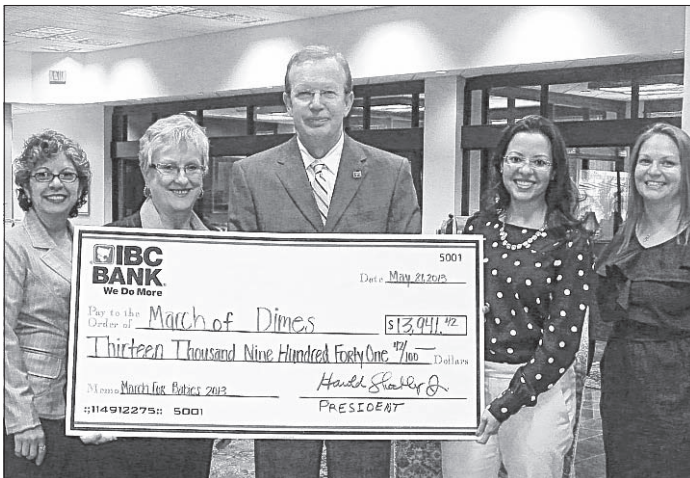


LOCAL

Community briefs

IBC Bank-Corpus Christi celebrated its 19th year of helping Corpus Christi's March of Dimes chapter by raising nearly \$14,000 for 2013. Pictured are: Vice President Diana Contreras (left), loan clerk Kathy Frazier, President and CEO Harold Shockley, MOD-Corpus Christi CEO Rosaura De Los Santos and program services director Heather Butscher.



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Members of Boy Scout Troop 232 and the Rotary Club of Southside Corpus Christi put out flags May 25 in observance of Memorial Day. More than 130 flags are put up around Corpus Christi on national holidays through this project. Flag Project sponsors help fund camp scholarships and troop projects. Information: www.southsidecorpuschristi.rotary5930.org.

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Local pens book on Korea experiences

Clarence "Sonny" Calaway, of Corpus Christi, wrote a published non-fiction paperback titled "Journey Not Forgotten."

The book is about Calaway's experiences as a Marine during the Korean War and includes romance, humor, friendships, tragedies and details the lifestyles of Koreans and others. The book is available through www.amazon.com.

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'Confetti Girl' author writes follow-up

Corpus Christi native Diana Lopez has written the new middle grade novel "Ask My Mood Ring How I Feel," available June 11. Lopez is a graduate of Ray High School and Del Mar College, and the author of the Corpus Christi-based book "Confetti Girl."

In "Ask My Mood Ring



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Ashley (Turpen) Padilla, a graduate of Gregory-Portland High School and Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi, participated in the May 1 annual Great Wall of China marathon (13½ miles). She is teaching kindergarten in Okinawa, Japan. She also plans to participate in the 2014 annual Great Wall of China full marathon and the 2014 "Rio" de Janeiro full marathon.

How I Feel," 13-year-old Erica "Chia" Montenegro just is feeling enough emotions just balancing friends, family and school. After her mom is diagnosed with

breast cancer, her family visits a miracle room at a famous south Texas basilica (La Virgen de San Juan del Valle). Chia makes a promesa (promise) to

God — she'll convince 500 people to join a fundraising walk for breast cancer in exchange for her mom's health.

Inspired by her own

family's tradition of making promesas as well as her aunt's battle with breast cancer, Lopez has walked the "Race for the Cure" with her family several

times.

The book is available through www.amazon.com.

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The 22nd annual Citgo/MDA Golf Tournament was May 17 at NorthShore Country Club in Portland. This year's tournament raised more than \$123,000 for the Muscular Dystrophy Association. The money raised will allow the MDA to continue funding its summer camp at Camp Aranzazu in Rockport. The funds also go to clinics, support groups and diagnostic evaluations, as well as ongoing scientific research into the causes, cures and treatments for 43 neuromuscular diseases. Pictured are Chris Lowrance (from left), Eduardo Assef, Tim McMurtre, Billie Gruschkus, Shahab Parva, Michael G. Fuentes and Elbert Ocanas Jr.

Blood drives

Coastal Bend Blood Center will have blood drives at these locations. The blood center is open from 9 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Monday through Friday for donations. Information: 855-5953.

