

Alvin ISD Trustees Tour Shadow Creek High School

Alvin ISD Board of Trustees, as well as Superintendent Dr. Buck Gilcrease, took a moment to stop by Shadow Creek High School today, to tour the brand new three-story facility. Pictured left to right are Principal Kelly Hestand, Trustee Julie Pickren, Superintendent Dr. Buck Gilcrease, and Board President Cheryl Harris, as well as Trustees Vivian Scheibel, Reagan Metoyer and Tiffany Wennerstrom.

The Shadow Creek High School campus is set to open for the 2016-17 school year. To stay informed of all things occurring in Alvin ISD, visit www.alvinisd.net.



Construction for Shirley Dill Brothers Elementary Officially Underway

On June 2nd, rain moved in steady sheets and thick clouds glazed across the sky, reflected by muddy puddles of water. It was not an ideal day to break ground for an elementary. But like Shirley Brothers herself, nothing could have stopped the groundbreaking for the newly planned school.



Members of the Brothers family along with Alvin ISD Board of Trusttes and Superintendent Gilcrease take a moment to turn dirt, during the ceremonial groundbreaking of Shirley Dill Brothers Elementary.

Thursday's groundbreaking for Shirley Dill Brothers Elementary officially kicked off its construction, despite the less-than-optimal weather conditions. The ceremony was hosted inside of Glenn York Elementary, just a few blocks from where Shirley Brothers Elementary will be. The service acted as a groundbreaking as well as a dedication to Shirley Brothers, the new elementary's namesake.

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"Shirley Brothers dedicated 40 years of her life to making Alvin ISD great. Whether she was in the classroom with her children with disabilities or as Director of Public Relations, she poured her heart and soul into what she did and continues to do so to this day," Scot Bryant, son-in-law to Brothers and Community and Staff Ambassador for Alvin ISD, said.

Brothers has been a prominent Alvin community member for more than 40 years. She started in Alvin ISD teaching Special Education where she then moved on to become the face and spokesperson for AISD for 20 years. During her tenure in Alvin, Mrs. Brothers was named Longfellow Elementary Teacher of the Year, Alvin ISD District Teacher of the Year, and has also been awarded the Citizen of the Year, Alvin Woman of Distinction, and given Texas School Public Relations Association Professional Achievement Awards.

Although the Board of Trustees approved construction of the new campus on March 8th of this year and construction began shortly thereafter, June 2nd marked the official ceremony. The elementary is scheduled to be completed by May 2017, opening that summer.

Contemplating on Brothers' honor, Bryant added: "Shirley was key to bridging the east side of the district with the west side of the district. She worked hard to unify the district. This school being named after her brings honor to a woman who is very well deserving."



Manvel and Alvin High School Students Present AP Capstone Projects

Many high school students choose to take rigorous AP courses to challenge themselves to study harder, grow quickly, and prepare themselves for a higher education. AP Capstone is a relatively new program that is designed to enhance these AP courses and offers an advanced diploma program. Around 130 Alvin ISD high school sophomores, juniors and seniors elected to take AP Capstone to further their capabilities as an AP student. On Tuesday, May 17, and Thursday, May 19, Manvel and Alvin High School students presented their AP Capstone projects - products of a yearlong curriculum that emphasizes independent research and the cultivation of enthusiasm over real-world problems.

AP Capstone also helps students understand the current events and issues that are so prevalent around them. An additional goal of the program includes broadening horizons and encouraging students to seek varying perspectives in their world. "It's a class

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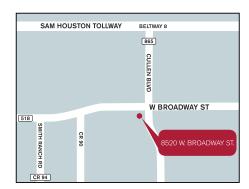


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that helped me learn what I'm interested in," explains Alvin High School Junior Jared Stilwell. "It's definitely gotten people more interested in the news."

Although AP Capstone is primarily for juniors and seniors, a few sophomores were a part of the arduous two year curriculum. In order to successfully achieve the Capstone advanced diploma, students must take two years of AP Capstone classes. The first class is AP Seminar, which includes an individual research-based essay and presentation, a team project and presentation, and an end of year exam. The second year is the AP Research portion of the AP Capstone program, focusing primarily on a 5,000-word research paper. For Alvin High School alone, students wrote approximately 380,250 words, turned in 288 research papers, and presented 1,260 minutes of information.

