

## What's Happening

The City of Brownsboro will hold a **city wide clean-up** on Saturday, June 2, from 7am-noon. Dumpsters will be made available in the vacant lot next to the Southern Maid Donut shop on State Hwy. 31, in downtown Brownsboro. For information on what will and will not be accepted call the Brownsboro City Hall at 903-852-2401.

A **Retirement Celebration for Bro. Ike Johnson** will be held Sun., June 3, beginning at 11am with a morning service, and a noon potluck lunch on the grounds. Come help celebrate 23 years of service at Martin Springs Baptist Church, on FM 3079, Chandler. Music will be provided by Mack Smith, 1st Generation, and local church talent. RSVP at 903-849-4854.

The **Chandler Cemetery Assoc. Annual Meeting** will be held Sun., June 3, at the Chandler Community Center. Lunch will be served at 12:30pm followed by a short business meeting. This year's event will be catered by Traditions, and reservations can be made by calling 903-849-4068. Payment will be collected at the door.

**Take the Plunge** into the Bible at the "Water Park" for Opelika Missionary Baptist Church's Vacation Bible School to be held June 4-8 6pm-8:30pm. Bring a towel and be prepared to get wet. For more info or a ride call 903-852-7719 or 903-286-0056.

The **East Texas Environmental Concerns Organization** will meet Mon., June 4, at 6pm at the 1st Presbyterian Church, 306 E. Tyler St., in Athens. The East Texas Environmental Concerns Organizations is a local grassroots, non-profit, non-partisan organization dedicated to educating and uniting the people, business, and government of East Texas in the effort to secure clean air, clean water, and a healthful environment for today and future generations. For more info call 903-677-5907.

The **Larue/Moore Station AARP Chap. #5345** will meet Tues., June 5, at the Antioch Baptist Church. Board meeting will be held at 6pm, followed by the regular meeting at 6:30pm. All members are encouraged to attend.

**Anyone and everyone** is invited to come and view "Facing the Giants," Wed., June 6, at 7pm, at the 1st United Methodist Church on Hwy. 31, in Murchison. This movie has a strong message of faith in all circumstances. Come early, 6:30, and grab your popcorn. For more info call 903-469-3780.

**Sail Away With Books** this summer at the Texas Reading Club at Chandler Public Library. A special program to kick off the summer will be held Thurs., June 7, at 10am. The program will then be held each Tuesday, at 10am, June 12 - July 10. For more info call the library at 903-849-4122.

The **17th Annual Moore Station VFD Classic Car Show** will be held Sat., June 9, 11:30am - 6:30pm. Entry fee is \$20. Admission into the show is free. For more info call Michael Earl at 903-852-6787.

The **Leagueville Cemetery Assn.** will observe its annual memorial day Sun., June 10. A business meeting will be held following the morning service at the church. A covered dish luncheon and time of fellowship will be enjoyed after the meeting. Donations may be mailed to Leagueville Cemetery Assn., 11976 FM 317, Murchison, TX 75778.

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## Commissioners set public hearings on proposed Animal Control ordinance

In an effort to get a handle on the current animal control problem in Henderson County, the County Commissioners have set public hearings in six locations for the presentation of the Henderson County Animal Control Advisory Committee's proposed Animal Control Ordinance.

These meetings will allow the public to review the pro-

posed ordinance and to voice their views.

All the meetings are set for 7:00 p.m., in each of the following locations:

- \* June 7 - Chandler Community Center,
- \* June 12 - Payne Springs Community Center
- \* June 14 - Sunrise Shores Community Center

\* June 15 - Seven Points City Hall

\* June 18 - Malakoff Senior Citizens Building

\* June 19 - Henderson County Senior Citizens Building

The proposed ordinance details duties of an Animal Control Authority and a Local Rabies Control Authority which together would be

known as the Animal Control Authority. The ordinance also defines related terms such as "vicious animal," "dangerous dog," "stray animal," "running at large" and "nuisance animal."

The Animal Control Authority would include any peace officer of the state of Texas, and would investigate com-

plaints regarding animal nuisances, issue citations, and impound animals when appropriate.

One or more County Commissioners will be available to answer any questions.

To view the proposed ordinance log on to [www.co.henderson.tx.us](http://www.co.henderson.tx.us), and type in Animal Control Ordinance in the search engine.