Monday: 8:30 to 11 a.m., Grande Communications, 6441 Saratoga Blvd.; 9 a.m. to noon, Nueces County Community Supervision & Corrections, 1901 Trojan Drive; 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., LNV Inc., 801 Navigation Blvd.; 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Nueces County Courthouse, 901 Leopard St.; 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi, 6300 Ocean Drive; noon to 3 p.m., Frost Bank Center, 4215 S. Staples St.

Tuesday: 9 a.m. to noon, Jim Wells County Fresh Water Supply, 114 Salazar St. Ben Bolt; 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Nueces County Courthouse, 901 Leopard St.; 10 a.m. to noon, TIC & Dealers, 1825 N. Padre Island Drive; 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., DCP-La Gloria Gas Plant, 641 County Road, Falfurrias; 1 to 4 p.m., J.M. Davidson Inc., 2564 County Road 1960, Aransas Pass; 2 to 4 p.m., Corpus Christi Nueces County Juvenile Department, 2310 Gollihar Road.

Wednesday: 9 a.m. to noon, AEP/ESO, 5502 Corporate Drive; 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Driscoll Health Plan at Wells Fargo Bank; 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., Coastal Bend College, 704 Coyote Trail, Alice; 1 to 5 p.m.,

Weatherford, 250 Flouray Road, Alice.

Thursday: 10 a.m. to noon, Southwest School, 6606 Weber Road; 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Christus Spohn Hospital-Shoreline, 600 Elizabeth St., second floor conference room; 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., Texas A&M University-Kingsville, 700 University Blvd., Kingsville; 1 to 4 p.m., Bonilla Plaza, 2727 Morgan Ave.; 3 to 5 p.m., Corpus Christi Medical Center, 13725 Farm-to-Market Road 624.

Friday: 8 a.m. to noon, Summit Electric, 4780 Westway Drive; 10 to 1 p.m., Cat-Spec, 7958 Leopard St.; noon to 3 p.m., Allways Chevrolet, 102 S. Front St., Mathis; 1 to 5 p.m., Coastal Palms Nursing & Rehabilitation, 221 Cedar Drive, Portland; 1:30 to 4 p.m., Gulf Pointe Plaza, 1808 Enterprise Blvd, Rockport; 2 to 5 p.m., Nueces County Courthouse Precinct 5, 710 E. Main St., Robstown.

Sunday: 9 to 11 a.m., 836 ENCO, Kingsville Naval Air Station, 820 Moffett Ave., Kingsville; 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Knights of Columbus at St. Gertrude Catholic Church, 1120 S. Eighth St., Kingsville; 9:15 a.m. to p.m., St. Joseph Catholic Church, 609 E. Gramman St., Beeville; 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., St. John the Baptist Catholic Church, 7522 Everhart Road.

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School notes

Frost Bank hosted a graduation ceremony and luncheon May 30 for 25 Miller High School students who completed Frost's Financial Youth Academy. The eight-month program helped teens learn the basics of financial responsibility. The graduation ceremony was preceded by a tour of the Frost Bank building, where the students received a look at how the various divisions of the bank operate. Each graduating student was given a \$25 Visa gift card and a certificate of completion. Students are Erika Aguilar, Lillian Aguilera, Mario Alviar, Alexandra Anguiano, Stacy Caballero, McKayla Fuentes, Francisco Garcia, Carlos Gomez, Ashley Herrera, Karla Huerta Pena, Keona Hughes, Priscilla Ibarra, Ashley Johnson, Miranda Lewis, Lupita Martinez, Imon Hill-Moore, Rogelio Ornelas, Martin Perez, Isidro Ramos, Lee Ramos, Stephen Reyes-Rodriguez, Jesse Sandoval, Warren Taylor, Zachary Terry and Valerie Valadez. Hill-Moore also won a \$500 scholarship.

The Texas Medical Association awarded six Texas science teachers with the 2013 TMA Ernest and Sarah Butler Awards for Excellence in Science Teaching. First place prizes were awarded May 23 to elementary, middle and high school teachers at the association's annual conference in San Antonio. Martha McLeod of Fulton 4-5 Learning Center in Rockport was one of this year's winners. Each recipient receives a \$5,000 cash prize, and their school receives a \$2,000 resource grant toward its science programs.