AP Capstone has been in operation for only two years now in the district after Alvin ISD successfully applied to the College Board to provide the AP Capstone curriculum for high school students. "I'm just so impressed," says Alvin ISD Director of Advanced Academics Jackie Caffey. "This is an opportunity for students to try and solve real world problems and apply what they know," Caffey added.



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Shadow Creek Ranch family continues to mourn loss of child to cancer, while spreading awareness through KidsRStrong2

As June 18th quickly approaches, one local family is preparing to celebrate the birth of their first born, for the first time without her. Mikayla Quindoy, a sweet and gifted 7-year-old little girl who attended Laura Ingalls Wilder Elementary in Pearland, passed away December 10, 2015 from a rare form of brain cancer, DIPG (Diffuse Intrinsic Pontine Glioma).

DIPG is a disease that is known to strike at the heart of childhood, and has no known cure. It affects the area of the brainstem, called the pons, which controls many of the body's vital functions such as breathing, blood pressure, and heart rate. Being that the tumor is located in the pons, it renders the nervous system helpless. Rapidly developing symptoms may include problems controlling eye movements, facial expressions, speech, chewing, and swallowing (due to problems in the cranial nerves); weakness in the arms and legs, as well as problems with walking and coordination. The symptoms typically progress rapidly because the tumor grows at an aggressive rate.

Mikayla was diagnosed on December 31, 2014 at the young age of 6, after her family noticed that her vision was deteriorating and she was having regular headaches, as well as left-sided weakness and the inability to balance herself. Upon official diagnosis, she immediately began receiving cancer fighting treatments, which included radiation therapy, chemotherapy and steroid treatments.

According to her father, Rodney Quindoy, "Mikayla was the testament of strength and determination." Not knowing her official diagnosis because her parents opted not to tell her, but understanding that she was indeed ill, Mikayla fought daily to overcome her illness.

"Miraculously she recovered briefly, regaining full vision and the ability to walk independently, and function like any care-free 6-year-old child," said her father, Rodney.

The young girl who was terminally ill reached a great milestone six



The Quindoy Family had the opportunity to take Mikayla to a charity event, in which she had the opportunity to spend a little time with some of the Houston Texans, including JJ Watt and Johnathan Joseph, who are both pictured with the family.

months after her diagnosis, when she was able to celebrate her 7th birthday during the month of June. She was doing so well in fact, that she even had the opportunity to travel to Cancun, Mexico with her family, and then celebrate once more with a swim party, joined by her loving classmates, friends and family.

"This was such a joyous time for us, to be able to see our little girl enjoying herself, during what seemed like a healthy, care free brief period of time," added Quindoy.

Unfortunately, the following month Mikayla's symptoms came



The Manvel High School dance team, the Majestics, honored Mikayla by making her an honorary Majestic while at one of the home football games.

back with a vengeance. Her arms became weak, and she had limited movement in her right eye. Within a month's time her symptoms worsened and she lost the ability to walk or function independently. At that point the only thing her family knew to do was garner strength through their faith and love for one another.

Mikayla would go on to live the remainder of her life to the fullest, by becoming an honorary member of the Manvel High School Majestics Dance Team, visiting her favorite water park, Great Wolf Lodge, in Grapevine Texas, and even spending time with JJ Watt of the Houston Texans during a charity event, to name a few. Her parents' most memorable and proudest moment however is that of her receiving the sacrament of Holy Communion at her home church of Sacred Heart Church of Manvel.

To allow Mikayla's legacy to live on, her family allowed the Pearland based public charity, KidsRStrong2, to name their scholarship program in her honor: Mikayla's Scholars.

"Mikayla loved attending school and learning new things daily, which is why we were thrilled and thought that it was fitting for the KidsRStrong2 scholarship program to be named in her honor," Rodney Quindoy said.

