

What's Happening

New Hope United Methodist Fall Fest is October 18 from 10 to 3 pm. There will be games, prizes, hay rides, cake and pie auctions, old fashioned games, clowns, hot dogs, chips, nachos and drinks. Donations welcome - donations on \$100 Visa gift card and \$50 Visa gift card. Drawing will be before 3 pm. There will also be games for little kids.

Quilters Guild of East Texas will meet Thursday, Oct. 9, at Pollard UMC. Morning meeting 10a.m. Evening meeting 7p.m., 3030 New Copeland Rd., Tyler. Guests Welcome.

St. Francis Day will celebrate Noon Mass and Blessing of the Animals at St. Stephen' Anglican Church, Saturday, October 4, 2101 E. College St. Athens. All are invited to bring their animal loved ones for this brief service and blessing.

Brownsboro First Assembly is having a BBQ meal from 4pm-6pm, Saturday, Oct. 4.

National Night Out will be held in Forest Grove, Tuesday, Oct. 7, at the Community Center, from 6:30pm-8:30p.m.

Halloween Alternative for all ages. Free food, puppets, jump house and candy. Friday, October 31, 5pm-8pm, at Power and Praise Tabernacle; 22525 Hwy 155, Flint, TX. For more info contact 903-825-9361.

Community Flu Shot Clinic will be held on Friday, Oct. 3, in the Brownsboro Community Center, at 8am and continue until they are gone. Cost is \$20. Accept cash and local checks only.

LaRue Moore Station AARP #5345 meets, Tuesday, Oct. 7, in Antioch Baptist Church Cafeteria, at 6:30pm. Board of Directors meet at 6pm. All people 50+ welcome.

Athens Animal Shelter is offering "First Saturday in October" kitten adoption promotion Oct. 4, from 9am-3pm. Adoption fees \$35 and includes spay/neuter, rabies shot, 1st shots and worming.

Edom Festival of Arts Craft Fair and bake sale at United Methodist Church, Saturday Oct. 18. Booths available. For info call Carol at 903-852-7615.

Senior Citizen Days at the Edom Community Center, from 9am-2pm. Bring a friend and lunch for games and conversations. Coffee and ice tea provided. For info contact Carol at 903-852-7615.

Slimetime Fall Festival at First Baptist Church of Edom, Friday, Oct. 31 from 6:30-8:30pm. Games, refreshments, candy, fellowship, snack bar, family photos made and costumes optional. Call 903-852-5481 for more info.

Brownsboro Band Booster will meet in the high school band hall, Monday, Oct. 6, at 7pm.

Brownsboro Boys Little Dribblers have organizational meeting, Sunday, Oct. 19, at 4pm, in the Brownsboro old intermediate gym. Everyone invited to attend. Will be voting officers and any proposed rule changes.

Brownsboro Beautification Organization meets every first Thursday at 7 pm in the Brownsboro community center. Any interested in Brownsboro Beautification are welcome to attend. (Continued on page 7A)

Kemp man indicted in Morgan family deaths

By Nathan Straus
Statesman News
Navy Recruiter Jose Luis Joel Miramontes of Kemp was indicted by the Henderson County grand jury for the deaths of Shane and daughter Kalee Morgan of Berryville. The indictment came on Wednesday, September 24.

The deaths came as a result

of an accident near Leagueville. It happened around eight miles south of Brownsboro at 4:45 pm on FM 317 the day before Valentine's Day. The Morgan family was traveling eastbound in their 2006 Suzuki Forenza, while Miramontes was heading westbound in a 2007 Chevrolet Impala, a government vehicle. The accident occurred when

Miramontes attempted to pass another westbound vehicle on the road. The posted speed limit at the crash site is 55 miles per hour.

According to police reports, the front left of the Impala struck the front left of the Forenza, and the collision ended in one of the worst possible ways. Shane's wife Lisa, a fourth grade teacher at

Brownsboro Intermediate, and four-year-old daughter Emily survived the crash. Kalee was pronounced dead at the scene and Shane was care-flighted to ETMC Tyler along with Miramontes, where Shane Morgan passed away as a result of his injuries.

Shane was a pastor at Hilltop Baptist Church in

Berryville and Kaylee was a student at BIS.

Miramontes is charged with recklessly operating his vehicle at a speed "greater than was reasonable and prudent under conditions".

