout the state.

Dr. Arungwa recently attended the National Conference for Communities that Care in Seattle, Washington. According to Arungwa, the conference focused on the addition of electronic technology that will help facilitate CTC in local communities.

Communities That Care is a worldwide organization that employs a proven, community-change process for reducing youth violence, alcohol and tobacco use, and delinquency--through tested and effective programs. The program provides a social development strategy to foster the success and health of young

people from before birth through every stage of development through work with the families, schools, and entire communities.

The Community Youth Development Study reports youths from CTC communities were 25% to 33% less likely to have health and behavior problems than their counterparts. The success of CTC programs proves that prevention works. For every dollar invested in CTC, \$5.30 is returned in the form of lower criminal justice system, crime victim, and health care costs, and increased earnings and tax revenues.

"By implementing the program in Waller County, we hope to stop the county from being a pipeline to prison to being a pipeline for success," Arungwa stated.

Arungwa also hopes to set up CommUniversity Centers in Waller County, which will provide an on-line source for the tuition free University of the People, which can be a source of education for those that cannot afford to attend university and for inmates, by providing free local access to computer centers.

During the workshop, Arungwa requested the assistance of commissioners in obtaining data from local entities--schools and law enforcement--so that CTC can assess community risks and strengths and identify existing resources, without which an action plan for the community cannot be implemented.

CTC has been successful in communities across the United States and throughout the world. In Pennsylvania, over 800 communities have implemented CTC with great success. The former First Lady of Pennsylvania, Michelle Ridge, had this to say about CTC. "CTC results in better, healthier communities that help children grow up with more hope, opportunity, and better outcomes."

County Judge Trey Duhon meets with Arungwa weekly and has high hopes for the successful outcome of CTC's implementation in Waller County. "I hope Waller County becomes the model for Texas and proves what a positive outcome the implementation of CTC can have in a community, and I will do everything I can to work for its success," Duhon stated.

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Waller ISD teacher arrested, resigns post

A Waller ISD Computer Applications Teacher and Coach at W.C. Schultz Junior High School was arrested on Friday evening, November 6, 2015, on a charge of online solicitation of a minor. The charge was for allegedly having inappropriate e-mail communications with a high school student.

The teacher, identified as Whit Mitchell, age 43, resigned as a result of the investigation.

W.C. Schultz Junior High School parents were immediately notified of the allegation and arrest.

According to WISD Superintendent Danny Twardowski, the District administration takes every allegation seriously and began an investigation immediately upon learning of the allegation late Friday afternoon. The investigation was turned over to law enforcement

officials where it remains active.

Investigators stated that this is an isolated incident and the individuals involved have been notified. Additional counselors were on campus to talk with students and staff members who may need their assistance.

"The safety of our students and staff remains our highest priority," Twardowski

said. "The Waller Independent School District will not tolerate an employee who engages in inappropriate communications with children. All Waller ISD employees are expected to serve as role models for our students and demonstrate exemplary conduct."

Due to the active investigation, the District is prohibited from releasing additional information at this time.



Whit Mitchell

Masons encourage dental hygiene at Turlington Elementary

WISD Public Information

The Masonic Lodge of Tomball donated toothbrushes and other dental hygiene tools for the first-grade students of E. Turlington Elementary School to encourage proper dental hygiene amongst the young students.

Turlington Elementary first-grade teachers gave students a brief overview of healthy dental hygiene habits before passing out the generous gifts. Teachers shared with students that they should brush their teeth twice a day with a pea sized amount of toothpaste. The teachers stated that brushing their teeth gently and in circles is also a great way to brush effectively, and reminded them not to forget to brush their tongue.

The students learned that they should brush their teeth for two minutes, and learned how to use floss. Teachers added that healthy dental hygiene requires daily flossing to prevent tooth decay and cavities.

The kits students received were equipped with dental hygiene tips, a toothbrush, toothpaste, floss and a timer to make sure they are brushing for an adequate amount of time, among other treats.



The Masonic Lodge of Tomball generously donated healthy dental hygiene packs to Turlington Elementary students. Teachers passed the packs out to students in their classrooms to help the youngsters keep their pearly whites healthy and in tip-top shape. WISD Public Information.

Texas Comptroller distributes monthly sales tax

Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar announced recently that he will send cities, counties, transit systems and special purpose taxing districts \$731.7 million in local sales

tax allocations for November, 1.2 percent more than in November 2014. These allocations are based on sales made in September by businesses that report tax monthly, and

sales made in July, August, and September by businesses that report tax quarterly.

Hegar also said that sales tax revenue for the state in October was \$2.28 billion, down

5.4 percent compared to October 2014.

"October state sales tax revenue was depressed, as expected, by declines in spending in oil and natural gas-related

sectors," Hegar said. "Other major sectors of the Texas economy, including construction, information, and services, continued to show growth in tax remittances."

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Waller Wonders — *Feel-good ideas for a feel-good season*

By NANCY ARNOLD



Another bale of holiday catalogs has hit my mailbox (apologies to the wonderful folks at the Waller post office!). It's fun to dream about a \$33,000 toy of some sort — the Nieman Marcus-type thing — but this batch of catalogs actually had some good stuff that we “real people” can give.

Every grown-up little boy (and lots of us grown-up little girls!) played with Tonka trucks once-upon-a-time. We may not all have had a pristine sandbox in the back yard, but we always managed to stir up a dirt pile to

play in.

Well, now you can capture those days for your own kids and grandkids, thanks to Kotula's — their motto is “The Guys with the Goods.” They certainly do.

This outfit is in Minnesota, so it makes sense that they have a Flexible Flyer sled for the kids to slide down snowy hills. The pages are replete with other snow toys, appropriate for the northern climes. However, what caught my eye on pages 8 and 9 of this catalog is the fleet of Tonka trucks.

This isn't plastic junk, either. These are made out of steel, billed as “a perfect representation of what it means to go outside, play, and get dirty.”

At first glance, the price for each of these magnificent vehicles will make you gasp. But really, given inflation from the '50s and '60s to now, today's price is probably in line with those prices of yesteryear.

