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Upcoming Events

Mar 21 – Governmental Affairs meeting at the Cotton Gin, 8:00 - 9:00AM

Mar 27 – Political Candidates Forum – PAVFD – 6:00 -7:30PM

Apr 10 –Member Luncheon at La Quinta/Brookshire – 11:30AM-1:00PM:

John Boaz and Bobby ‘Tre9’ Herring - Hope for our Youth - It Takes a Community

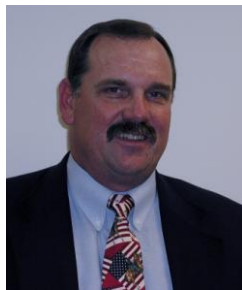
May 8 - Member Luncheon at Galileo’s in Pattison – 11:30AM-1:00PM:

Mary Anne Piacentini/Katy Prairie Conservatory

May 15 – FUNdraiser: 1st Annual Ice Cream Social at PAVFD

President's Message

Bill Fry/Severn Trent Services



Our March meeting this month was very well attended considering it was Spring Break. We still missed several familiar faces. We had another very informative speaker, Cody Dennison, Waller County AgriLife Extension Agent, who provided information about the County 4-H program and other programs offered by his office. Also do not forget to attend the “Candidates Forum” on March 27th at the Pattison VFD starting at 6:00 p.m. Thanks to the candidates that will be

participating. Another event to make sure that is on your calendar is “It takes a Community” Ice Cream Social Fundraiser to support Royal ISD to provide two scholarships and continue to support the reading programs and Teacher Recognition Program for excellence in teaching to be held May 15th at the Pattison VFD. We need your support as a sponsor. Please contact me or Steve Pierson to be a sponsor or “super scooper”.

Hope to see everyone at our April meeting to be held at La Quinta in Brookshire on April 10th.

Members News - and upcoming events

Royal ISD FFA – 56th Annual Livestock and Plant Project Show, Parade, BBQ, and Auction - **March 22nd, 23rd & 24th, 2012** - Project Judging and Livestock Auction will be held at the Royal High School Career & Technical Education Expo Center:

Thursday, **March 22nd**, 2012 - 6:00PM: Broiler, Goat, & Swine project judging.

Friday, March 23rd -5:30PM: Horticulture Plant Show; followed by Heifer and Steer Cattle Judging; **Saturday, March 24th, 10:00AM - PARADE** in Downtown

Brookshire: Theme, “Life on the Farm!” Parade Grand Marshalls are John and Dianne Hovas (HDH) and the Hildebrand family (Tonkawa Farms). 11:30AM-1:00PM BBQ

Luncheon at Royal High School Cafeteria.-(1:00PM) Parade Awards followed at **1:30PM by Jr. Livestock Auction**. Plan to come out and participate in this great

community tradition.

Keep Waller County Beautiful's 2nd Annual “Don’t Mess With Waller County” Trash-Off – Saturday, **April 21st**, 8AM – 12PM at the Waller County Recycle Center, 32519 Morton Road. The Trash-Off and Litter prevention event is in partnership with

Membership

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Annual Banquet

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Nominating

Anthony Francis/LJA Engineering

Governmental Affairs

Adam Traweek/Amegy Bank
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Keep Texas Beautiful and TxDOT. The Trash-Off is a part of America's largest organized litter cleanup, recycling and beautification program, the Great American Cleanup. Businesses, churches, schools, civic groups, and individual volunteers are invited to participate by signing up their teams early for the Trash-Off. Teams consist of 3-5 participants and are limited to adults and children age 12 and older. For more information on participating or to download volunteer forms for the 2nd Annual Don't Mess with Waller County Trash-Off, call 832-496-8836 or visit Keep Waller County Beautiful on Facebook or email rgambino@consolidated.net. Forms may be returned via email or in person at the Waller County Recycling Center. The first 50 volunteers who preregister will receive a free "Don't Mess With Waller County" t-shirt.

The **Brookshire Municipal Water District** 4th Annual Water Festival – Saturday, **April 28, 2012, 10:00AM– 2:00PM** at Brookshire Hovas Park. The entire community and the surrounding areas are invited to participate in this event. The primary focus of the Water Festival is to educate students in grades 3-8 about water-related environmental issues. To host an exhibit at the Water Festival, reserve an exhibit space now by calling **Brookshire Municipal Water District** at (281) 375-5010, or email: bmwd@consolidated.net for the festival packet. Exhibitor set-up time is 8:00AM-9:00AM the morning of the event. Rainout reschedule date will be May 19.

First United Methodist Church – 2012 SpringFest – Saturday, **April 28th**, 11:00AM-7:00PM at Cooper and 7th Streets in Brookshire. Fun activities and entertainment for the entire family, Country Store & Pastry Shop, Craft Booths, Silent Auction. Take-out Meals – 11AM to 2PM. Evening Meal– 5PM. to 7PM.; Live Evening Auction starts at 6PM. For pre-sale briskets, call Cindy Stasny at 979-826-6739 or Linda German at 979-826-9888. Craft Vendor Booths available for \$25.00. Contact church office at 281-375-5683 for more information.

LJA Engineering announced on February 22 their acquisition of LEAP Engineering, LLP. With the addition of LEAP's offices located in Beaumont and Galveston, Texas, the joining together of the two firms and their complementary strengths broadens LJA's current geographic and technical capabilities.