The indictment states the vehicle was used as a deadly weapon, which may further the felony charge Miramontes now faces.

See You At The Pole



Nathan Straus Photo

Brownsbor High School students attend See You At The Pole September 24 for worship and praise

Court sets speed, weight limit on CR 3412

By Nathan Straus
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The Henderson County Commissioner's Court decided Tuesday to set the speed and weight limit on CR 3412, located between Chandler and Moore Station. The decision, which came as part of the regular weekly meeting, set the speed limit for the road at 30 miles per hour, and the weight limit at 20 tons.

Ronny Lawrence, precinct three commissioner, said, "30 miles per hour is the lowest we can set a road without studying it."

A public hearing was held just before the decision was made. Two people spoke concerning the decision, one in favor of the speed limit and another against it.

Lawrence made the motion, and Precinct One Commissioner Joe Hall seconded, to set the speed limit for the road

at 30 miles per hour, and the weight limit at 40,000 pounds. The motion passed.

The court also took action on an inter-local agreement with the Andrews Center.

County Judge David Holstein said, "The Andrews Center is an organization that helps us with mental health issues."

The contract renewal with the Andrews Center was motioned for and seconded by Wade McKinney, precinct two commissioner, and Hall, respectively.

There were two notifications of open positions the court announced. The first is for appointments for positions on the Hospital Authority Board, the second is for nominations for positions on the ETMC Athens Board of Managers. For the first group, the appointments must be (Continued on page 7A)

Chandler High School reunion a huge success

By Nathan Straus
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It was a rare sight to see over 200 former students and teachers of Chandler High School gathered in one room. On Saturday, September 20, this is what happened at the Chandler Intermediate School building.

Former Chandler High School goers met at a school-wide reunion Saturday morning for a highly anticipated get-together. According to a reunion committee member, the group enjoyed renewing old friendships, and during the mingle time there were memorabilia tables fills with items and pictures representing each class from 1927-1965 for former school-goers to view.

"This was the first reunion in many, many years," the committee member said. "It was also the only one for the whole high school since the

school was closed that I know of."

The reunion was in planning for months, with a meeting conducted each month to work out the essentials.

"It was well worth it," the committee member said. "Everybody said it was wonderful, and they thanked us."

All of the reunion committee expressed its gratitude for Mrs. Jones at CIS for the use of the school.

One reunion attendee flew all the way from California to be at the high school reunion, and there was an air of excitement at seeing old friends again.

A catered lunch was served in the gymnasium, and the tables were decorated with reminders of past school days and Chandler High Tiger balloons.

Each class was recognized and, in addition, important (Continued on page 6A)



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The first Henderson County Master Gardener Scholarship winner. Left to right: Sherry Bitz, Jane Fox, scholarship committee, Michael Sambogna, president of HCMG and the scholarship winner: Colleen Ragland. Colleen was selected after the committee read the letter she had written detailing her reasons for wanting to become a Master Gardener. The scholarship covers tuition and textbook for the course offered at TVCC.

Affordable health care clinic planned for Athens

Affordable health care for the citizens of Henderson County will be available in 2009. A new low-cost medical clinic will open in 2009 in Athens, Texas. This clinic will provide low-cost basic medical services to persons and their families who live and work within Henderson County who have no medical insurance or means to obtain basic medical services. Started as an Outreach Ministry by First Christian Church of Athens, the support for this clinic has grown to a community-wide effort with support from local civic leaders and physicians. There has been strong support from the local medical

community.

Texas leads the nation with the highest percentage of individuals without health insurance. For the years of 2006 and 2007, 24.8% of Texans were without health insurance. That figure applied to the 2006 estimated population of Henderson County, would translate to 19,895 individuals in need within our community.

The need for medical care for our uninsured neighbors is greater than ever. Jobs are being eliminated daily across our communities and fewer employers are able to offer health insurance. Because individuals and families cannot afford insurance, the uninsured often (Continued on page 3A)



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Board and Administrative officers of Disciples Clinic of Athens. Standing, L-R, Neil Hunter; Ty Morris; Barbara Pettycrew; Dora Walls; Steve Woodruff, DDS; Joe Ed Smith, MD; Steve Grant; Mike Riffe. Seated L-R Melvin Bateman, JD; Gary Williamson, MD; Clay Estes; Layton Holt; Jan Wiley