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Community notes

Fulton Mansion Site to undergo work

The Fulton Mansion State Historic Site will undergo preservation work this year to deal with foundation and structural issues, basement water infiltration, deterioration of original wood windows and roof leaks. The mansion also needs repairs to the exterior wood siding, decorative wood trim, doors and siding and painting to return the building to its original luster. Tours of the mansion will not be available after Feb. 24.

While the house is closed, the Fulton Mansion Education and History Center will be open. A short film about why the house is closed and exhibits about the restoration work will be available. Families can participate in Victorian craft activities and create puppets and stories to use with a Victorian-style puppet theater. Cost: \$3.

Metro Ministries to get donation match

Corpus Christi Metro Ministries announced "Match Metro," a community contribution challenge to raise \$100,000 in six months. A private donor has committed to "match" a personal contribution of the same amount if the organization can raise \$100,000 by June 21. Funds raised will benefit the organization and its programs: the Rainbow House, an emergency shelter that provides transition housing for women; and, Loaves & Fishes, a free cafeteria that serves nutritious dine-in meals for the homeless, the poor, the working poor, the disabled and the elderly five days a week.

Donations can be made at cmetro.org or by mail at Corpus Christi Metro Ministries, P.O. Box 4899, Corpus Christi, TX 78469; or call 887-0151.

Station sets event for raising funds

Campaign 2013, the annual On-Air fundraiser benefiting 89.5HD KLUX will take to the air Feb. 25. The five-day event is the primary fundraiser for the noncommercial station licensed to Diocesan Telecommunications Corp..

The fundraiser is a principal source of operating revenue for the station, which receives no government assistance and cannot sell commercial time. The goal for this year is \$75,000. Contributions can be made by calling the campaign line at 361-289-6437 or by using the PayPal link on the station website at klux.org/campaign.htm. All contributions are tax-deductible.

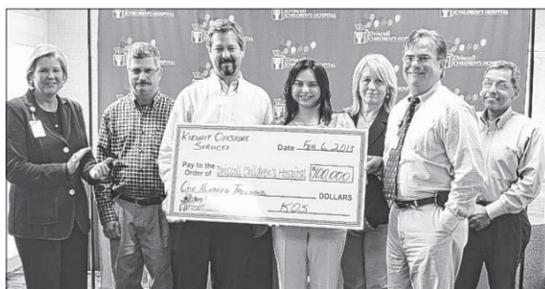
Rotary Youth camp is site of awards

The Rotary Youth Leadership Awards is a program designed to shape leadership skills in students who demonstrate outstanding leadership in



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Workforce Solutions of the Coastal Bend teamed up with the city of Corpus Christi for the first city of Corpus Christi Job Fair on Jan. 30 at Sunrise Mall and Career Center. There were 15 city departments represented with more than 30 job titles, including multiple openings such as custodial, clerical, laborer, administrative, professional, recreational and others. More than 400 people attended. To find out about job postings with the city, visit www.workintexas.com, or call 882-7491.



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Representatives from Kiewit Offshore Services Ltd. presented a \$100,000 check to Driscoll Children's Hospital on Wednesday. The donation was from the 21st annual Fiesta de los Niños event on Friday. Pictured are Mary Clark (from left), Driscoll Children's Hospital Development Foundation board chairwoman; Tom Harrison, Kiewit project manager; Bob Shockney, Kiewit district business manager; Mayra Zuniga, Kiewit project manager; Rita Cass, Kiewit structural designer; Steve Woerner, Driscoll president and CEO; and Adan Guerrero, Kiewit craft training and recruiting manager.

their high school and community. The organization's camp is a youth retreat sponsored by Rotary District 5930, which includes Rotary clubs in most cities in South Texas extending from Victoria, Goliad, Corpus Christi, Laredo, and the Rio Grande Valley.

An awards event was held Jan. 25-27 at Camp Zephyr for 136 high school juniors.

Honors for Partners in Education

Texas Association of Partners in Education's Texas Education Partnership award winners were honored at a luncheon Jan. 29 in Austin.

Coastal Bend winners include:

Crystal Award Winners
Partnership Program Innovation (tie): Valero Refining-On Site Career Mentoring, Hammons Education Leadership Programs (HELP) tied with Cypress-Fairbanks Bus Buddies Program, Cypress-Fairbanks ISD;

Gold Award Winners
Community Partnership Career Education (tie): Workforce Solutions of the Coastal Bend/Career Ready Workforce Certification, Calallen ISD and city of Houston Grow Your Own Workforce/Find Your Path, Houston ISD.

Winners and finalists will be profiled in the fifth edition of "Soaring to New Heights in Education: Powerful Partnership Practices Across Texas."

