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## What's Happening

BISD will have kindergarten registration on May 7 and May 8th from 9am-2pm each day.

**Family Fun Night**, April 26 at 4 pm at the Chandler Community Center. There will be hamburgers and hot dogs at \$6 for adults and \$3 for children. There will also be a silent auction and a dessert auction, as well as crafts and games. The night will be sponsored by the OMBC Relay for Life team. All proceeds will go to the American Cancer Society. Call 286-0056 for more details.

**AARP Chapter 1152 of Athens** sponsors senior health fair Saturday, April 26 from 9 am to 11 pm at the First United Methodist Church (Activities building) located at 225 Lover's Lane, Athens.

A **fairwell fellowship** in honor of Bro. Ernest Elliott's retirement will be held on Sunday, April 27 immediately following the morning service at Union Hill Baptist Church. A covered dish luncheon will be served. For more information call 903-852-5043.

LifePoint Fellowship Church is hosting a **free family event** at Winchester Park in Chandler on Sunday, May 4th from 4:30 - 7:30 p.m. Hotdogs, cokes, snow cones and live music will all be provided - no charge. There will also be massive inflatables, kickball, face painting, a break dance demonstration, and a 3 on 3 basketball tournament. The public is invited. For more information call LifePoint at 903-592-8357 or go to www.LifePointWeb.com.

The **Brownsboro High School Athletic Booster Club** will hold an organizational meeting for the 2008-09 school year on Monday, May 5 at 7pm in the high school cafeteria.

**Calvary Baptist** will hold a prayer breakfast on the second Saturday of each month with Pastor John Parker. Good food and fellowship, come 8 am, May 10.

**BHS Athletic banquet** will be held on Tuesday, May 13 in the high school gym at 6:30pm. Tickets are \$10 and the meal will be catered by El Presidente of Brownsboro.

**Bread of Life Distribution Food Bank** on the third Saturday of each month. 8 am - 12 pm. Any volunteers would be accepted and appreciated. Calvary Baptist hosts this food bank for public awareness.

Women's Conference, **'Faith Through The Generations'**, April 26th from 8am-3pm will be hosted by Rock Hill Baptist Church. Speakers: Patricia Mallory, Janet Berry and Sandra Weakley. Lunch provided. Registration deadline is April 12. For more info and forms, go to www.rockhilltexas.com

**MOPS** will meet from 9:30-11:30 AM at 1st Assembly in Chandler on May 13. We are out for summer.

A **class reunion** is being planned for those who attended the Old Chandler High School. It will be held on Saturday, September 20. Chairperson is Jim Powell.

On Saturday, May 3 a **community parking lot sale** will be held at BHS beginning at 8am. The event is sponsored by FCCLA and proceeds will benefit the organization.

The **GED Program** located at Lake Palestine United Methodist Church has openings for both students and tutors. The program meets Mondays 6-9pm PM. Contact: Joyce at:903-849-6918

**For Retirees, L.L.L.** of Chandler First United Methodist Church, Meets the Second Wednesday of each month. 10:00 a.m. is cards and dominoes, Covered dish follows at 11:30 a.m. Join us. Call the church at 903-849-6839 for more information.

**Senior Citizens Lunch** M-F at the Community Center in Chandler. For more info. call Kimberly at (903)849-2252.

# Head-on collision claims two lives near Brownsboro

By Nathan Straus  
News Reporter

Two drivers are dead following an early afternoon accident Monday. The fatal wreck occurred along south FM 314, approximately six miles south of Highway 31 and four miles south of the Brownsboro city limits. The driver of each vehicle, the only occupants, were pronounced dead at the scene.

Heather Crouch, 19-year-old Frankston resident and employee of the Chandler Sonic Drive-in, was traveling southbound on FM 314 at around 1:18 pm Monday, April 21 when her white 2005 Ford Freestar van collided with a 1993 blue Ford Ranger driven by 58 year-old James Anthony Carter, a retiree living in Brownsboro, was heading northbound.

