



The Latest News

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Upcoming Events

- Aug 17 – WI-10 EDC – 7:30AM at Igloo – Guest Speaker: Bill Fry/Severn Trent Services
Aug 18 – Ribbon Cutting – 10AM - New Art Gallery at Brookwood Community
Sep 13 – Annual BOD Election/Membership Luncheon/Program: Private Land Rights
Sep 20 - Texas Children's Hospital West Campus Tour & Bs Mixer
Oct 11 - Luncheon/Program: W.C. Pct 4 Commissioner Stan Kitzman
Nov 12 – 10th Annual Appreciation Awards Banquet/Brookwood/Dr. Robert Ivany
Dec 13 – Christmas Membership Luncheon Meeting at Cross Creek Ranch with State Rep John Zerwas MD and WC Judge Glenn Beckendorff; Stewart Title Fulshear/Sponsor

Remember to Save the dates!

President's Message



Greg Turner/Turner Duran Architects, LP

Greg is on vacation.

The President's Message will return next month.

Chamber Welcomes New Members

The Best Years Antiques & Collectibles – www.TheBestYears11.com, 903 Cooper St., Brookshire, TX, Email: lans11@yahoo.com; Tel: 281.375.5647. Open Wed-Sat, 10AM-6PM, Mon and Tues by Appointment. The Best Years Antiques and Collectibles has been in business since 1983 and caters to a variety of eclectic tastes from Royal Doulton figurines to art deco lamps, accessories and much more. Previously located in Houston at Antiques on 8, The Best Years recently opened the antique shop in Brookshire in the historic building at Cooper and 5th Streets. The shop is operated by Steve Langley and his niece Mechelle Hernandez who share in the demands and responsibilities of managing a 'one-of-a-kind' antiques shop. They pride themselves in keeping a large variety of interesting and hard-to-find treasures to suit all tastes. Steve and Mechelle are eager to share their knowledge of antiques in an effort to make your shopping experience memorable.

Brookshire Car Care - 911 Gresham at Hwy 90, Brookshire, Tel: 281.375.2632; P.O. Box 128, email: BrookshireCarCare@gmail.com. Brookshire Car Care offers complete automotive repair and service. Owner, Fred Hermis began his automotive career at Leo Jarnigan Pontiac in 1985 after college, and in 1986 was offered the Shop Foreman position at a new dealership Jarnigan Hyundai. Throughout the years he worked for various dealers before opening his first automotive shop, Tilden Car Care, in 1999. He was a successful business owner and market developer for six years. and worked for five years in the oil

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and gas industry before opening Brookshire Car Care in Brookshire. Jerry L. Scott is a Master ASE Certified Mechanic for Brookshire Car Care. Born and raised in Oregon, just recently moved to Texas, where he plans to make his home. Fred and his wife Lisa are both native Houstonians and have repeatedly expressed their gratitude to the citizens of Brookshire for welcoming their family business to serve this growing and expanding community. Visit www.brookshirecarcare.com for list of services and prices.

Waller County Fair Association - P.O. Box 911, Hempstead, TX 77455
www.wallercountyfair.org, Tel: 979.826.2825, Gerald Powell, Executive Board President; Melissa Hegenmeyer, Office Manager office@wallercountyfair.org. The Waller County Fair Association (WCFA) is a Non-Profit organization of volunteers and community leaders which manages the Waller County Fairgrounds, the annual Waller County Fair and many other events. The WCFA started in 1945 with a vision to provide education and scholarship opportunities for the youth of Waller County. Since then it has grown and added fun activities, community facilities, and expanded the scholarship opportunities. Each year the WCFA appoints a board of directors and works with many members of the community to help produce its programs and events. The 2011 Waller County Fair is coming September 24-October 2, with livestock projects from area youth organizations, a good old fashion rodeo with professional and amateur competitors, dancing and live music every evening provided by entertainers from the local area as well as from the renown Austin music scene. The county fair also features carnival rides and lots of good food.

Dennis Homolka, CPA, 1345 Peach Ridge Rd, Brookshire, TX 77423, Tel: 281.375.5525, Fax: 281.375.5545, email: dhomolka@dwhcpa.com. Dennis specializes in assisting small businesses and individuals in the preparation of all types of Financial Statements (Compilations & Reviews) Tax preparation for individuals, corporations, partnerships and sole proprietorships. And, has extensive experience in construction and agricultural, specifically cattle business. Dennis had offices in Katy for many years prior to relocating to Brookshire.

September 13 Chamber Luncheon



Dan Byfield, CEO, American Stewards of Liberty, will be the guest speaker at the September 13th membership luncheon to be held at La Quinta in Brookshire. Dan served as president of the American Land Foundation from 1994 to 2009 prior to becoming the CEO of the merged association, when two of the nation's most recognized private property rights organizations merged to become American Stewards of Liberty. Dan is a writer, a speaker, and a part time lobbyist. Dan has

served as a legislative aide to a Texas state senator leaving to become a lobbyist for agriculture with The Texas Farm Bureau, Farm Credit Bank of Texas, and briefly for the Independent Cattlemen's Association of Texas. Dan has represented landowner's interests in New Mexico, Texas and Washington, D.C. While at the Farm Credit Bank of Texas, Dan produced two award-winning documentaries showing how environmental laws encroach on individual freedoms and private property destroying property values and personal wealth - *"Who Owns the Land? When the Environment Collides With the Constitution"* and *"Standing Ground: People, Property and Power."* Both have been shown on national cable and educational television, including PBS. Dan holds a journalism degree, specializing in public relations, from the University of Texas and a law degree from South Texas College of Law. Dan is married to Margaret Hage Byfield who serves as Executive Director of American Stewards of Liberty.