Here's a Mighty Dump Truck for \$29.99. The big brother of that truck is \$49.99, about five inches longer, wider, and higher. Gotta have equip-

ment to scoop up the dirt and rocks to put in those dump trucks, though. That leads us to the Mighty Loader at \$39.99 (holds up to 50 pounds!) or the crane with a bucket for \$59.99.

I don't remember a cement mixer from the old days, but there's one available for \$59.99, a tow truck for \$19.99, a trencher for \$19.99, and a backhoe for \$59.99. Our fleet of earthmovers wouldn't be complete without the bulldozer for \$24.99 and the road grader for \$29.99.

My only dilemma is which two to get my grandsons for Christmas. Unless I exercise some control ... well, you see my dilemma.

Another catalog I received this year is from World Vision, a Christian humanitarian organization dedicated to helping children around the world.

With World Vision, you choose a gift that goes to help children in impoverished countries — or children here in the United States. For instance, \$60 will purchase five ducks and two chickens, which can provide eggs for two or more fami-

lies. On the other hand, for \$96, give three ducks and a goat for milk, eggs, and meat.

If you prefer to keep your donations here in the United States, consider \$50 for \$600 worth of school supplies, or \$100 for \$1,200 worth of clothing, blankets, personal care items, and toys. That multiplier is possible because of corporate donations. I read all the financial stuff on World Vision, and it checks out. Right at 85% of their revenues actually goes to their recipients.

Here are a couple of better ideas. Forget the catalogs and donate to W.A.R.M., right here in our own community. W.A.R.M. is a member of the Houston Food Bank, so your donation is multiplied many times over to provide food for those without. Go by the W.A.R.M. office at Business 290 next to the post office to leave your tax-deductible donation. You can also mail your donations to 40070 Business Hwy 290, Waller 77484.

Don't forget the Toys for Tots program through the United States Marines. You can cer-

tainly donate toys — new and unwrapped — no guns or chemistry sets — by placing them in one of the many collection barrels or boxes you'll find around the community. If you prefer, you can donate money, also tax deductible for amounts of \$250 or more (provide a receipt address). Send those donations to Toys for Tots, Sgt. J. R. Tijerina, Detachment 1295, 15603 Sandtrap Dr., Waller TX 77484-9048.

If donating items, the most urgent need is for kids ages 0-2 and ages 15-17. While toy donations are accepted through December 15, monetary donations are accepted all year.

Toys for Tots started in 1947, and in that first year in Los Angeles, the Marines collected and distributed about five thousand toys. Since then, the Marines have collected and distributed more than 19 million toys to more than 9 million needy children across the nation.

 Birthday greetings to Ronnie Urban, Lisa Glueck, Tony Phillips, Kendall Compton, Ray

Schmidt, Abigail Frey, David Engel (Roy Kruff's grandson/Donna Cox's son), Vicki Borchardt, Rhonda Pittman, Priscilla Yell, George Robinson, Clem Reynolds, Troy Meyer, Nancy Mellman, Becky Bennett, Janet Jordan, Mary Alice Cure, Wanda Andries, Ernie Crouch, Juda Hegar, Kelley Armstrong, Barbara Lovell Peavy, Elizabeth Barrett, Joyce Johnson, Ruby Faye Newton, Emily Rivenbark, Birdie Roberts, Dakota Dunham, Chelese Lee, Oscar Garcia, Zachary Fritzsching, Dorothy Kersh, Terri Jo Heath, Jason Ochsner, Joan Pitchford, David Sheffield, Diane Schell, and Pastor Edd Wunderlich.

Happy anniversary to Ricky and Belinda Loewe, Mike and Susie Riemer, Otis and Mary Curtis, R. D. and Vera Schmidt, Mike and Lisa Boettcher, Ricky and Tracy Fritzsching, Colt and Laney Haack, Billy and Linda Keaton, and J. W. and Ione Shann.

 Many will fondly remember Pastor Virgil Pecht, who
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Hallelujah for the Cross — Giant crosses spread across America

By CARRIE PRAZAK-GOURLEY



Over the last decade or so, a new phenomenon of giant crosses has spread across America. These crosses, located along major highway routes, have been constructed in Tennessee, Florida, and at least four are located in Texas. The tallest Texas cross is located in Groom, 42 miles east of Amarillo on Interstate 40. In each case, those involved in the funding and construction of these titanic crosses, proclaim they are a cry to the nation to return to Christ and His teachings.

My husband and I recently visited the Cross at Groom, which rises 19 stories above the high plains of the Panhandle, a landscape as flat as unleavened bread. Visible for more than 15 miles, the cross daily lures in travelers in a continuous stream.

Built in 1995 by Steve Thomas, the founder of Cross

Ministries, and the man who funded the construction of the massive cross, believes the impact the cross has had over the last 20 years is incalculable. Thomas, the father of Zach Thomas, former Texas Tech All-American and All-Pro NFL linebacker, came up with the idea when he read a magazine article about a highway cross in Ballinger, Texas. A native of the Panhandle, Thomas was disturbed by the many porn advertisements along the I-40 corridor and wanted to counter those signs with the saving message of the Cross.

Seated on a 10-acre complex, the cross stands tall as the most meaningful symbol of man's redemption from sin, through Christ's death and resurrection. Over the years, the Cross at Groom has become a centerpiece to a complex that is truly a worship experience. Now standing on the property are the 14 Stations of the Cross, statues depicting the Biblical stages leading to Jesus' crucifixion, plus a bronze statue of the Last Supper, and behind that Calvary's Hill, with steps leading up to the three crosses.

In addition, the complex contains a Divine Mercy Fountain, a gift shop, the Empty Tomb, a state-of-the-art theater, and a counseling room for weary and broken travelers. Also, located on the property is a me-

morial to babies, lost to abortion since the advent of Roe v. Wade in 1973.

According to gift shop manager, Barbara Homer, “More than anything, there are people here who are searching. Something is missing in their souls. It's not unusual to see people praying at the feet of Jesus on Calvary's Hill. I've seen lives change through the power of the Cross.”

