

What's Happening

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Brownsboro Young Farmers meets the second Tuesday of every month in the Ag/Vocation bldg. at the high school 6:30pm

Golden Girls Booster Club meets Thursday at 6:30 pm in the High School Little Theatre.

East Texas Back Roads Band will perform from 6-8:30 pm at Parkside Shores Clubhouse every first and third Monday of the month. Free admission, free food and a variety of music; free doesn't get any better than that. For more information, contact Gwen Gann at 903-849-4180.

The **Ladies Auxiliary of Post #5073** are sponsoring an art contest that could bring as much as \$10,000 toward a high school student's college education. The student is eligible to enter the Patriotic Art Contest. There will be a winner from each post in Texas. For more information, contact Debbie Haynes at 903-825-203 or Fannie Conroy at 903- 849-3736. Deadline date is March 31

Storytime at the Chandler Library for preschool - 3rd grade will be every Thursday. There will also be a special Saturday morning program for 4th - 7th grade readers. Starting time for this group is at 9:30 am.

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.

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 Eastern.

The **GED Program** located at Lake Palestine United Methodist Church has openings for both students and tutors. The program meets Mondays 6-9pm. 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 Citizen Lunch M-F at the Community Center in Chandler. For more info. call Kimberly at (903)849-2252.

The **Kickapoo Creek Kiwanis** meets at noon, each Wednesday, at Piggy's Too.

The **Chandler Lions Club** meets every 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month in the Chandler Community Center at 7pm. Meetings consist of dinner, meeting and a program. Anyone interested in giving back to the community through the Lions organization is invited to attend.

The **Disabled American Veterans & Auxiliary** meets the 2nd Monday of the month at the Senior Citizens Center, next to the Fairgrounds on Hwy. 31 east in Athens. A covered dish meal is served at 6:30pm with the meeting to follow. All members and prospective members are urged to attend. For more info contact Commander Lee Stewart at 903-549-2947 or Adjutant Kenneth Bragg at 903-852-3429.

Interested in writing romance? The East Texas Chapter of Romance Writers of America is where to start. Chapter meetings are held the 3rd Saturday of every month. For more information, visit www.easttexasrwa.com or call 903-894-3167.

Pickin' & Grinnin' Country & Western Gospel and Bluegrass can be enjoyed the 2nd and 4th Tuesday night from 6pm-9pm, at Sunrise Shores Clubhouse. Admission is free. For more info contact Charles Hester at 903-849-6802.

The **Chandler Police Explorers** meet the 1st and 4th Thursday of the month at 7pm at the Chandler Police Department. For more info contact CPD Chief Reeves at 903-590-0232.

Edom United Methodist Church meets every Sunday evening at 6 P.M. for "Encounters", the contemporary church service. For more information call Russel Hall at (903) 852-7181.

The **Art Group** meets weekly on Tuesdays 1:30pm-4:30pm in the Chandler Community Center. For more info call 903-849-3238 or 903-852-3816.

Chandler Masonic Lodge #993 meets every 3rd Monday, at 7:30pm at the lodge located at 724 N. Broad, in Chandler.

The **Chandler AARP, Chapt. # 3018**, meets every 3rd Monday of the month, at 1pm, in the Chandler Community Center. All persons, 50-years and older are encouraged to attend.

The **Smith County Metal Detecting Assoc.** meets the 3rd Saturday of each month at 6pm at Briarcliff Village, 3403 S. Vine, in Tyler. For more info contact Kyle or Sandy Wright at 903-849-5900.

The **Brownsboro ISD School Board** meets the 2nd Monday of the month, at 7pm, in the Administration Building. For more info call 903-852-3701.

Lake Palestine U.M.C.

by Barbara Cade

In the past two weeks, a lot of activities have been going on in the church. The caroling at the nursing home in Chandler was a real blessing at the first of the month. It was great to be able to sing for such a wonderful and appreciative audience. Then, after that, a fairly large group gathered at the lake for a really nice bonfire with marshmallows, cookies and hot chocolate, plus a fire truck on the side, just in case the flames got out of hand.

Then, that same night, Rev. Richard and Rebecca returned from Germany. They were too tired to come to the bonfire. They haven't had a chance to fill us in on the trip yet, but did say they started out in Cologne where the relics of the Three Wise Men are supposed to be kept in a church there.

We are very happy to report that Joyce Martin's surgery went off very, very well. She must have had about half the church over at the hospital

during her surgery. Bill thanked everyone for their support on Sunday.