"We are forever thankful and express endless gratitude for this kind (Continued on Page 6)

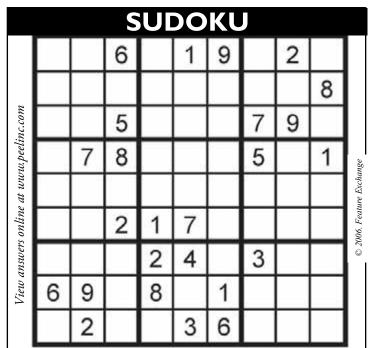
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jester that will preserve Mikayla's memory and legacy for years to come," said Melissa Quindoy, mother of Mikayla.

For additional information and/or to make a monetary donation to the Mikayla's Scholars Scholarship Fund, in honor of Mikayla Quindoy, visit www.kidsrstrong2.org.



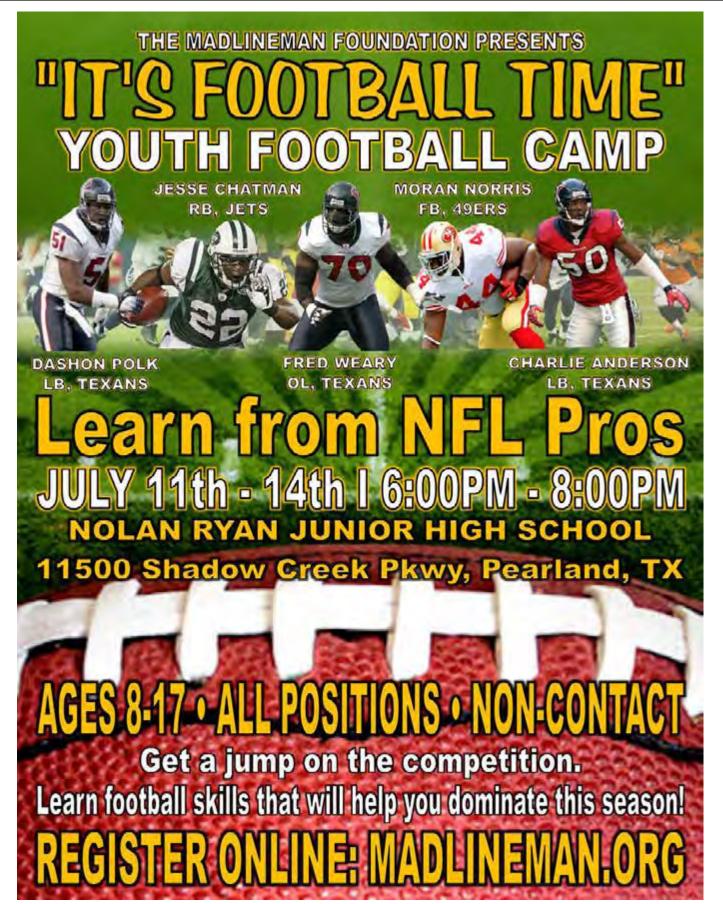
Pictured are Melissa and Rodney Quindoy with Mikayla, who battled a rare form of brain cancer, DIPG, and her younger brother Rayden, spending quality time together. Rayden always looked up to and admired his older sister, often imitating her actions and smothering her with hugs and kisses.



The goal is to fill in the grid so that every row, every column, and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1 through 9. Each digit may appear only once in each row, each column, and each 3x3 box.







Texting and Cell Phone Use during Driving

By the National Highway Safety Administration (edited for space)

In 2014, 3,179 people were killed in crashes involving a distracted driver. One of the most alarming and widespread forms of distracted driving is cell phone usage. According to a study by the Virginia Tech Transportation Institute (VTTI), sending or receiving a text takes a driver's eyes off the road for an average of 5 seconds, the equivalent of driving blind at 55-mph for the length of an entire football field. And a 2014 special article in the New England Journal of Medicine found that the risk of a crash or near-crash among novice drivers increased with the performance of many secondary tasks, including texting and dialing cell phones.

Text messaging is of heightened concern because it combines three types of distraction – visual, manual and cognitive. In other words, texting involves taking your eyes off the road, your hands off the wheel, and your mind off the task of driving.

NHTSA's message is simple – "One Text or Call Could Wreck it All." Legislation is being passed across the nation to

discourage distracted driving. We hope drivers get the message loud and clear.