Since the death of Christ on the Cross, it has become the most important symbol of all time. Yet, the Cross is a contradiction. Death and life, hate and love, violence and peace, accusation and forgiveness, sin and purity, brokenness and wholeness, all is lost, yet everything is gained. In the Cross, destruction becomes resurrection, defeat becomes victory. Once the cruelest form of execution; now it's a symbol of abundant life.

First and foremost, the Cross is love. Christ died for sinners: He died for people who had lost their way. He did not die because it was forced upon him. It was a choice, a choice made in love. The message of the Cross remains: a gift of love to the undeserving. It remains a beacon of hope in a torn world.

In most religions, people strive to reach deity. Christianity is the only faith where God has reached down to us. The Cross is personal.

Crosses built along our busy

roadways today have a purpose—to draw us back to the peace and love given to us when our lives are dedicated to Christ. Following Christ will not bring a life without trials, but will give us the peace of mind and hope to persevere through tough times.

These crosses serve as a form of evangelization—to bring the Gospel, the Good News to all.

Sadly, there has been a long pushback against Christian values in America, accompanied by a move to secular humanism, which denies the existence of God, and rather makes man the center of creation. Secular humanism also embraces moral relativism, a belief that no absolute moral code exists—that man can make his own rules.

The former Soviet Union, a communist nation, also espoused the denial of the existence of God, which led to a breakdown of Soviet society and to the highest rate of alcoholism the world has ever known. Our own country, by embracing the same values, is likewise seeing the destruction of society, as has been witnessed over the last few decades in the decline of marriage, the family, and in the rise of America's dependence on alcohol, pills, and illegal drugs to receive a false semblance of peace.

We have come a long way from medieval society, where the Christian Church was the center of life, and the tolling of the church bells ruled everyone's day. In those times, if you were poor, needed shelter, medical attention, or even education for your children, it was the church that was the source of these things—building and maintaining schools, hospitals and shel-



The Cross at Groom, Texas is located 42 miles east of Amarillo on I-40. Built in 1995, it was long been a beacon for the weary traveler. The complex is open 24/7 and includes a gift shop and several religious displays. Photo credit: Carrie Prazak-Gourley, The Waller Times.

ters throughout Europe, and all in the name of Christ and His mercy.

Over time government has taken over many of these rolls, but even today, although not often acknowledged, it is Christians and Christian churches who fund the majority of charitable organizations and missions throughout the world.

As society has become more secular, church attendance declines, and even though Jesus Himself established the Church, many have fallen away from it, and it is estimated today that only 20% of Americans regularly attend church services.

The Bible calls the Church God's household, God's family. It is a home for all who belong to God. The Bible also calls the church “the Body of Christ”. Each Christian is a part of that body. Obviously for any body

part to be alive and active, it must be connected to the body. Romans 12:5 states, “So we, being many are one body in Christ, and everyone members with one another.”

The cross should draw us to the church, to worship together as one. Early Christians, as stated in Acts 2:42 gathered together, “They devoted themselves to the Apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of the bread and to prayer.”

Watching the cross at Groom, as the sun began to set, I was brought to tears. I thought of the past, the devotion of my parents and grandparents to the Lord and His teachings and their lifelong devotion to the Jesus Christ and His Church. Like so many that stop here, I prayed for God's people and for revival and

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News Briefs

The Waller Times Thanksgiving Closure

In observance of the Thanksgiving Holiday, The Waller Times office will be closed on Thursday, November 26 and Friday, November 27. All deadlines will be Wednesday, November 25 at 12 noon for the December 2 edition.

Democrats to meet

The Waller County Democratic Club will meet on Thursday, November 19, 2016 at the Monaville JP 3 Building, located at 12620 FM 1887 Rd., in Hempstead. The social hour with food and drink will begin at 6:30 p.m. and the meeting will commence at 7 p.m. For additional information, please call 979-645-1664.

Waller Police activity November 2 - November 12

Waller Police Department Officer responded to 13 calls for service resulting in six incident reports and two arrests; additionally, officers completed four motor vehicle crash reports and one information report.

On November 2, Sgt. M. Bellard responded to 3025 block of Waller St. to investigate the report of an Aggravated Assault w/Deadly Weapon. The complainant reported that he was assaulted by being struck in the face with the butt end of a pistol to the face. The complainant was treated for his injuries on the scene by Waller County EMS. The suspect fled the scene prior to Sgt. Bellard's arrival. A warrant was issued for the suspects arrest.

On November 5, Sgt. M. Lopez responded to the 3025 block of Waller St. to investi-

gate the report of Assault/ Family Violence. The complainant reported that she was assaulted by being hit in the face. The suspect was not on the scene upon Sgt. Lopez arrival. A warrant was issued for the suspects arrest.

On November 6, Sgt. M. Bellard responded to the 40900 block of US 290 to investigate the report of Criminal Mischief. The complainant reported that he was a victim of road rage when he unknowingly cut off the driver of an older model truck who was pulling into the same spot. Complainant stated that when he entered the business the driver of the vehicle approached his vehicle and threw a ball hitch through his driver side window causing the window to shatter. The complainant added that the driver returned

to his vehicle and drove away. Video surveillance confirmed that the male exited his vehicle and threw an object through the complainants driver side window. The case was forwarded to the Criminal Investigations Division for further investigation.

On November 6, Officer R. Zuniga conducted a traffic stop located at Business 290 and FM 2920. After further investigation, Officer Zuniga placed the driver into custody for outstanding City of Waller warrants. The driver was transported to the Waller County jail without further incident.

On November 7, Officer M. Serges responded to the 31315 block of FM 2920 to investigate the report of an Assault. The complainant reported she was assaulted by another female. The case was forwarded to the

Criminal Investigations Division for further investigation.

On November 7, Officer M. Serges responded to the 31411 block of FM 2920 to investigate a single car motor vehicle accident. After further investigation, it was determined the driver had lost both mental and physical faculties and was placed in custody for public intoxication and transported to the Waller County jail.

