

What's Happening

Chandler Community Center hosts the **Community Men's Prayer Breakfast** every Tuesday at 7:00 a.m. Prayers, devotional and music

Brownsboro Junior High will be holding its **3rd annual TAKS Carnival** Tuesday, February 10 from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. All Junior High students and their parents are invited. Enjoy games, prizes and a spaghetti supper, all while learning about the upcoming TAKS tests and what it means to you and your child. We hope to see you there!

The **Brownsboro Softball League** has begun registration for the spring season. Instructional T-Ball for 3-4 year olds and all age divisions through 15 years old. **Deadline for registration is February 28.** Forms are available at all BISD schools and will also be available at the Old High School Gym mid-morning to late afternoon February 7, as well as during morning hours at the Junior High School Gym February 14, 21 and 28. For more info call 903-286-8800 or 903-849-6005.

Concord Baptist Church, of Chandler invites the community to attend our **Revival Services Sunday, March 1 through Wednesday, March 4 at 7:00 p.m.** Revival Speaker will be Brother David Cason of Abilene's Broadview Baptist Church. Music will be provided by The Praise Team from Tyler's Trinity Baptist Church. Everyone is invited. Call 903-852-7368 for more information.

The Henderson County Historical Society and the Daniel McMahon Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution will co-sponsor a **Genealogy Workshop Saturday, February 21 from 10:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m.** The workshop will be held at Henderson County's Historical Museum Annex, 207 N. Prairieville and is free to anyone interested in working on their family lines, however space is limited. Call 903-675-4222 or 903-677-9686 to reserve your seat.

Country music at Poynor Civic Center Thursday, February 5. Free Admission. Music from 6:30 to 9:00 p.m. Frankston Health Care Center will serve a meal from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. Anyone who wishes may bring a dessert and donations will be accepted to benefit the FHCC.

CBACC will host a **Silent Auction, Banquet and Award Ceremony Thursday, February 5 at the Chandler Community Center beginning at 6:30 p.m.** Guest Speaker will be Dr. Stan Copeland. Tickets are available at the Chamber of Commerce office. Call 903-849-5930.

Sunday evening March 1, Chandler's **Concord Baptist Church** will be ordaining Clayton Oliver and Brad Osborne to the office of Deacon. An invitation is extended to sister churches asking for help with an Ordaining Council. The council will meet at 6:00 p.m. for questioning. Refreshments will be served following the service. Call 903-852-7368

Registration is now underway for the **BMC Youth Foundation's Boy's Baseball and Girl's Softball programs.** Registration forms may be picked up at all BISD School offices and at the Chandler City Hall. Registration will continue through February 27, followed by a late registration period ending March 6.

Chandler police officer arrested, accused of assault

Officer Ryan Michael Wilcox was arrested January 26 for alleged involvement in a break-in and assault outside Brownsboro city limits.

Wilcox, 33, was booked into the Henderson County Jail that afternoon, but later released following a \$2,500 bond.

The investigating officer on this case is a Texas Ranger.

This is because the alleged perpetrator is a police officer. Ranger Trace McDonald is in charge of the investiga-

tion. McDonald said, "This wasn't a theft situation."

He added Wilcox is accused of entering a home without consent and committing an assault.

While he couldn't reveal either the location of the break-in or the identity of the victim, or even what injuries were sustained, McDonald said the break-in did occur outside of any city limits.

The county Sheriff's Department received



Ryan Michael Wilcox

the call Monday night/Sunday morning from a woman about the break-in and assault.

McDonald said the complaint was that Wilcox entered the home at about 2:30am Sunday morning.

The Texas Penal Code states a person commits a burglary if the person enters a location not open to the public and intends to commit an assault, theft or felony. Thus, Wilcox would have committed a burglary even if he never intended to take anything from the home.

McDonald said Michael Teal,

Henderson County Sheriff's Department Investigator, had no trouble arresting Wilcox.

"Ryan Wilcox was arrested without incident," McDonald said. Chandler Police Chief Ron Reeves was unavailable for comment due to being out of the office sick.

McDonald said there's no word on how long the investigation is expected to last, and a motive hasn't been established.

Duran Memorial Fund to go toward Brownsboro school ESL for adults program

By Nathan Straus
Statesman News

Francisco "Poncho" Duran passed away Monday, January 26. It was around a year after this hard-working Brownsboro family man started working at his own business full time. Now a memorial fund has been opened at First State Bank of Brownsboro to help adults with children in the Brownsboro Independent School District system, many of whom Duran personally knew, learn English as a second language.

Jeff Smiley, Farmers Insurance Agent in Brownsboro, said Duran was a long-time customer of his.