So the next time you are pressed for time, and it seems like multitasking in the car is the best decision, remember those 3,179 lives that were taken because someone decided they could do two things at once. A text or call is not worth your life, or anyone else's.







Plant of the Month: Sunflower

Info from Ladybird Johnson Wildflower Center, University of Texas at Austin

The Sunflower is one of the most common flowers in Texas. Varieties grow wild throughout the States. Some varieties grow up to 8'. They grow quickly, so are a good plant for children to try as one of their first gardening adventures. Point out to them that the flower heads follow the sun in a remarkable way, facing East in the morning and West at sunset. In fact the Spanish name for the Sunflower is Gyrosol, which means "follow the sun." The English scientific word for such turning is heliotropism. Remind them that the Sunflower is the State Flower of Kansas. The flower was used to obtain yellow, black, and blue dyes which were used by the American Indians for basket-making.

The Sunflower is drought-tolerant (once established), and the seeds may be planted as deep as 3 inches, though generally about an inch. Do plant them in the sun. Water sparingly, but water. In our soil, it is likely that they will become top heavy, so you may need to stake them. Birds and bees love them, and there is a certain strange spindly species of insect that you will probably find on the plants when they are mature.

Late April is the best time to plant, but July is not too late as long as you can keep the soil moist during the first few weeks of early life. Expect them to mature in about 90 days. It takes a very cold frost to kill them.





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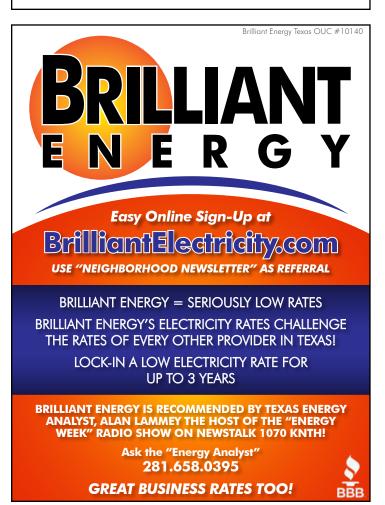
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Emerald Ash Borer found in Texas

Emerald ash borer, often referred to as EAB, is an exotic pest from Asia. This beetle is a serious threat to ash trees. Emerald ash borer was accidentally introduced into the United States and was found in Michigan in 2002.

Four beetles were found in a trap located in NE Texas (Harrison County) in late April 2016. There are currently no confirmed cases of ash trees that are infested. The beetles will continue to be monitored throughout the state.

Larvae bore into trees under the bark and cut off the water and nutrient conducting vessels. Larvae are creamy white, legless with a flattened body. Larvae are 1- 1 ½ inches in length when fully developed.

As an adult, the beetle is elongated and cylindrical with the pronotum (a part of the thorax) extended back as a lobe towards the abdomen. Most notably, these beetles are bright, metallic green with reddish hues. Adults are about 1/2 inch in size. If the wings are removed or lifted, the upper side of the abdomen is bright coppery-red which can help differentiate this beetle from closely related species in Texas.

In infested trees, canopy die back is often seen in the top one third of the canopy and then moves down until the tree is bare. Epicormic shoots (leafy shoots coming off the trunk of the tree) may also be seen. Vertical fissures may appear on the bark and galleries may be able to be seen through openings. If bark is peeled off, serpentine galleries packed with frass (excrement) may be seen. Adult beetles produce a d-shaped exit hole (1/8 inch diameter). Woodpeckers may cause damage to tees infested with EAB. Look for flaking bark and uneven holes caused by the woodpeckers feeding on larvae and pupae.

If EAB activity is confirmed for ash trees within an area, it is recommended that a systemic insecticide treatment is given to ash trees of high value. If more than 50% of an infested ash tree crown remains, then treatment with a systemic insecticide may slow the attack. If less than 50% of an infested ash tree crown remains, the tree should be removed.

For great information on emerald ash borer within Texas see the following site: https://tfsweb.tamu.edu/eab/

This information is to have you watch for this beetle on ash trees in your area. Only 4 beetles have been found currently and only in NE Texas. No trees have yet been confirmed to be infested.

For more information or help with identification, contact Wizzie Brown, Texas AgriLife Extension Service Program Specialist at 512.854.9600. Check out my blog at:

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