TAPE members elected the 2013 board of directors. Local members include:

Conrado Garcia, Citco; **Crystal Matern**, Corpus Christi Independent

School District, and **Jill Reynolds**, H-E-B.

Photo contest extends boundaries

The Coastal Bend Wildlife Photo Contest is extending the contest boundaries to include Brooks, Starr, Kenedy, La Salle and Jackson Counties for the 2013 Contest beginning Friday. Existing counties include: Aransas, Duval, Jim Wells, Live Oak, Nueces, San Patricio, Bee, Goliad, Kleberg, McMullen, Refugio, Lavaca, DeWitt, Victoria, Karnes and Calhoun.

The extension will allow landowners/photographer teams in these counties to compete for the \$50,000 prize money. Registration for photographers is open to any level of photographer from around the world.

Entry forms are available at www.wildlifeinfo.com.

Information: 881-9316 or wildlifephotcontest@sbcglobal.net.

Tourism spots to offer discounts

Five Corpus Christi visitor attractions will offer half-price reciprocal membership privileges. This means half-off admission to all of the following tourism spots if you're a member or become a member of one, and 10 percent off in all five gift shops — only in February. New memberships at any of the five attractions may be purchased at a 10 percent discount in February.

South Texas Botanical Gardens & Nature Center, 852-2100 or www.stxbot.org

Art Museum of South

Texas, 825-3500 or www.artmuseumofsouthtexas.org

Corpus Christi Museum of Science & History, 826-4667 or www.ccmuseum.com

Texas State Aquarium, 881-1200 or www.texas-stateaquarium.org

Lexington Museum on the Bay, 888-4873 or www.usslexington.com

Bereavement group open for families

Driscoll Children's Hospital is accepting enrollment for the "Lean on Me" program, a bereavement support group for children and families who have experienced the death of a loved one.

Children must be at least 6 years old, and their parents/guardians will meet with an adult group. Attendees will meet from 5:30-7 p.m. Thursdays from Feb. 21 to March 28 at Driscoll Children's Hospital, fifth floor, 3533 S. Alameda St. The program is free and families are asked to commit to attend all sessions. Child care for siblings is not available. To register, call 694-5763.

Designs sought for HummerBird shirts

The 25th anniversary HummerBird Celebration T-shirt design contest is open for artwork submissions. Plants and hummingbirds are required for the 2013 HummerBird Celebration Artwork.

For more information, contact Sandy Jumper at the Rockport-Fulton Chamber of Commerce, 361-729-6445; or email tourism@rockport.org. Entry deadline is May 1.

Dedication set at Hagar sanctuary

A sign dedication will be at 3 p.m. Feb. 16 at the Connie Hagar Cottage Sanctuary at the corner of Church and First Streets in Rockport. The sign was provided by the History Committee of the Aransas Pathways Steering Committee and recognizes Hagar's work and legacy as a birder in Aransas County.

She and her husband, Jack, moved to Rockport in 1935. They purchased the cottages on Church Street, where they hosted birding experts and ornithologists from throughout the U.S. This is now the Connie Hagar Cottage Sanctuary. Hagar died in 1973.

The most common image of Hagar is of her gazing up and holding a pair of binoculars. This photo appeared in Life magazine in 1954, and she was described as a "bird-watcher."

Directions to the Connie Hagar Cottage Sanctuary can be found on the Aransas Pathways smartphone app, "Tour Rockport-Fulton."

Information: 361-729-6445, www.rockport-fulton.org/ or 361-790-0194.

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School notes



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SERCO of Texas Community Youth Development program youths from Carroll High School were treated to a "Thank You for Caring" cake Jan. 31 after completing their monthly community service project. More than 40 youths met after school to celebrate with the recipient agency representative.

Genaro DeLeon, a student at H.M. King High School in Kingsville, has been selected as a Flint Hills Resources Outstanding Scholar. DeLeon was selected by teachers and administrators at the school for his leadership, character and active involvement in school activities. John Jenkins, the school's principal, described DeLeon as "very well-balanced and academically focused," according to a news release.

The Incarnate Word Academy High School academic team placed first at the Texas Association of Private and Parochial Schools Academic District Competition in Austin. This past school year, the team held on to its state championship title for the fifth time in six years. The team now qualifies for the state competition.