On November 12, Officer M. Serges responded to the 502 block of Elm St. to investigate the report of an animal at large. The complainant reported that two of her neighbors' dogs had come onto her property and attacked her dog who was tied to a tree. After further investigation, the owner of the two animals at large was issued multiple citations.

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VFW Post 4007 Veterans lunch event held

Veterans of Foreign Wars, Post 4007, held their annual lunch for veterans on Wednesday, November 11, 2015. The meal consisted of BBQ brisket, potato salad and beans, ice tea, and desserts and was served by the Hempstead High School Honor Society and Beta Club members.

Stan Kitzman, post commander, read a short notice on the meaning of, and why, we celebrate a Veterans Day. Also noted was the statement that "the veteran is someone who, at one point in his life, writes a blank check, made payable to The United States of America, for an amount

of up to and including their life". That statement about sums up the military veteran.

Throughout the lunch, the post enjoyed the company and camaraderie of many fellow veterans that represented all our military services during a variety of eras and wars.

The post wishes to thank all that attended and hopes to see everyone again next year. A special thanks goes to the Hempstead High School Honor Society and Beta Club for their outstanding participation, and post member Allen Hicks for cooking the bris-kets.

Texas Senator Lois Kolkhorst receives CASA award

The "Big Voice for Little Texans" award is reserved for legislators who have shown leadership in making children in the Child Protective Services (CPS) or foster care systems a priority. During the 84th legislative session, Senator Lois Kolkhorst wrote and passed Senate Bill 830 which created an independent ombudsman to protect children who suffer abuse or neglect

while in a foster home, group home, or residential treatment facility. The need for this bill arose out of a survey by CASA of 40 students who exited the foster care system within the last 10 years.

"Senate Bill 830 empowers an ombudsman to investigate and review complaints related to violations of the department's duties and procedures. It also

requires the ombudsman to develop policies to protect a child from retaliation for reporting violations," said Kolkhorst. "Often, children in these situations are reluctant to report abuse due to the mistrust of staff that place them in the home, the perception that nothing will be done, or the fear of retaliation from the very people charged with their care. This newly created independent

ombudsman will provide a neutral source of protection for these vulnerable children."

Senator Kolkhorst has been an unwavering champion for CASA programs. Even in tough budget sessions, Senator Kolkhorst has always found a way to ensure that children in CPS are a priority. She truly understands the importance of having a well-trained and effective CASA volunteer for each child in CPS custody and the value that CASA brings to the foster care system.

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renewal of the church in America and throughout the world.

As the sun fell below the horizon, lights illuminated the cross in the darkness, making the cross, which is open 24/7, a continual bright visage of hope along I-40.

The Cross is powerful. After all, the story of the Cross is the most profound story of love and redemption the world has ever known. Hopefully, these many titanic crosses being built across the nation will continue to draw people back to Christ, for it is the Cross that defines all we Christians believe in.

Why? Because on it, Jesus died so we wouldn't have to, because after His death, he rose to life again. We serve a living God, who suffered a painful death for us. Ever since that defining moment, nearly 2000 years ago, Christians across the world and through the ages have meditated on it, written about and thanked God for the wonder of the Cross.

A recent contemporary Christian song by the Newsboys, called "Hallelujah for the Cross" has powerful lyrics which sum up the meaning of the Cross: "Hallelujah for the war He fought
Love has won, death has lost.

Hallelujah for the souls he bought

Hallelujah for the cross."

Other words, oft repeated during lent also powerfully reflect the meaning of the cross: "We adore you, O Christ, and

we praise you, for by your Holy Cross you have redeemed the world."

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General Law Cities elect members to H-GAC Board of Directors

Officials from the City of Waller were in San Antonio on September 22-25 to attend the Texas Municipal League Annual Conference and Exhibition at the Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center. Officials from Waller included City

Councilmember Nancy Arnold, City Secretary Cynthia Ward, Administrative Assistant Kathy Hallmark, Waller Economic Development Director John Isom, Superintendent of Public Works Gene Schmidt, Police Captain Michael Williams, and Police



City of Meadows Place Alderman Terry Henley (left) was reelected to serve as a Board member, marking his twenty-third term representing General Law Cities. Alderman Henley is a past Chair of H-GAC's Board of Directors. City of Waller Council Member Nancy Arnold (right) was also reelected to a third term to serve as a Board member representing General Law Cities. *Submitted photo.*

Sgt. Michael Bellard.

This year's annual conference had the largest attendance in the League's 102-year history. The event provided elected and appointed city leaders from across Texas the opportunity to learn how other cities are meeting the challenges facing local governments today.

During this conference, city officials had the opportunity to hear presentations from keynote speakers who included Bill McRaven, Chancellor of The University of Texas System; Sarah Lewis, author and Du Bois Fellow at Harvard University; and Todd Dewett, Ph.D., author and leadership coach. Attendees were also offered a selection of concurrent sessions that focused on key municipal issues in the areas of infrastructure, finance, planning, community engagement, and more.

More than 4,200 city officials, guests, and exhibitors attended the Texas Municipal League's 2015 Annual Conference and Exhibition. The League is a voluntary association of more than 1,145 Texas towns and cities. The City of Waller is a member of the Texas Municipal League.

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was pastor of St. John's Lutheran Church in Waller from 1962-71. Pastor Pecht passed away on Friday, just three weeks after his 84th birthday. He was the youngest of eight children, and the last of a set of triplets.

Services were held in Brenham on Monday. Memorials may be directed to the Scholarship Fund at St. Peter's Lutheran Church of Gay Hill, 8201 Old Gay Hill Road, Brenham, TX, 77833, where Pastor Pecht served for many years.

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This came across my inbox this morning; buy a silver charm inscribed: A girl without freckles is like a night without stars. I'll bet you know someone in your circle that this applies to. It certainly fits my niece, Sarah Engel, with her flaming red hair, porcelain skin – and yes, a liberal dusting of freckles.

Sarah lives in Denver, but she will be here over Thanksgiving, not only to be with family, but to join the 90th birthday celebration for her grandfather, Walter Engel. A member of the Greatest Generation, Walter served in the U.S. Navy during World War II.

