

What's Happening

Notice: The Statesman will be closed on Monday, May 26 in observance of Memorial Day. All ads and story information for the May 29 issue must be turned in by Friday, May 23 at noon.

Asbury Cemetery will hold its annual memorial meeting Saturday, May 17, at 11 am. There will be a short service and group singing. Meeting will be followed by a potluck - bring beverages and a dish to share. All are welcome.

The **Jennings Mountain Cemetery Memorial Service** will be Sunday, May 18. Service will begin at 2 pm. Tom Bragdon will be the guest speaker.

Lake Palestine United Methodist Church will hold its Kite Day Saturday, May 17. The event at the church on FM 315 will start at 9 am. Free kites for kids.

Westside Volunteer Fire Department will hold its bi-annual Fish Fry on May 24 at the fire department on FM 315. Event starts at 10 am.

Any **Navy and Marine Corps shipmates** who served on the USS Columbus CA-74/CG-12 from 1944-1976 and the USS Columbus SSN-762 past and present, if you would like to share memories and camaraderie with old friends and make new ones, contact Allen R. Hope, President, 3828 Hobson Road, Fort Wayne, IN 46815-4505. Home: (260) 486-2221 - 8AM-5PM EST.

The **Murchison Head Start** program is still enrolling three and four year olds before September 1. Call 469-4034 for information.

Chandler Elementary School will hold its **Spring Festival** on May 16 from 5 pm to 8 pm. There will be food, games and fun for the whole family.

A **powderpuff football game** will be held at the Brownsboro football field May 16. There will be a \$1 donation cost; donations will go to three school families who have experienced death this year.

CBACC noon luncheon may schedule: San Pedro's in Chandler on May 22.

CBACC Board meeting will be at the school administration building in Brownsboro on May 22 at 5:30pm.

Coming in fall: A **class reunion** is being planned for all who attended the Old Chandler High School and guests. Help in planning is needed. Think of those who were in class during your high school days and make a list to contact "old friends". The date will be Saturday, September 20. Reserve and watch for details. Let's make this a "homecoming to remember". Let us know if you would like to represent your class.

Brownsboro Young Farmers Association will be having their monthly meeting Monday 5/19/08, 6:30pm at the BHS Ag/Voc. Building.

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

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.

Marvin & Messengers 4 will perform at the Parkside Shores Club House every 1st & 3rd Monday, 6pm-8:30pm. Everyone is welcome. Admission is free. For more information or directions call Nancy James at 903-849-6638, or Gwen Gann at 903-849-4180.

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

Area election results

BISD: Wyatt, Grantham

By Nathan Straus
News Reporter

The Brownsboro Independent School District Board of Trustees elections ended with low voter turnout May 10. Around 400 people voted on the two open board seats.

Bobby Lankford, board-appointed board member, lost his seat to Ricky Wyatt. Wyatt received 317 votes and Lankford received 189. Incumbent Becky Grantham kept her chair with 327 votes.

The election results will be canvassed this (Continued on page 3)

Hall, Giger, Daniell elected

By Nathan Straus
News Reporter

Election Day brought more voters than usual to Chandler City Hall to vote on the three open Chandler City Council positions. A total of 440 people cast their ballots.



Ann Hall

Incumbents Ann Hall and Gene Giger, along with write-in candidate

Don Daniell, were elected to serve the City of Chandler in the May 10 election.

Garnishing the most votes was Ann Hall, an eight-year veteran of the council, with 284 votes. Gene Giger, having served two (Continued on page 6)



Gene Giger



Don Daniell

Brownsboro ESD passes

By Nathan Straus
News Reporter

After a long period of anticipation, a proposition for an Emergency Services District for Brownsboro passed on May 10. Around 202 people voted concerning the ESD during Election Day; 116 voted for it and 86 voted against it.

Robert Chambers, fire chief for Brownsboro Volunteer Fire Department, said the next step for Brownsboro and his department is to get an ESD board opera- (Continued on page 6)

KBB on the horizon?