## Goodbye Class of 2007



Wanda Nichols Photo

**ON HIS WAY** -- Brownsboro High School Class of 2007 senior Brent Miller was among 195 students who received their diplomas Saturday, May 26, in the Tyler Junior College Wagstaff gymnasium. Although an accidental shooting in the fall of 2001 left the now 18-year-old a paraplegic, nothing has seemed to get in his way of achieving his dream of living independently. Brent will attend classes at Trinity Valley Community College this fall to begin earning a degree in computer graphics or architecture. He says future plans include designing buildings for others who are handicapped. Pictured presenting Brent his diploma is Brownsboro ISD School Board President Joel Irwin.

## Chandler man named Volunteer of the Year at Texas Freshwater Fisheries Center

ATHENS, Texas—Gene Gordon of Chandler has been honored as Volunteer of the Year at the Texas Freshwater Fisheries Center.

Gordon has been serving as a volunteer one day a week at the center's Anglers Pavilion for the past year, assisting visitors with fishing in the casting pond.

It's a 180-degree turn from his 36-year career as an electrical engineer with Texas Instruments and Raytheon, where the pressure was always on. Even though Gordon may work with as many as 300 people a day who come to the center, he finds the job relaxing, rewarding and challenging all at the same time.

"I was always a workaholic," he says, "and I couldn't see staying at the house or fishing or traveling all the time. I had always enjoyed fishing, and I needed something to do. I really enjoy helping kids fish and

passing on my passion for fishing to them. And I enjoy the comradeship with the employees here."

Gordon came to TFFC in a roundabout way. He joined the Texas Master Naturalists in Tyler, and one of the requirements was to do 40 hours of volunteer work every year. (He put in more than 250 hours at TFFC during the past year.) "I had visited TFFC two or three times and brought the grandkids here to fish, and it seemed like a fun thing to do," he explains.

Volunteering leaves Gordon and his wife, Debbie, plenty of time to pursue other interests. "Being here one day a week tends to tie us down in the spring, but the summers are free because TFFC has interns, and it's not so imperative for me to be here," Gordon says. "Being here in spring works out well, because it's a good time for me to go fishing and get the gar-

den going and the yard ready for summer. We travel in winter and summer, so it's not a burden to us."

The Gordons moved to East Texas to escape the Dallas-Fort Worth Metroplex and still be near their grandchildren. "We found a house close to the lake that had an RV barn and a big metal building for a shop. It was a nice fit for us," he says.

Volunteering at the Texas Freshwater Fisheries Center fills a need for Gordon that he feels he shares with many other retirees. "I think you have to have something to do that gives you satisfaction other than your own personal time," he says. "I love to fish, and I fish a lot, but that's not rewarding like this is. I think people should volunteer. There's a lot of us baby boomers retiring, and there are a lot of programs and people out there that need help. A lot of kids don't have parental di-

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## Scholarship Golf Tourney deadline approaches

It's time once again to get your golf game 'up to par' for the annual Chandler-Brownsboro Area Chamber of Commerce Scholarship golf tournament. This year's tournament is slated for Saturday, June 16, and will be held at Echo Creek Country Club.

Proceeds from CBACC's tournament go toward scholarships for Brownsboro High School seniors, with this year's scholarships going to Jill Bragdon and Draper Foster. Money raised from the June 16 event will be used for our 2008 scholarship recipients.

This year's tournament promises to be bigger and better than ever.

"Our goal is to have at least 10 teams and 36 hole sponsors," said CBACC tournament chair, Dana Becton. "With the increased number of teams and sponsors we will be able to offer more scholarships," she added.

The day will begin with lunch being served at 11:30 a.m. (which is included with team sponsorship) and a shot-gun start will kick off the tourney at 1:00 p.m. Entry fee per team is \$200 (or \$50/player if you have singles who would like to be placed on a team).

First and second place teams, along with 'closest to the hole' will be awarded cash prizes. The third place team and 'longest drive' will be awarded merchandise prizes. Drawings will be held for door prizes donated by area businesses.

"It's a great opportunity for businesses in the Chandler-Brownsboro-Murchison area to advertise and get their name out there and support our kids at the same time," said Becton.

To get your team on the roster or sign up for one of the 36 hole sponsorships, contact Dana Becton at Bee-Line Promotions, 903-469-3303, or tournament co-chair, Pete Ramos at San Pedro's, 903-849-2800. Team sign-up forms can also be faxed to the CBACC office, 903-849-5930. Team registration form on page 12.



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