Until next week ...
Contact Nancy at arnoldn@msn.com, or mail news items to her at P. O. Box 282, Waller 77484.

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Holleman celebrates the season at Fall Festival

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I.T. Holleman Elementary

School was the place to be on Saturday, November 7 during

the annual Fall Festival and Auction. Despite the rainy weather, the school was packed with families who spent the morning participating in games and activities at the festival.

Laughter could be heard throughout the school as attendees tried their hand at the dunking booth, hopped in the moonwalks, and competed in the obstacle course and ring the soda bottle station. The aroma

of delicious snack stations filled the air as cotton candy, sausage on a stick, Frito pies and popcorn were sold to hungry visitors.

More than 50 auction items with creative themes such as happy harvest, Christmas, garden, Astros, family fun night, tailgating, fishing and scrapbooking, raised funds for the students of I.T. Holleman Elementary School.



I.T. Holleman Elementary School held its annual Fall Festival and Auction on Saturday, November 7. Pictured is a young Fall Festival attendee playing the leap frog game. *WISD Public Information.*

Waller Christian Academy recently traveled to College Station for the first cross country meet of the season. Three WCA team members placed in the top 50% of finishers with over 157 runners. *Submitted photo.*

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November Civil War weekend scheduled

Marking the 150th Anniversary of the end of the Civil War, the 2015 Civil War Weekend will take place on Saturday, November 21 and Sunday, November 22, 2015, at Liendo Plantation, 38653 Wyatt Chapel Road, in Hempstead. CALH member and historian, Tom Perun, has written on the importance of history to the landfill site selection as well as the significance of Liendo Plantation and this event which is now the largest such reenactment in the State of Texas.

Civil War Reenactment participants who have attended the event in past years have been very concerned about the effect a landfill would have had on this annual event, and were outraged that no consideration or recognition of the area's history was made in selecting the site. The event this year will mark the 150th anniversary of the end of

the Civil War.

From the early days of Texas history, the Liendo Plantation has played an important role. Originally a Spanish land grant of 67,000 acres, the Liendo plantation house was built in 1853 by the son of one of the original members of the Austin Colony, and remains as one of the best examples of early plantation estates. As such, it has been recognized as a Texas landmark, and its national importance is recognized by its listing on the National Register of Historic Places.

Liendo was one of Texas' earliest cotton plantations. It was considered the social center of Texas, receiving and entertaining early Texas dignitaries. After Texas joined the United States and then became part of the Confederacy, the plantation was

an important focal point during the Civil War as a site of a major training and mustering camp for soldiers, a hospital, and later as a prison camp for captured Union soldiers. After the War, it served as headquarters for General George Armstrong Custer when his troops were stationed on the estate and surrounding area.

In recognition of these important historical events, Liendo Plantation hosts a nationally recognized Civil War Reenactment every year in November on the weekend before Thanksgiving. Now the largest Civil War Reenactment in Texas, this three day event attracts over 10,000 participants from around the country. It includes a "school day" to educate youth to our history and two days of Civil War Reenactment. On the grounds are camps for both Confederate and

Union soldiers as well as campsites demonstrating folk life during this important period. Many artifacts from various phases of Liendo history have been found on the property, and these are demonstrated during the weekend.

All are welcome to attend this event, which recognizes the history of Liendo and the Hempstead area.

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2015 Knights of Columbus Benefit Quilt Show Results



Linda Cole (third from right) presents the winners at the 2015 Knights of Columbus Quilt Show held on November 7 at the KC Hall in Hempstead. Cole is a dedicated advisor to the KC's for the Show, and a member of the Scrappers Quilt Guild in Pine Island. Submitted photo.

The local council of the Knights of Columbus held its sixth annual Benefit for Local Charities on Saturday, November 7, at the KC Hall in Hempstead. The successful Benefit featured

a Quilt Show in the afternoon and chicken fried steak dinner in the evening. All profits from the Benefit go to local families with special cases.

The feature presentation

of the show was Ms. Jodi Barrows, a celebrated quilter and author from Weatherford, Texas. Ms. Barrows is famous for her "square in a square" technique for making quilts, and taught a

class to local quilters on Friday.

The other feature attraction was the collection of 11 quilts sponsored by the Texas Department of Agriculture. These quilts are composed of squares submitted by quilters from all over Texas, collected every two years, with a specified Texas-based theme. The most recent quilt contains a square submitted by local quilter Julia Shores. These quilts were supplemented by 35 other quilts made by local ladies for the Show.

The Quilt Show was hosted by three area quilting guilds: The Scrappers in Pine Island lead by Bonnie Levandowski, the Quaint Quilters from Hockley lead by Anna Williams, and the Piecemakers from Hempstead, with Laura Hodges as president. Linda Cole and Kay Saathoff served as chief advisors for the affair.

The Grand Prize first place was won by Sharon Buban's "Our Legacy", with Sandy Lear's "Garden on the Prairie" in second place, while Dorothy Yeat's "Log Cabin" was honorable mention. Best Other category was "Pumpkin Center" by Susie Knight. Viewers' choice first place went to Sharon Buban's "Our Legacy", and Viewers second place went to "Flown the Coop" by Dorothy Heintschel. The Best Patriotic Quilt was "Ranch Stars" by Stephanie Woolward, and the Most Colorful Quilt was Katerie Kmiec's "Scrappy Film". Brittney Kmiec won the Youth first place with "Deep Sea" quilt, and second place went to Abby Spear's "Disappearing 9 Patch".

The judges for the quilt show were Judy Zach, well-known area citizen, Cheryl Carter-Hardwick, president of the Hempstead Chamber of Commerce, and Ann Froelich, a noted local quilt enthusiast.



Quilt Show advisor Linda Cole (left) presented flowers to Jodi Barrows, well-known quilter and feature personality at the 2015 Knights of Columbus Benefit Quilt Show, held on November 7, at the KC Hall in Hempstead. Submitted photo.



With daughters Miranda and Victoria at her side, Lourdes Melchor (center) accepts a quilt given to her by Bonnie Levandowski and daughter Dorothy at the 2015 KC Benefit Quilt Show held on November 7. The beautiful award was in appreciation for Melchor's work as food services manager for the Benefit. Submitted photo.



