

News Briefs

Local Job Fair Scheduled for Thursday P.M.

A job fair will be held this Thursday afternoon, for local residents who are interested in shopping for work and businesses who are interested in finding employees.

The fair will be held at the First Presbyterian Church, located at 301 S.W. 3rd, from 2 to 5 p.m.

For more information about the job fair, contact the First Presbyterian Church at (432) 758-3708.

Govt. Assistance Group to be in Town Wednesday

Gaines County senior citizens need assistance with Medicare, Medicaid, Medicare Part D or other benefits, will have two more opportunities to receive assistance locally, through the Area Agency on Aging.

The assistance programs will be held this Wednesday, Nov. 7, at the Seminole Senior Citizens Center, located at the intersection of N.W. 5th St. and N.W. Ave. E, just north of the Gaines County Civic Building.

On both dates, assistance will be available from 1 p.m. until 3 p.m. Appointments are encouraged, however, walk-ins will be accepted.

Spanish speaking individuals will be available for those who may need assistance.

For more information on the event, or to schedule an appointment, contact the Seminole Senior Citizens Center at (432) 758-4020.

The program is funded by the Texas Dept. of Aging and Disability Services.

Military Academy Nominations Due November 15th

WASHINGTON, DC – Representative Randy Neugebauer reminds students that the deadline to submit applications for military academy nominations to his office is Nov. 15.

“As a Member of Congress, I am proud to nominate outstanding young candidates from the 19th District of Texas to four U.S. service academies: the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, the U.S. Naval Academy, the U.S. Air Force Academy, and the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy. These institutions prepare college-age Americans to be officers of the United States uniformed services.

“I have the privilege of giving a few remarkable students the opportunity to receive a great education, open challenging doors, and honorably serve our country. I look forward to working with each student as he or she strives toward this admirable goal.”

Open to high school seniors, the deadline to apply is Nov. 15th. If you or someone you know may be interested, please contact Mary Whistler in Congressman Neugebauer’s Lubbock office at (888) 763-1611 to learn about the options available to you.

XABE Potato Bake Scheduled for This Friday

Members of the Xi Alpha Beta Eta sorority will be hosting their annual Potato Bake on Friday, Nov. 9, at the Gaines County Civic Building.

The fund raising event, which will be held from 5 to 8 p.m., will cost \$8 per person.

Patrons will be able to enjoy a baked potato meal with their choice of toppings (chili, cheese, broccoli, etc.) salad, dessert and a drink.

Optimists to Host Turkey Shoot

The Seminole Optimist Club will be hosting their annual Turkey Shoot fund raiser, on the afternoon of Saturday, Nov. 10, beginning at 12-noon.

The shoot will be held at the Gaines County Law Enforcement Shooting Range, located on CR 216, approximately two miles west of the Seagraves Hwy (U.S. 62/180).

The cost of the event is \$3 per round, with proceeds from the event helping fund the club’s annual “Give a Child a Smile” Christmas program.

At the shoot, only .22 caliber rifles will be allowed for use.

A concessions stand is also being planned for the event.

For more information, contact James Wright of the Seminole Optimist Club at (432) 758-2798.

Sandy: Storm Affects Millions

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According to officials with the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Sandy was described as the largest Atlantic hurricane on record, with winds spanning 1,100 miles, and severely affected portions of the Caribbean, Mid-Atlantic and Northeast.

Ashley Aten Bishop, a 2000 graduate of Seminole High School who currently resides in Reisterstown, Md., said she and her family had received eight inches of rainfall and sustained winds of 50 mph – with gusts of up to 70 mph – during the height of the storm.

“I hope I never have to go through it again,” said Bishop, who said her family’s residence suffered minimal damage. “The eye of the storm was actually directly over us when it stalled, which is what kept us from getting severe damage.”

“Although we didn’t have a lot of damage to our house it was awful. For days you were preparing and second guessing yourself. Do I have enough water? Do I have enough of this or that? Where are the flashlights? You constantly play out every scenario you can think of in your head so you can make sure you have everything ready. Then you sit and wait.”

Bishop added: “Plus you have to

put on a brave front for your kids. You don’t want them to know you are worried, but every little wind gust makes your heart skip a beat. I stayed up all night because I was scared to go to sleep. I had my kids sleep on an air mattress in our room so we would all be together. I sat and waited for the power to go out, and yet I prayed that it wouldn’t. Then you go outside the next morning not knowing what to expect. Are your trees still intact? Are the streets flooded? Then you go continue on with life.”