Three teams of students from Windsor Park, Ray, King and Moody high schools, Baker Middle School, Annapolis Christian Academy and Vandergrift High School competed in the DI Global Tournament on May 22-24 in Knoxville, Tenn. Local teams that competed ■ Windsor Park Elementary: "DI of the Fish, in the Zone" (team mangers Veronica Adams and Traci McBain). Team members: Christen Adams, Amrita Dongre, Kira Montgomery, Sriya Chekuri, Ian Stone, Brooke Morgan and Justin Kar. ■ Ray High School "The ODD Group, Reel to Reel" (team manager Tracy Weddle). Adriana Weddle and Jonathan McBain, Ray;



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The Student Council at Ray High School ran a campaign last month called "Teens for Teens" with the intent of collecting donations for the Child Life Program at Driscoll Children's Hospital. The goal was to encourage teens to donate items that they would like if they were sick or forced to spend a lot of time in the hospital. A \$500 check was presented to the hospital May 29.



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The eighth grade graduation class of St. James Episcopal School asked the student body to make donations to the American Red Cross to help the tornado victims in Oklahoma. In a 24-hour period, the students and parents donated \$1,755. Student class president Jack Wallace presented the check to Yvette Lara May 24 of American Red Cross before graduation.

Lucas Weddle, Ashley McBain and Hayden Pond, Baker Middle School; Annika Bonnes, Annapolis Christian Academy; Katie Buschang, Vandergrift High School. ■ Ray High School: "Wind Visible" (team manger Jane Wolter-Williamson) Frances Williamson, Robert Williams, Eric Graves, Rupak Uyyalada and Sarita Damaraju, Ray; Lora Naismith, King High School and Joseph Fryer, Moody High School.

Incarnate Word Academy fifth-graders graduated May 28. Students and their families, along with faculty and staff,

celebrated with a Mass at the Convent Chapel of the Sisters of the Incarnate Word and Blessed Sacrament. There were 31 fifth-grade students who graduated from IWA

Elementary Level's traditional and Montessori programs.

Coastal Bend schoolchildren created videos to compete for grant money to support better, healthier lifestyles to help combat Type 2 diabetes in 12- to 17-year-olds. The Moreno Middle School Team No. 2 in Beeville Independent School District took first place and more than \$4,000 for their video produced by eighth-grader Roslyn Holland, seventh-graders Abigail Huie and Debbie Lopez, sixth-graders Drake Moya and Dustin Clifton, and faculty adviser Debra Hanus. The video highlights the problems children and teens face with Type 2 diabetes and shows peers how to beat it by exercising, eating right and having fun.

More than 19 teams in the Coast Bend area researched risk factors associated with Type 2 diabetes and designed and produced a two- to three-minute video about lifestyle changes that children and teens can incorporate into their lives to decrease their risk of developing Type 2 diabetes. The teams started in the spring and submitted videos in May. Yorktown Christian Academy in Corpus Christi took second place and more than \$2,500 with a video produced by Ryan Bailey, Jack Herrick, Eric Alonzo, Seth St. Onge and faculty adviser Dawn Byerley. Benavides Primary School in Benavides Independent School District received third place and more than \$1,000 for their video produced by Jazmyn Garcia, Kimberly Alaniz, Mikayla Perez, Justin Garcia, Ryan Garcia and faculty adviser Judy Barrera.

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Calendar

Flam Jamm

The Percussive Arts Society: South East Texas Flam Jamm is 5-8 p.m. Monday through Thursday at the Miller High School auditorium, No. 1 Battlin Buc Blvd. Free to all ages. Featuring Neal Sisauyhoat, Matt McClung, Paul Bowman, Jason Kihle, "Texas Tim" Root and Jonathan J. Leal. Sponsored by Sound Vibrations. Information: 884-8981.

Watercolor workshop

Registration deadline is Monday for watercolor classes with artist Gerald Bienvenu to be held from 1-4 p.m. June 10-12 at the Port Aransas Art Center, 323 N. Alister St., Port Aransas. Cost: \$200. Instructor provides all material. Information/registration:

361-749-7334.

Nature camp

South Texas Botanical Gardens & Nature Center, 8545 S. Staples St., will host nature camp sessions from 9 a.m. to noon Monday through Friday for ages 5 to 6. Half the daily sessions are held outside, with interactive class time and projects in the Education Station on the garden grounds. Campers will need comfortable, cool clothing and shoes; hats, sunglasses and sunscreen each day. Maximum class size is 20. Camp cost: \$90; \$75 for members. Camps continue Monday through Friday through July 26. Visitors center hours are 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily. Information: 852-2100.

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

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We Love you so much. Sabra, Trayas and Zeke.