At the 2015 Knights of Columbus Benefit on November 7, 2015, local quilter Julia Shores (left) examines a quilt with Michelle Bobo, Field Representative with the Texas Department of Agriculture in Austin. The quilt is one of 11 from the TDA that was on display at the Show at the KC Hall in Hempstead. Every two years the TDA sponsors a quilt with a Texas-based theme by soliciting squares from quilters across the state. This particular quilt has a square made by Shores and has been displayed at the State Fair and other venues around the State. Submitted photo.

Lourdes Melchor, assisted by Gail Brown and others from St. Katharine Drexel parish provided lunch and supper meals on Friday, as well as the lunch menu on Saturday, all with a deliciously delicate Mexican flare. Ms. Melchor gathers all her supplies from donations, and then gives her sales to the Benefit.

In the afternoon, the local American Legion color guard commanded by Ben Miller, with the assistance of Boy Scout Troop 195, conducted a retirement ceremony for about 40 US flags. The solemn ceremony started with a eulogy read by commander Miller, followed by the preparation and burning of the old flags by the Scouts, and ended with taps by Paul Thomas. Sponsored by the Waller Volunteer Fire Department, the Scout contingent was lead by Assistant

Scoutmaster Emigdio Hinojosa. For the fourth year in a row, veterans present were given a lap quilt, compliments of the Scrappers Quilt Guild. This year the ladies gave quilts to 15 veterans.

A salute to veterans preceded the chicken fried steak dinner, prepared on site by Jerry Drabek and a crew of KC's and wives. The generous steak dinner was complemented with fresh mashed potatoes, cream gravy and green beans. A variety of homemade desserts was available throughout the event, provided by Patsy Marburger's Catholic Daughters. All veterans and their wives were invited to dinner at no charge.

Renee Wagner, a local auctioneer, conducted the live auction that featured a combination

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With assistant scoutmaster Emigdio Hinojosa (left), scouts from Troop 195 prepare flags for retirement. The solemn ceremony was conducted by local American Legion veterans directed by commander Ben Miller, at the 2015 Knights of Columbus Benefit Quilt Show held on November 7 at the KC Hall in Hempstead. Submitted photo.



Stage setting with auction items at the 2015 Knights of Columbus Benefit Quilt Show on November 7 at the KC Hall in Hempstead. Submitted photo.

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Morning Glory Ranch honored for work with Autism

Morning Glory Ranch Equine-Assisted Therapy and Outdoor Education Facility of Waller, Texas was honored for its work with children with Autism by St. Phillip's College in San Antonio. The award was presented on November 5 at a conference on Autism and Food Allergy Connections held at the college where the discussions about autism and nutrition were a perfect reflection of some of the work being done at the local facility.

Morning Glory Ranch has been successfully serving children with autism through innovative therapies including equine-assisted therapy and nutrition absorption tracking and education for more than a decade. The therapies and research happening at the Waller facility is being shared with the students and community of St. Phillip's College in San Antonio for the advancement of awareness and treatments for children with autism.

The conference at which Morning Glory Ranch was honored, was held, in part, to raise awareness of a diagnosis that will be given to



St. Phillip's College in San Antonio recently recognized Morning Glory Ranch, in Waller, for its work with children with Autism during a conference on Autism and Food Allergy Connections. Submitted photo.

1 in 68 children; according to the Autism Society and the Centers for Disease Control, autism is the fastest growing developmental disability. The prevalence of Autism Spectrum Disorder in children in the U.S. has increased 119% from 2000. Morning Glory Ranch started its work with children at just about that time and since then, has helped so many children with special needs, including Autism Spectrum Disorder, work through therapies that have enhanced the quality of life for the children and their families.

Equine-assisted therapies have been proven successful in creating and sustaining an increased sense of well-being in clients who use it. Studies have shown significant improvement in self-regulation, adaptive living skills, and motor skills in children with autism who underwent equine-assisted therapy. Morning Glory Ranch has been working this magic with clients for more than 10 years. The staff and volunteers at Morning Glory Ranch have seen firsthand that a child can go from non-verbal to

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By combining this almost magical connection between horse and child with other therapies, Morning Glory Ranch has seen even more success. While specific causes for the disorder are not clear, environmental influences as well as brain disorder are the most agreed upon culprits. A common denominator in these is nutrition. Food allergies and lack of nutrient absorption are being studied in children with autism as causes and areas for treatment. By tracking nutritional absorption and offering education, improvements have been even more significant, and

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The work of the staff and volunteers at Morning Glory Ranch has achieved outreach to the students and community of St. Phillip's College in San Antonio. This outreach was rewarded at the conference last week, but more importantly, it will extend the successes for children with autism from Waller to the state of Texas and beyond.

Schultz JH recognizes winning Waller writers



Pictured are the W.C. Schultz Junior High School Winning Waller Writers: sixth-grade students: Steven Rabago, Claudia Vargas and Aynsli Gregg; seventh-grade students Jonathan Ambriz, Brandie Lettsome and Bethany Bell; eighth-grade students Cameron Underwood, Kaleb Mitchell and Gina Cortes. Not pictured: David Martin. WISD Public Information.

WISD Public Information

W3, Winning Waller Writers, is a districtwide program that was developed to recognize students for their exceptional writing skills in various classroom subjects. The program is geared to cover the required Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills TEKS writing concepts, with the goal of ultimately strengthening the students' writing fluency and accuracy while creating a community of writers in Waller ISD.

Every six weeks, teachers in writing, reading, math, science, and social studies classrooms collect student writing samples for submission to the W3 Committee. From these writing samples, approximately three writers from each grade level are selected as the ultimate winners, presented with a certificate and a pencil, and have their writing displayed prominently on a bulletin board in the main hallway of the school.

The writing is selected from several subject areas to demonstrate to students that writing is not an exclusively Language Arts activity, but is an important skill that has value across all

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Viola Margaret Arnold, Deceased, were issued on October 27, 2015, Cause No. P15-081, pending in the County Court at Law, Waller County, Texas, to Raymond C. Arnold and Marvin Lee Arnold.