"He was born February 1 of 1964 in Guanajuato, Mexico," Smiley said. "In 1979 he and his brothers came to Texas and worked for Caldwell Dairy Farm. In December of '79 he went to work for House Nursery in Brownsboro and learned horticulture there."

While still working at House Nursery in 1992, Duran started Duran Plant Farm on CR 3606 near Brownsboro. He worked the farm part time and continued to work at House Nursery. In 2003 Duran Plant Farm expanded to FM 1803 near Murchison, where he began to work



Courtesy Photo

Francisco "Poncho" Duran of Brownsboro. A memorial fund was set up in his name.

full time in January, 2008, providing major services for businesses throughout East Texas.

Francisco - "Poncho" to his friends - is survived by his wife Leonor, who supported him in business and child rearing. They had three sons; Hector, Alexis and Rodrigo, and a daughter named Jennifer. All have been in the Brownsboro school system doing something their father never got the chance to do.

Smiley said Duran, as a dedicated father, wanted his children to

have all the things he never had growing up.

"Especially an education," Smiley added. "He never made it past the third grade and went straight to work at 15. Education for his kids was a top priority to him, and he was always involved in their activities."

Duran was supportive of his children's extracurricular activities such as FFA and sports, and especially supportive of their academics. He was involved in Brownsboro's English as a Second Language

program and encouraged all the Hispanic parents he knew to get involved with their own children's education.

Smiley said there had been a need for an ESL program for parents, and news of a possibility opening up for this program came from the school's Parent Involvement Coordinator, Perry Eaton.

Eaton said Duran was going to be asked to sponsor a local ESL program when he passed away. Now his family has agreed to let a memorial fund be set up for

funds to be directed to the ESL program Brownsboro ISD is putting together.

"We will offer an English class to our Hispanic population," Eaton said.

In a recent meeting with ESL parents, Eaton explained the school's situation at that time. Trinity Valley Community College had just informed BISD it would not be able to fund any ESL programs for parents, and so BISD would not be able to hold any classes at the school. Many at the meeting expressed disappointment because they wanted to be able to take the classes in Brownsboro.

Brownsboro ISD would supply the teacher and the location, but it still needed the money.

"Jeff called Monday and said if we raised the money we could do it here," Eaton said. "We'll be able to offer English classes to Hispanic parents, absolutely free for them."

Any who want to donate to the fund can ask for the Francisco "Poncho" Duran Memorial Adult English Education Fund at First State Bank in Brownsboro.

Smiley said he thought it would be fitting to honor the

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KBB considers Great American Cleanup

By Nathan Straus
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Keep Brownsboro Beautiful, Brownsboro's beautification organization partnered with Keep Texas Beautiful, is gearing up for the annual Great American Cleanup. The Great American Cleanup is one of the largest beautification efforts in the country.

Information about the cleanup came as part of KBB's regular monthly meeting, moved to Monday due to the

Chandler/Brownsboro Area Chamber of Commerce Awards Banquet which will take place Thursday. Future KBB meetings will occur on the first Thursday of each month at 7pm.

Charles Cox, president of KBB, said, "The cleanup will go from about 8am to noon. We'll get out there and done before it gets too hot."

The Great American Cleanup will happen on April 4. Brownsboro residents who want to

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CBACC Banquet time

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The Chandler/Brownsboro Area Chamber of Commerce is about to host its Annual Awards Banquet and Auction. This event will take place at the Chandler Community Center Thursday at 6:30pm.

Roxie Holley, secretary of the CBACC, said tickets will be \$15 each.

"Dinner will be Danny's BBQ from Athens," she added.

The speaker for the evening will be Dr. Stan Copeland, a minister from Lover's Lane United Methodist Church in Dallas.

Stan grew up in Chandler and graduated from Brownsboro High School where he was active in football, baseball and FFA. He graduated from Lon Morris College in Jacksonville and Centenary College in Shreveport.

His parents are Don and Martha Copeland and his sister Jill and brother-in-law Kyle McGill are all of Chandler.

Dr. Stan Copeland became the pastor of Lovers Lane United Methodist Church in April of 1998. At this time, he and his wife Tammy Barnes Copeland moved their young family from Tyler

to Dallas. Tammy is a second grade teacher at Nathan Adams Elementary School in Dallas. They have a 21-year-old son, Zachary Barnes, at Southwestern University, and a 15-year-old daughter, Emily Grace, at Parish Episcopal School in Dallas.

The night begins with social time at 6:30; the silent auction will also begin at this point. Items are still being collected for the auction. At 7pm dinner will be served.

As always, there will be several awards given out over the course of the evening. These awards

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