By Nathan Straus
News Reporter

An area beautification group is in the works for Brownsboro, and the Brownsboro City Council is already contemplating the possibilities.

Glen Vest, councilmember, said plans have been made to clear the land of trees near the baseball field on Stuart Street.

Vest said the clearing could start before the end of May.

"The council is really gung-ho about this," Vest said.

The park will be a central focus in the building of a Brownsboro beautification group - a group that could eventually become affiliated with Keep Texas Beautiful. Like Chandler's Keep Chandler Beautiful, Brownsboro may have Keep Brownsboro Beautiful.

Gloria Hosch, a Chandler and Brownsboro Area Chamber of Commerce member, said the first step towards a beautification group is to get a committee or board together.

"We're trying to follow the same steps we took as when we did Winchester Park," Hosch said.

Jeff Smiley, advisor to the CBACC, said the chamber wants to promote Brownsboro, and a way to do that is through beauti- (Continued on page 6)



Nathan Straus Photo

This house on FM-3204 exploded Monday morning. No injuries were reported, the house was a total loss.

Brownsboro house explodes

By Nathan Straus
News Reporter

A house on FM 3204 just east of Union Hill Baptist Church in Brownsboro exploded very early Monday morning. The explosion's cause is still under investigation as of this paper's deadline.

Robert Chambers, Brownsboro Volunteer Fire Department fire chief, said the call first came in regarding a structure fire at about 1 am.

"When we got there the fire was

almost under control," Chambers said.

Chandler and Brownsboro volunteer fire departments responded with two trucks and 10 firefighters total. They arrived to find the structure fire had been almost entirely doused with a garden hose by the building's occupants; Laura and Austin Carr and Eric Orange.

The three residents left the area after the fire had been put out, but about 45 minutes later the home

exploded.

"Everything was totaled," Chambers said.

Leslie Smith, friend of the family, started a fund in Laura's name at Citizen's State Bank in Chandler. Any interested can deposit into the Laura Carr fund.

"They have insurance, but the investigation will take some time," Smith said.

The account was set up on the day of the explosion.

Mays sentenced to death

Randall Wayne Mays was found guilty Friday, May 9, and sentenced to death on Tuesday, May 13, for the shooting death of Henderson County Sheriff's Deputy Tony Ogburn. The jury handed down the sentence at

about 2 pm.

The shooting deaths of Tony Ogburn Sr., along with Paul Halbelt, occurred in May of 2007. A third officer, Kevin Harris, was wounded during the firefight.

Ogburn, 61, was a five-year

veteran of the department while Halbelt, 63, was a 13-year veteran.

The shooting occurred May 17 at the scene of a domestic disturbance at Mays' home near Payne Springs. The call to authorities was made by a

neighbor when Mays and his wife, Candace, were involved in an argument.

Mays' defense attorney, Bobby Mims, presented witnesses who claimed Mays suffers from a paranoid disorder which resulted in the shoot-

ing. Steve Green, an Athens attorney, also represented Mays.

Donna Bennett, Henderson County District Attorney, and Wesley Maul, Texas Attorney General Prosecutor prosecuted the case.



The scene on Monday as crews continued to work on Stone Brothers Coffee.

Coffee shop opens today

By Nathan Straus
News Reporter

The grand opening of the Stone Brothers Coffee shop is scheduled for Thursday. The shop is located on Highway 31 in Chandler. Over half a year in the making, the shop will be the newest building on the street.

Carey Crist, president of Crist Developments, partnered with Lance Dunton to form Cri-Dun in 2007. Plans for the shop formed from this partnership.

The coffee shop is over 1,100 square feet in size with an outdoor sitting area, sofas, stools and round tables.

It will have specialty drinks from cappuccinos, frappuccinos and espressos to fruit smoothies and energy drinks.

In addition to coffee and specialty drinks, Stone Brothers' will sell breakfast pastries and (Continued on page 11)

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