All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them c/o William C. Rice, Jr., Rice & Webb, PLLC, 13100 Wortham Center Drive, Ste. 125, Houston, TX 7765 within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

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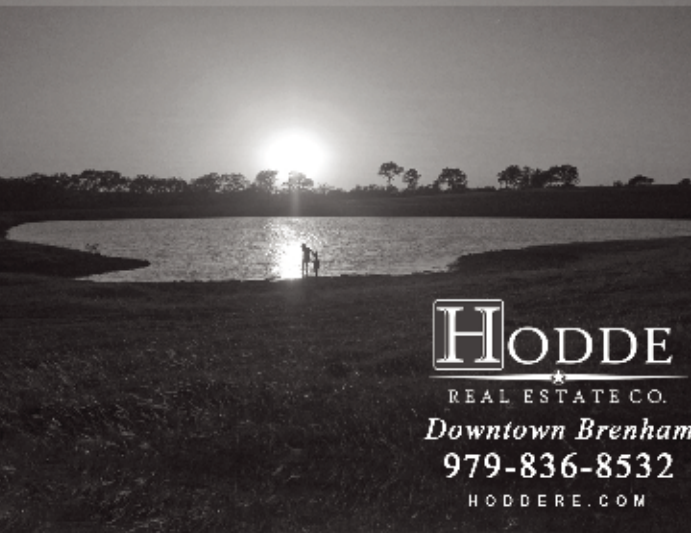
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of quilts, pastries and handmade items. Diane Stepan kept tabs on the sales, while Kay Saathoff and Barbara Musgrove assisted with the auction items. Mud Gibbs was the high bidder for the 20 items auctioned.

The Altar Society from St. Katharine Drexel church with their president Kathleen Cole handled the silent auction that

featured over 40 handmade items. The Piecemakers Quilt Guild ran the sales table that offered smaller items such as custom coasters and decorative ornaments. The Quaint Quilters ran the popular flower pot raffles, while the KC's conducted a penny raffle.

Francis Rodzen served as emcee throughout the afternoon and gave away several gener-

ous door prizes, donated by the 13 vendors at the Show. Besides making timely announcements, Francis also interviewed vendors and workers all through the day for the benefit of the crowd.

Grand Knight Mike Spurling and Benefit Chairman Tom Brown thank all who attended and supported this worthy cause.

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academic classes. This six weeks, Social Studies teachers submitted outstanding submissions from their students on topics they had been asked to write for class.

Sixth-grade students in the World Cultures class were asked to explain whether Rome or Athens had the best citizenship policies and support their claim citing evidence from their text.

Seventh-grade student submissions were taken from a Texas History assignment in which students were asked to write about a typical day in the life of a Native American from their point of view.

Eighth-grade students in U.S. History were assigned to defend their opinion on the Constitutional Convention or to explain why so many Jamestown

Colonists died and defend their answer with textual evidence.

The winners from W.C. Schultz Junior High School were sixth-grade students: Steven Rabago, Claudia Vargas and Aynsli Gregg; seventh-grade students Jonathan Ambriz, David Martin, Brandie Lettsome and Bethany Bell; eighth-grade students Cameron Underwood, Kaleb Mitchell and Gina Cortes.



St. Thomas United Methodist Church held its Annual Pee Wee Football dinner on Tuesday, October 13. Pictured are pee wee cheerleaders, football players, coaches, church members and Pastor Collie Polk III. Dinner was served to all that attended, including family members. Submitted photo.

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Townhomes: 5-unit townhome building in Prairie View. Each unit is a 2-2. Less than 1 mile from PVAMU campus. Built in 2009.....PRICE REDUCED.....\$475,000



Country Estate: These 5 acres are full of gorgeous hardwoods & park-like scenery. Custom features throughout 3,910 sq. ft. home, 5-4.5-3, back patio, chefs kitchen, crown molding, coffered ceilings, hardwood floors. Enjoy the fireplace, whirlpool tub and granite counter with vanity in your master suite!.....\$620,000

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- SMALL ACREAGE: Many tracts to choose fromCALL OR GO ONLINE.....FOR DETAILS
- 10 ACRES: Wooded tract in scenic North Waller County. Lightly restricted with community water. Waller ISD.....\$14,500/ac.
- 10.24 ACRES: Beautiful homesite 2 miles south of 1488 with scattered trees, pond & heavily-wooded areas. Residential use only. Timber exemption, DSL, public water & electricity available.....PENDING.....\$21,000/ac.
- 15.88 ACRES: Quiet location in North Waller county, great for a new home site or for cows or horses. Access from Mellman Road\$17,512/ac.
- 21 ACRES: Ag-exempt property on Old Joseph road. Quiet, secluded and heavily-wooded - a perfect retreat!\$16,000/ac.
- 27.34 ACRES: Unrestricted acreage in Sealy, just south of I-10 on FM 3013. Electricity, well, septic & 2 ponds on property. Ag exempt.....\$16,500/ac.
- 30.63 ACRES: Great commercial potential. 82' frontage on US 290. Next to Motel & Gas Station/Convenience store in Hempstead. City water available. 2 ponds, water well & septic next to mobile home site.....\$39,176/ac.
- 36 ACRES: in north Waller County. Pond, large trees & choice homesites. Unrestricted.....\$11,000/ac.
- 40.9 ACRES: Near Hempstead. Unrestricted. More acreage available\$9,500/ac.
- 50 ACRES: Good sandy loam soil, fenced, water well & electricity.....PENDING.....\$11,500/ac.
- 50.25 ACRES: Near Hempstead. Unrestricted. More acreage available\$9,500/ac.
- 63 ACRES: Field Store Rd. & US Hwy 290 - Excellent location for residential or commercial development. City water & sewer. Rapidly growing area. Ag exempt\$1.06/sq. ft.
- 144 ACRES: Organic Farm. Rolling, unrestricted, 4 ponds, 3 barns & working pens.....PENDING.....\$10,500/ac.