Ruby Simon has also undergone surgery a day after Joyce's and she is doing great also. We are praying for her continued recovery.

Congratulations go to both Bob Fisher and Alex Martin who were two of the top honorees at the annual Westside Volunteer Fire Department Christmas party. Both have made considerable contributions through their work there this year.

In order to help pay for a new projector for the church, some of the ladies have set up a craft table to sell items which will go directly into that account. It looks like it's successful because almost everything has been sold.

The children's Christmas program, under the direction of Angela Martin, went very well. A large crowd was in church to watch it.

Also, that evening, the adults gave a great performance in their musical program. Their version of "Amen" had everyone

clapping and moving in the aisles.

Ken Cade attended a business meeting in Austin, Texas this past week.

Elizabeth Rowan was sick at home last week. She's much better now, though.

It was good to see Terri and Donna Sullivan and little Landon in church on Sunday. They are visiting here from Houston.

The Traditions dinner had the biggest crowd in attendance in its history. Carols were sung, lots of food eaten, and the winner of the big door prize was Debbie Morris.

Coming up this Saturday night at 6:00 PM is the annual church Christmas party. Everyone is asked to bring a gift for an exchange.

On Monday the 22nd, there will be a Blue Christmas service at the church at 7:00 PM.

This is for those who have suffered loss and is a way to find added comfort in this time of year.

Finally, on the 24th, there will be two Christmas Eve services. The first will be at 4 PM and the second at 7 PM. All in the community are invited to attend.

Feeding the hungry



Courtesy Photo

Chandler Elementary School had their annual food drive to support God's Open Hands. They had a goal of 1,000 items and surpassed that goal by over 200. This shows the students learned a great deal about their character word: caring. This served as a great time of year to show caring to others in the community.

Puppet time



Courtesy Photo

Young Brownsboro Independent School District students are entertained by puppets during Parents Night Out on December 5.

FCCLA helped Brownsboro Elementary PTO with activities and food for the Parents Night Out on Dec. 5. Students wrote and preformed a puppet show teaching students about nutritious snacks. They then played a snack naming game and the winner in two different age groups was named the "Healthy Hero". FCCLA Members then served a Nutritious snack to all the children and adults at the event. FCCLA Members doing the puppet show was Danni Johnson, Danielle Bynum, and Kaesey Waters. FCCLA members helping prepare food and then helping the rest of the night in playing games and supervising play were: Brittany Pelton, Sage Chambers, Tiffany

Horton, and Kriston Farrington. Katie Markgraft from NHS also helped.

Mrs. Haggerty's classes also made cookies for a treat later in the evening.

★ Agriview

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Flowering plants as well as varieties producing fruits and vegetables may be used.

Since each container can have different soil conditions, a greater variety of species can be grown than in a garden that is limited to the areas existing soil plants with various requirements as far as soil, water, pH, light and other elements are concerned may be grown.

As long as the plant's cultural requirements are met, almost any plant can be used for a container specimen. Before selecting a plant, the successful container gardener determines where the plant will usually be located and the amount of available sunlight, moisture and protection present.

Besides the well-known annual and perennial flowers, deciduous or evergreen trees, shrubs and vines may be used. Annuals usually prefer at least a half day's full sun, but most tropical evergreens do well with less.

Rick Hirsch is the Henderson County Extension Agent-Agriculture for the Texas AgriLife Extension Service. Visit web page at <http://henderson-co.tamu.edu>.

Union Hill Baptist Church Presents the Christmas Musical

Hope Has Hands



December 21 at 4:00 pm

15866 FM 3204
Brownsboro, TX

Call 903-852-5043 for more information



Brownsboro Young Farmers Association

Thank you so much for your generous donation to the 7th Annual Brownsboro Young Farmer Association Auction.

As you know, the youth in our community who participate in the agriculture programs at our schools are the recipients of your generosity.

With the generous support of people like you, we will be able to help all of these individuals with their travel, food, lodging, support the scholarship fund and help meet essential needs of the organization.

For more information on how your donation is helping to make a difference in the lives of so many kids in 4-H and FFA in our community, we invite you to our monthly meetings held the second Tuesday of each month at the Brownsboro Ag Department. You can also get information on our upcoming events for this year and volunteer opportunities.

Thank you again, and we look forward to your continued support.

Sincerely,

Paul
Paul Carver, President

Johnny
Johnny Oden, Vice President

Sherree
Sherree Lawrence, Secretary

Cresha
Cresha Foster, Treasurer

Jeff
Jeff Smiley, Reporter

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