Jessica (Norris) Milloy, a 2001 graduate of Seminole High School said she, her husband Brock (also a graduate of SHS) and their children received an estimated 4 1/2 inches of rainfall at their residence near Scranton, Pa., some 200 miles away from the storm’s landfall and 150 miles from New York City.

“(Hurricane Sandy) was huge and moving very slow,” said Milloy. “Coming from West Texas, when I heard about the wind I didn’t think it sounded that bad. However, when you’re in the mountains with so many tall trees, it’s a different story.”

Milloy added small uprooted trees were the extent of damages near immediate location, but stated in a nearby town a tree had fallen on a residence and that a man had died due to carbon

monoxide poisoning from running a generator inside of his residence during the storm.

“I was scared to go to sleep,” she said. “I was very nervous about trees falling on us.”

Hurricane Sandy affected at least 24 states, from Florida to New England, with tropical storm force winds stretching far inland and mountain snows in West Virginia.

The cyclone brought a destructive storm surge to New York City on Monday, flooding numerous streets, tunnels and subway lines in Lower Manhattan and other areas of the city and cutting off electricity in many parts of the city and its suburbs. Extensive damage occurred in New Jersey, especially in the communities along the Jersey Shore.

The most devastating storm in decades to hit the country’s most densely populated region upended man and nature as it rolled back the clock on 21st-century lives, cutting off modern communication and leaving millions without power Tuesday as thousands who fled their water-menaced homes wondered when — if — life would return to normal.

According to the Associated Press, it was estimated more than 8.2 million households were without power in 17 states as far west as Michigan due to the storm, with nearly 2 million of those were in New York, where large swaths of lower Manhattan lost electricity and entire streets ended up underwater — as did seven subway tunnels between Manhattan and Brooklyn.

Shortly following the clearing of

superstorm Sandy, Northeast residents and those from across the U.S. began the clean-up and repair process.

A process which was assisted by 2001 Seminole High School graduate Rob Guerra, who employed by Oncor Electric Delivery and currently resides in Denton.

Guerra and some of his fellow co-workers made the roughly 1,400 mile trip from the Dallas/Ft. Worth Metroplex to Baltimore, Md., where they began work on helping repair power within the region.

A process Guerra said could see he and his fellow co-workers within the region for 12-to-14 days.

“There is a lot of tree damage up here, which caused a lot of the power lines and polls to be knocked down,” said Guerra. “But with old 70 to 80 ft trees, and storm like that, it’s what you would expect.”

Guerra described the damage in the Baltimore metro area as being “not as bad” as he initially thought, but said the situation in the Northeast was “bad enough.”

“When we get through here, we could be moving on to West Virginia, Virginia, maybe even New Jersey, where they had more damage,” said Guerra.

Images from around the storm-affected areas depicted scenes reminiscent of big-budget disaster movies. In Atlantic City, N.J., a gaping hole remained where once a stretch of boardwalk sat by the sea. In Queens, N.Y., rubble from a fire that destroyed as many as 100 houses in an evacuated beachfront neighborhood jutted

into the air at ugly angles against a gray sky. In heavily flooded Hoboken, N.J., across the Hudson River from Manhattan, dozens of yellow cabs sat parked in rows, submerged in murky water to their windshields. At the ground zero construction site in lower Manhattan, seawater rushed into a gaping hole under harsh floodlights.

One of the most dramatic tales came from lower Manhattan, where a failed backup generator forced New York University’s Langone Medical Center to relocate more than 200 patients, including 20 babies from neonatal intensive care. Dozens of ambulances lined up in the rainy night and the tiny patients were gingerly moved out, some attached to battery-powered respirators as gusts of wind blew their blankets.

In Moonachie, N.J., 10 miles north of Manhattan, water rose to 5 feet within 45 minutes and trapped residents who thought the worst of the storm had passed. Mobile-home park resident Juan Allen said water overflowed a 2-foot wall along a nearby creek, filling the area with 2 to 3 feet of water within 15 minutes. “I saw trees not just knocked down but ripped right out of the ground,” he said. “I watched a tree crush a guy’s house like a wet sponge.”

In a measure of its massive size, waves on southern Lake Michigan rose to a record-tying 20.3 feet. High winds spinning off Sandy’s edges clobbered the Cleveland area early Tuesday, uprooting trees, closing schools and flooding major roads along Lake Erie.