In Case You Missed It

March 13th Luncheon/Meeting – We were pleased to have Cody Dennison, County Extension Agent, Texas AgriLife Extension Service, as guest speaker at the March luncheon. In addition to explaining how the resources of the Texas A&M University System through field based faculty, the Extension Services provides information, educational programs, and technical assistance in Agriculture and Natural Resources, Family and Consumer sciences, and 4-H Youth Development, Cody shared with attendees valuable information regarding "to do and not to do" treatment of trees, plants, and turf damaged by the drought and unusually hot summer. If you want to attend on the upcoming Pecan, Berry, Fruit Tree and Vegetable Production Seminar (5 CEUs offered) a small acreage crop production seminar and tour set for Saturday, March 31, 2012 from 9 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. in the Fieldstore Community, the deadline to register is Tuesday, March 27th. The program will cost \$25, and includes a BBQ lunch. On-site registration will be \$40 per person, but with no lunch guaranteed. For more info call Waller County Extension Office at 979-826-7651.



Luncheon at La Quinta in Brookshire was catered by Galileo's in Pattison. Door prizes were donated by Amegy Bank and Brookshire Economic Development Corp. and won by Chris Oliver of CenterPoint Energy, Mike Elam of Gr8 Insurance, and Emily Hillsman, CPA.

Photo L-R: Waller County Ext Agent Cody Dennison, Retired Judge Oliver Kitzman, County Judge Glenn Beckendorff, Pct 4 Commissioner Stan Kitzman and Robyn

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Waller County 2012 Candidates Forum -

The West I-10 Chamber of Commerce will host a Candidates Forum on Tuesday, **March 27, 2012**, 6:00PM to 7:30PM at the Pattison Area Volunteer Fire Department, 2950 FM 359N, Pattison TX. Invited participants will include State Representative Dist 3 candidates Cecil Bell, Jr, Bob Bagley, and Troy Bonin; Waller County Sheriff candidates: R. Glenn Smith, Bill Bright, and Wilton White; County Constable Precinct 4 candidates: Joe Trimm and Doug Carr. Senator Glenn Hegar is unopposed in his run for reelection to his third term as Texas State Senator of District 18. Forum attendees will have the opportunity to ask questions of the candidates during the evening's format. This event is free and the public is encouraged to come out and get to know your candidates. Refreshments will be provided. The West I-10 Governmental Affairs Committee Chairmen, Adam Traweek and Jason Holmes, are facilitating the forum. For addition information, contact Adam Traweek 281.238.7148 or chamber@westi10chamber.org.

April 10, 2012 Members Luncheon -

The April luncheon program "Hope for our Youth – It takes a community" will feature Bobby "Tre9" Herring and John Boaz. Houston based Herring is an award winning hip hop and Christian rap musician, young, ambitious, honest, humble, co-founder of one of the largest Christian hip-hop networks across the globe and founder of Eyes On Me Inc (501c) which is committed to creating a positive environment using biblical principles and standards to shape youth culture for lifelong success and stability in the world. In January 2012, Herring, along with his wife Amanda, teamed up with John Boaz, Founder and President of Lord Send Me Ministries, Inc. of Brookshire, to bring hope and guidance and to the junior and high school students at Royal. For the past two months they have been connecting with the students through their music programs and weekly Christian mentoring.

The April 10th luncheon/meeting will be held at La Quinta in Brookshire and is being sponsored by the Waller County Fair Association.

May 15, 2012 West I-10 Ice Cream Social

It is not too late to join the list of your community friends - **Blue Bell Creameries, Brookshire EDC, HDH Instruments, Edward Jones, Severn Trent Services, Amegy Bank, Brookshire/Pattison Lions Club, Galileo's Mexican Grill, West Engineering, Stan Kitzman, Ted Krenek, Glenn Beckendorff, Steve Pierson, and Joe Trimm** in being a sponsor of "It takes a Community" 1st Annual Ice Cream Social FUNdraiser! Business sponsorships are available for \$1,000, \$500, \$250. Individual Sponsorships available at \$100.

Names of sponsors received by April 15th will be printed on the "It Takes a Community" T-shirts. Business Sponsors will be listed on all banners and promotions for the event.

Advance tickets go on sale April 10 at \$5 each. Tickets will be used for event admission as well as the grand prize drawing for a new I-Pad.

Plan to attend and enjoy the ice cream and socializing, a chance to win an I-Pad, 50/50 raffle, and more. – Mr. E's Jazz Bands will be performing, elected officials and community leaders will be the guest scoopers competing for tips.

All proceeds from this FUNdraiser will go to the West I-10 Chamber's Education and Scholarship Fund which will be used to award scholarships to two graduating seniors and programs to encourage reading and learning on all campuses of Royal ISD.

Please contact Steve Pierson at 832.661.8800 or the West I-10 Chamber at chamber@westi10chamber.org for more information or to sign up to volunteer with this upcoming fundraising event.

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It Takes a Community!!

1st Annual

Ice Cream Social

Benefiting West I-10 Education/Scholarship Fund

- Featuring ~
- Guest Scoopers
 - 50/50 Raffle
 - Prize Drawings
 - Live music
 - All you can eat ice cream ~ Make your own sundae

Tuesday
May 15, 2012
5:00 pm - 7:30 pm

TICKETS
\$5 ADVANCE
OR
\$7 DOOR
\$5 SENIORS (at door)
Children under 3 free

It takes a Community - we need you!!

Music, Door Prizes, Raffle Items,
Volunteers for ticket sales, supplies,
setting up/clean up, etc. etc.

at the

Pattison Area Volunteer Fire Department



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