Crouch was headed into a curve near the New Hope Methodist Church when her vehicle's right side left the road where she overcorrected, steering her van into the northbound lane and into (Continued on page 8)



Nathan Straus Photos

This accident Monday afternoon on FM-314 south near New Hope United Methodist Church left the drivers of a Ford Freestar and Ford Ranger dead. Victims were 58-year-old James Carter and 19-year-old Heather Crouch. Right, volunteer firefighters use the Jaws of Life on the blue Ford Ranger driven by Carter.

## The candidates present their views at forum

By Nathan Straus  
News Reporter

The six candidates for Chandler City Council came to the Chandler Community Center Tuesday, April 22, to present their views on why the people of Chandler should elect them. Write-in candidates Bobby Lankford, Dick Jarrett, Don Daniell and Melissa Lehman were present along with incumbents Ann

Hall and Gene Giger.

This political forum was sponsored by Keep Chandler Beautiful. It started at 6:30 pm with a short social period for the candidates. This period included free refreshments.

The program began in earnest just before 7 pm when the six candidates for the three open council positions took their places in front of the stage on a long, rectangular

table. Each candidate was allowed two minutes for an opening statement.

After determining which candidate would start the evening, Bobby Lankford spoke of his years in Chandler and of what he believed was the city's biggest issue.

"I don't want there to be hodgepodge building erected in Chandler," Lankford said. (Continued on page 5)

## Chili cook-off this weekend

By Nathan Straus  
News Reporter

Chili cooks from the area have a chance to test their mettle against some of the region's top specialists Saturday, April 26. The cook-off in Winchester Park in Chandler on FM 315 is part of the fourth annual "Play Day at the Park".

This event is part of a fundraiser for BMC and expansion of the concession stand at Winchester Park.

The cook-off, an official Chili Appreciation Society International sanctioned event, will feature cooks trying to earn points for advancement to the chili finals in (Continued on page 6)

## Lehman enters the council elections

By Nathan Straus  
News Reporter

Melissa Lehman has entered the hotly contested battle for the three open positions on the Chandler City Council. She joined the fray as a write-in candidate, competing with three other write-ins and two incumbents.

"I read the paper and saw where there was no one running," Lehman said. "I thought I should serve."

Lehman also said she believes a position on the city council would be something she could fill. (Continued on page 8)



Melissa Lehman

## Lankford running for city council

By Nathan Straus  
News Reporter

Bobby Lankford, retired American Airlines pilot from Houston, has decided to run for one of the three open positions on the Chandler City Council. He entered as a write-in candidate.

"I love and enjoy living in Chandler," Lankford said. "It has great potential for future growth, and I feel the city needs long range planning and zoning to accommodate it."

Lankford said one of his primary goals would be to control the types of buildings (Continued on page 8)



Bobby Langford

## To celebrate, remember and fight back

By Nathan Straus  
News Reporter

The Henderson County Relay for Life, a fundraiser for the American Cancer Society, will return to the Brownsboro track field May 2. The fundraiser will run from 7 pm to 7 am, an all night event.

Lisa Lemons, a cancer survivor, said the Relay for Life is a time to celebrate the survivors, remember the fallen and fight back at the problem.

"Over 600 people came last year," Lemons said. "This event, sponsored by the American Cancer Society, has been (Continued on page 3)

going on since 2002."

The program will start with over 50 cancer survivors walking the first lap of the relay. After the first lap, everyone who wants to participate will be able to walk.

Lemons said any who want to know more about the event can contact Trina Miers at 903-681-6089.

The participants will walk in hour-long shifts, so it won't be necessary to stay overnight.

Luminary bags can be purchased either in honor of a survivor in remembrance of a (Continued on page 3)



These flags on display in Chandler represent the number of new cases of cancer diagnosed in Henderson County this past year. They will be in the "Fight Back Ceremony" and will be planted in front of the stage at the Brownsboro Relay for Life event.