Obituaries

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Jeanna Louise Wilson Hightower

SEAGRAVES—Jeanna Louise Wilson Hightower, 39, of Seagraves, went home to be with the Lord on Monday, October 29, 2012. She passed away at her residence after a lengthy illness. Funeral services were conducted on Saturday, November 3 at 10:00 a.m. in the First Baptist Church. Interment followed in the Gaines County Cemetery in Seagraves with services under the direction of Ratliff Funeral Home of Seagraves.



Evelyn Bean; two brothers, Curtis Wilson, Jr. and Eric Thomas. She is also survived by a host of nieces, nephews, uncles, aunts and friends.

Leonard Oliver Houston

Leonard Oliver Houston—Beloved husband, father, and grandfather passed away on Sunday, October 28, 2012 at age 87.

He was born on December 30, 1924 to Edith and Oliver Houston in Hope, Arkansas, one of eight children. He grew up in Arkansas, before moving to Houston where he lived and worked for over 64 years. He met his wife, Patricia, in Houston, and they were married on November 12, 1949. They were blessed with one daughter and one son. He was an extremely kind, quiet, peaceful, gentle and loving man who put everyone else first and was always willing to help anyone

in need. His greatest joy was spending time with his family, especially his two grandsons. He loved being in the outdoors, and loved collecting anything from rocks to arrowheads to coins. He also loved studying history and things of the past, being with children, and cooking. He was a long standing member of the Numismatic Coin Society and a member of the Arkansas National Guard. He worked for both Johnson Specialty and Shelton W. Greer Construction Company before retiring in 1989. He was greatly loved by his family and everyone who knew him. He will be greatly missed by all and will always be in our hearts and minds.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Edith and Oliver Houston; his brothers, Willard and Billy and his sisters, Frances, Betty, and Mary.

He is survived by his wife of 63 years, Patricia Houston; his daughter, Delayne Houston McIlveen; his son, Deryl Houston and wife Robyn; his grandson, Kevyn McIlveen, and his grandson, Steven Houston and wife Jemellie. He is also survived by his brother, Glendon Houston, sister, Barbara Stahl, and numerous nieces and nephews.

Clay Mahler

WHEELER – Services for Mr. Clay Mahler, 48, of Wheeler were at 2:00 p.m. Thursday, November 1 at the First Baptist Church in Wheeler with Bro. Larry Mitchell, officiating. Burial followed at 11:00 a.m. Friday, November 2 at Gaines County Cemetery in Seagraves, under the direction of Peppers Family Funeral Home in Wheeler.

Mr. Paul Clay Mahler, known to everyone as Clay, lost the battle to cancer at his home in Wheeler on October 30, 2012. He was surrounded by family.

Clay Mahler was born February 8, 1964 in Seagraves, to Donald and Margaret (Jones) Mahler. He graduated from Seagraves High School in 1982, and graduated with his Bachelor’s Degree in 1992 from College of the Southwest in Hobbs, NM. He married Lisa Herron June 11, 1982 in Seagraves. They moved to Wheeler in 2006.

Clay was a lifelong educator as a teacher, coach, principal, and finally superintendent. He touched the lives of countless children over his 21 year career in education. Clay enjoyed working on numerous projects at home. He was an all-around worker and handyman. He enjoyed deer hunting and fishing. When he wasn’t outside you could find him in a chair watching a western.

He is preceded in death by his father.

Clay Mahler is survived by his loving wife of 30 years, Lisa Mahler of Wheeler; two sons, Brian Mahler and wife Tamequah of Olton and Brandon Mahler and wife Brandi of Wheeler; four adoring grandchildren, Lynnsey Mahler of Olton; Ali, Kenzi, and Ethan Clay Mahler of Wheeler; mother Margaret Mahler of Liberal, KS; brother Wayne Mahler of Seagraves; two sisters, Carol Mahler of Liberal, KS; and Denee Robison of Magnolia.

Judy Zambo

Judy Zambo passed from this life on Monday morning October 15, 2012 to be with her Heavenly Father and all her loved ones that have gone on before her. Judy left this world with a clean slate with her Lord and Savior and with society.

There will be a memorial for Judy at the First Presbyterian Church at 301 SW 3rd St. in Seminole on November 6, 2012 at 6 p.m. in the Prayer Garden (weather permitting).

Please come help celebrate the beautiful life of a devoted daughter, true heart sister, dear friend, dedicated and respected employee, and ranch hand in training, our New York princess, Judy Zambo.

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