HOMES

- LAKESIDE ESTATES: Manufactured home sits on 0.34 acres right across from lake! 2-bedroom, 2-bath home with living room, den and addition. Also has 2-car carport and large front yard with lake view!\$78,500
- PRAIRIE VIEW: 3 bedroom, 2 bath, well-maintained home complete with attached 2-car garage, built-ins and fireplace in living room \$130,000
- PRAIRIE VIEW: 3-bedroom, 2-bath brick & wood home. Isolated living room, large family room with fireplace, sun room, large master bedroom, island cooktop in kitchen, double car attached garage, utility room & lots of storage. Fenced backyard.....\$185,000
- 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 \$215,000
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- LOG CABIN: Beautiful log cabin that you must see to appreciate. Constructed using 8"D-logs of white pine - home is well insulated. Low utilities & taxes. Large wood burning fireplace. A/C replaced 2 yrs. ago. High ceilings. Beautiful wood floors. Huge metal constructed shop - well insulated w/ full bath and roll up doors.....\$298,000
- LOG HOME: This home is a nature lovers dream! 4-bedroom, 2-bath log cabin on 7.75 acres. Scattered trees across property and the wildlife are plentiful! Deer, rabbits and migratory birds/ducks are frequent visitors. Enjoy fishing for large & small mouth bass, crappie, brim and catfish in the well-stocked pond! This is a must see!.....PENDING \$310,000
- HOME WITH ACREAGE: Beautiful country home on 2 acres with light restrictions. Pasture in front and behind home for extra privacy and awesome sunrises and sunsets! Lovely pool to enjoy all those hot Texas days along with oversized patio to entertain on \$315,000
- COUNTRY ESTATE: These 5 acres are full of gorgeous hardwoods & park-like scenery. Custom features throughout 3,910 sq. ft. home, 5-4.5-3, back patio, chefs kitchen, crown molding, coffered ceilings, hardwood floors. Enjoy the fireplace, whirlpool tub and granite counter with vanity in your master suite!.....\$620,000
- 67 ACRE ESTATE: Tucked away in the woods just beyond the city enjoy serenity with a view. Custom home built with attention to detail, deep large porches on all 4 sides provides max outdoor living space, beautiful stone and wood work, huge master with fireplace and sitting area, 20' cathedral ceiling in living room, quality wood & slate floors, standing seam metal roof, oversize 3-car carport, landscaping with irrigation system. Low taxes as wildlife exempt in place.....\$1,250,000
- 183 ACRE RANCH: Slightly rolling terrain, open pastures & hay meadows with mature trees & heavily-wooded areas. This beautiful property includes 2 homes with 3 bedrooms & 2 bathrooms each with amazing porches! Great for entertaining, hunting, horseback riding, 4-wheeling & shooting. Perimeter fenced w/ag & timber exemption \$2,800,000

MULTI-FAMILY

- Prairie View Duplex: 2 1-bedroom units, screened-in front porch, ideal student housing, excellent location for future development, in need of "TLC".....\$88,000
- 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.....PRICE REDUCED.....\$475,000

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
- 1.5 ACRES: Just 1 block north of I-10 in Brookshire. Zoned commercial.....\$1.95/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.

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- 63 ACRES: Field Store Rd & US Hwy 290 - Excellent location for residential or commercial development. City water & sewer. Rapidly growing area. Ag exempt.....\$1.06/sq. ft.
- HEMPSTEAD: Investment opportunity - 8 houses on 8 lots. Must be sold together. All but one is currently leased...\$364,430
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4349 388 acres, rail fencing, stables, 8 acre lake, irrigated hay field, tennis courts, main home shaded by majestic oaks.....\$4,225,000



4471 3-2 brick home in wonderful country setting, pens, barn perfect for 4H or FFA project, carport and large deck for entertaining.....\$210,000



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

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- 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
- 4441 3-2.1/2 Two story home on two and a half acres with mature trees, large island kitchen, gated entrance.....\$495,000
- 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

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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 acres, rail fencing, stables, 8 acre lake, irrigated hay field, tennis courts, main home shaded by majestic oaks\$4,225,000
- 4360 Corner lot in city with utilities\$4,500
- 4374 10 Acres in subdivision, deed restrictions, Waller ISD.....\$435,600
- 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
- 4432 Unrestricted lot, commercial or residential, community water.....\$165,000
- 4435 4-3-2 75 Acres, large scattered oaks, ag exempt, community water available\$1,027,000
- 4437 3-2-1 Home, open floorpan, island kitchen on 4 acres, beautiful scattered tree\$225,000

COUNTRY HOMES AND ACREAGE

- 4440 3-2-2 Brick home, sunroom, large living with fireplace, formal dining, large kitchen on over an acre.....\$212,000
- 4448 40 Acres, Hwy 290 visible frontage, currently in ag use\$1,408,400
- 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\$474,900
- 4455 11+ Acres, heavily wooded, secluded, lots of wildlife, Waller ISD\$146,212
- 4464 15 rolling acres with pond, main home has many updates, above ground pool and hot tub, 2 additional homes for rental income\$650,000
- 4469 49 Acres, end of road privacy, ag exempt, live creekPENDING.....\$379,900
- 4470 3 + Acres, FM frontage, Brookshire area, unrestricted.....\$124,990
- 4471 3-2 brick home in wonderful country setting, pens, barn perfect for 4H or FFA project, carport and large deck for entertaining.....\$210,000
- 4472 Commercial or residential, Hwy 6 frontage, 7 acres, with manufactured home, 2 storage buildings, 2 car carport, unrestrictedPENDING.....\$219,000
- 4473 3-2.1-2 2 story home with wrap around porch, oversized garage, barn with rollup doors and bunkhouse, seasonal creek, plenty of wildlife, beautiful large trees, secluded on 17+ acres.....\$589,900
- 4474 34 acres with frontage on 2 sides, live creek, pond, 6 stall horse barn with tack room and wash rack, 2 septic systems and a well\$597,500
- 4477 3-2.1-2 4 acres great for commercial development, FM 2920 frontage\$958,320
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