American Stewards of Liberty played a major role in stopping the Trans Texas Corridor. Most recently, the Byfields have been consulted by The Citizens for a Better Waller County (CBWC) to assist in opposing the proposed routes of high-voltage power lines through private land and ranches in Waller County. More information on American Stewards at www.americanstewards.us and on its facebook page.

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HDH Instruments, LP

Houston Executive Airport

Houston West RV Park

Igloo Products Corp

La Quinta Inn & Suites

J&J Packing Company

Members News - and events

Texas Children's Hospital - will be hosting a West I-10 after hour's business mixer at the Texas Children's Hospital West Campus on September 20th, 5:30-7:30PM. "Mocktails" and hors d'oeuvres" will be provided by Ray's Grill. Attendees will receive a welcome and brief program by Michelle Riley-Brown, President of the West Campus and then the opportunity to tour the new state-the-art hospital. Save the Date for this rare opportunity. Invites will be going out later this month.

Brookwood Community Gift & Garden Center will be hosting the official Grand Opening and Ribbon-Cutting of its new Fine Art Gallery on Thursday, August 18th, 10-11:00a.m. After the ribbon-cutting, attendees will have the opportunity to wander through the gallery and view all the truly unique and one-of-a-kind items - original paintings, elegant glass works, and sculptured gourds, painted gourds, wood work, ceramics, jewelry and antiques – Refreshments will be served. RSVP's will be greatly appreciated. 281.375.8100 or email: chamber@westi10chamber.org.

The City of Pattison will be presenting the **6th Annual Pattison Car Show** on October 8, 2011. The car show, sponsored each year to provide a venue for area car enthusiasts a place to show their cars, socialize with each other, mingle with members of our community, tour our new schools and provide funds to finance community improvement projects, has established a reputation in the car show community and attracts cars and attendees from all around the Houston area. Last year's show drew 180 entries and this year's show expects to grow to 200. There will be additional food vendors this year and great entertainment for the kids. Corporate and individual sponsorships help fund the event. Sponsors names and logos are printed on the Car Show T-shirts seen by thousands of people each year all over the Greater Houston Area; and, sponsors' marketing giveaway items are used to fill entrants' goody bags. Those interested in being a sponsor of the 6th Annual Pattison Car Show should contact Show Coordinator, Jim Meader – 281.794.0314 or meader@consolidated.net. Visit www.ParrisonCarShow.com for event entry forms, vendor applications, as well as sponsor forms.

Brookshire Economic Development Corporation held Brookshire's 5th Annual Business Mixer at the West Engineering Training Center Saturday evening, August 13th. As always, Brookshire EDC did an outstanding job at bringing together and recognizing the Brookshire businesses at this annual event complete with lots of great prizes given away in the business card drawings. Saturday's dinner was catered by Galileo's of Pattison. *Photos courtesy of Jo Wood/Daystar Publishing.*



First Service Credit Union – has filled the open position of Lead Teller at the Brookshire branch. Welcome aboard Penny Strange. Penny is very familiar with the city of Brookshire having worked at the Brookwood Community for several years and as the store manager at the Brookshire Hardware store for four years.

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In Case You Missed It

Bill Fry, Regional Manager of Severn Trent Services, as guest speaker at the July Governmental Affairs Committee meeting, made a presentation on Municipal Utility Districts, on behalf of the Association of Water Board Directors – Texas (AWBD) of which he is a member. The objective of the AWBD is to promote the enhancement of Texas water district operations and management. AWBD maintains a close relationship with all governmental agencies that impact districts' operations. Its committees monitor the activities of and submit information to the Texas Legislature, the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, and the EPA. Bill has graciously accepted the invitation by the West I-10 EDC to make the same presentation on Texas Water Districts – types of, how they are created and regulated and how they relate to economic development – at the August 17th WI-10 EDC meeting. (See below for time and location.)

Committee updates

West I-10 Nominating Committee.

The Committee's Slate of Candidates for the September 13, 2011, Election of Directors:
 Position 1 – Adam Traweck/Amegy Bank
 Position 3 – Jim Vaughn/Igloo Products
 Position 5 – Rosemary Gambino/Rose Hill Ranch
 Position 7 – Greg Turner/Turner Duran Architects

West I-10 Governmental Affairs Committee. The next committee meeting is scheduled for Sept 21, 2011, 8:00a.m., at the Cotton Gin. Guest Speaker TBA.

West I-10 Economic Development Committee - The next EDC meeting is Wednesday, August 17, 2011, 7:30-8:30a.m., at Igloo Products Corp, 2nd Floor Product Display Room. Guest Speaker Bill Fry of Severn Trent Services and the Association of Water Board Directors - Texas

West I-10 Education Committee – The Ed committee will be assisting the Brookshire/Pattison Area Christian Alliance with distributing school supplies on Tuesday, August 16th, to the Royal ECC, Elementary and Junior High Schools

West I-10 Fundraising Committee – Steve Pierson of the Katy Heritage Society has joined Pat Doucette in spearheading plans for a fundraiser for the spring of 2012. More committee volunteers are needed to assist them in plans for the Chamber's first fundraiser.

West I-10 Membership Committee and West I-10 Ambassador Committee – These two committees have joined forces to serve the existing and future membership.

West I-10 Banquet Committee is meeting regularly on plans for the November 12th banquet to be the best ever at The Café at Brookwood – celebrating our 10th Anniversary. **Please** consider joining the list of sponsors. Your participation at any level will greatly assist in making this anniversary event, not only the best, but affordable to all without increasing the cost per ticket. *Thank you in advance for your consideration!*



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