2013 District Academic Contest results for top first-through third-place winners include:

Ready Writing
First: Derek Ficencic
Third: Brittany Donald

PERSUASIVE SPEAKING
Second: Jacob Bartlett

SPELLING
Second: Jackie Salazar

CURRENT EVENTS
Second: Derek Ficencic

Third: Jesse Woodall

CALCULATOR
First: James Matl

Second: Christina Matl

Solo Acting
First: J.R. Gore

Third: Kristian Lopez

LITERARY CRITICISM
First: Katie McClung

Third: Jacob Bartlett

SOCIAL STUDIES
First: Brittany Donald

Second: Derek Ficencic

Third: Maddie Baker

SPANISH
Third: Gus Madero

DUET ACTING
First: J.R. Gore/Daniel Cassidy

Third: Abigail Thorud/Ashley Arriaga

POETRY
First: J.R. Gore

Third: Chelsea Guerra

ORIGINAL ORATORY
Third: Shannay Baradaran

TAPPS MATH
Second: Maddie Baker



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Delia Carranco (left) received a retirement gift from West Oso Elementary Principal Belinda Gamez on Jan. 31. Carranco taught at West Oso for the past 25 years.

Reunions

Wynn Seale Jr. High School all-alumni open house and walk-through is from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. March 8 at the school (Metropolitan School of Design), 1707 Ayers St. A mixer begins at 6:30 p.m. March 8 at The Astor Restaurant, 5533 Leopard St. An after party is at 10 p.m. at the Executive Surf Club, 309 N. Water St. A gathering begins at 8 p.m. March 9 at The Tequila Rose Night Club, 5831 Weber Road. Information: Jo Anne Gamez, 361-215-7560, or Linda Lopez, 549-6206.

Social Club Reunion for all

clubs of the 1960s and 1970s is from 7 p.m. to midnight March 23 at the Gulf Coast Race Track, 5302 Leopard St. Cost: \$20/person. The event features music and cash bar. Information: D. Quintanilla, 834-1118.

Ray and King High Schools Class of 1967 will celebrate a 45th reunion April 5-6 at the Holiday Inn Marina and at the Executive Surf Club. Information: www.ray-king67reunion.com.

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Calendar

Women's conference

Registration is open for the two-day women's conference "Her Heart is Fully Devoted to Christ," hosted by the women of Calvary First Baptist Church, 2906 Carver Drive. The conference is at 7 p.m. Friday with guest speaker Minister Luetta Walker, of Crossing Community Church, Houston. The event continues with continental breakfast at 8:45 a.m. Saturday. Guest speaker for Saturday is Evangelist Brenda Henderson, of New Dimensions Ministries, San Antonio. Other speakers include Sister Marva Leavell, of Corpus Christi Christian Fellowship, and Minister Charlotte Murray, of The Family Life Church. Cost: \$15. A children's church for children ages 13 and younger will also be available Saturday. Cost: \$10. Information: Jacque Craig, 361-779-7163, or email mzjacquecraig1@yahoo.com.

For a full listing, see Caller.com/events.

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS AND PARTIES:

Flint Hills Resources Corpus Christi, LLC, has applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) for an amendment to Air Quality Permit No. 6819A, which would authorize a project at the West Refinery located at 2825 Suntime Road, Corpus Christi, Nueces County, Texas 78409, to allow the refinery to process a larger percentage of domestic crude oil. Additional information concerning this application is contained in the public notice section of this newspaper.

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Blotter

Call of shooting a hoax, police say

An emergency call that sent police officers to an empty home on reports of a man who shot several people Sunday afternoon in Annville was a hoax, Senior Officer Kirk Stowers said.

Police received the call at 1 p.m. from a person who said a man had shot several people with a rifle in the 4200 block of Wandering Creek Drive. Patrol officers responded, and the Corpus Christi Police Emergency Response Unit was called in for assistance.

Officers arrived to find the house empty. The homeowner was contacted by police and arrived to provide officers with alarm codes and keys to the house, Stowers said.

Upon further investigation, officers entered the home and verified no one was being held against

their will, and no damage had been done. Detectives are investigating the incident to determine if someone knowingly provided false information to police.

A possible criminal charge of false report to a peace officer may be applied if a person intentionally provided false information to police.

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Mother, 3 children killed in SUV crash

A fatal accident in Live Oak County killed four family members after their SUV crashed into a tree and caught fire early Sunday, DPS officials say.

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The single-vehicle accident happened just before 7 a.m. on U.S. Highway 59, 12 miles northeast of George West.

According to a DPS report, Joannie Lopez, 22, was driving her 2004 Chevrolet Yukon southwest on U.S. 59 when the car veered to the right and entered a grassy median.

The vehicle hit a tree head-on and then caught fire.

Lopez and her three children were not able to escape the flames. Lopez

and her three children Christopher Lopez, 2, Alonzo Lopez, 2, and Andrew Juquin Lopez Jr., 3, died at the scene.

The woman's 24-year-old husband was the only one to survive the crash. He was taken to Christus Spohn Memorial to receive treatment for a broken arm and leg.

Joannie Lopez was the only person wearing a seat belt. All three children were unrestrained.

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