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Kelley takes command as Chief of Naval Air Training

by Lt. John Supple, CNATRA PAO and Rod Hafemeister

There was a little bit of “old home week” for the outgoing and incoming Chief of Naval Air Training – and their Air Boss – when they held a change of command aboard the USS Lexington Museum on the Bay Sept. 26.

Rear Adm. Roy Kelley relieved Rear Adm. Mark Leavitt as CNATRA in the ship’s hangar bay, with guest speaker Vice Adm. David Buss, Commander, Naval Air Forces.

All three recalled how, early in their Naval Aviator careers, they practiced carrier landings on the Lex, while she was still a commissioned ship.

There was another connection between them: Leavitt was Buss’ Reserve Component chief of staff before assuming the CNATRA job last year, and will be returning to it now.

Kelley just left the job as Buss’ chief of staff to become CNATRA.

Buss applauded Leavitt and the Naval Air Training Command team for their efforts to ensure that the skills the student aviators and student naval flight officers are transferable to the Fleet.

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Rear Adm. Mark Leavitt, departing Chief of Naval Air Training, left, and Rear Adm. Roy Kelley, arriving Chief of Naval Air Training, shake hands after reading their official orders as Commander, Naval Air Forces Vice Adm. David Buss looks on during a change of command ceremony on board the USS Lexington Museum. Photo by Richard Stewart, CNATRA PA

Reserve Force Master Chief visits NOSC Corpus Christi



Force Master Chief for the Navy Reserve Chris Wheeler visited NOSC Corpus Christi on Sept. 21 and discussed with Sailors the importance they play in the reserve and their readiness to

deploy, whether in Afghanistan, Africa, Gitmo or elsewhere in the world. Wheeler also took time to congratulate the recently pinned Chiefs. Photo by MCI Ruben Perez

Skipper's Column Saving Energy, Saving Money

by Capt. Dave Edgecomb



Edgecomb

For several years now, the Air Station has been working on ways to reduce energy consumption and what we spend on energy – mainly, electricity.

Many of you have seen the most obvious change: the installation of automatic

switches that turn on the lights when you enter your office and turn them off again if there is no motion for several minutes.

And as you know, we've raised building temperatures to 78 degrees to spend less on air conditioning.

Other measures have been less obvious, but are resulting in major savings.

If you work in the flightline hangers – 51, 55, 56, 57, and 58 – you may have seen workers over the past year replacing the light fixtures.

Overall, NAVFAC oversaw the replacement of 557 400-watt high pressure sodium light fixtures with high output 342-watt lights that are both more efficient and provide better lighting.

That switch saves an estimated \$54 a day in electricity costs – about \$16,000 a year.

What you may not have noticed was the other part of that project, a "daylight harvesting" system, which monitors the light coming in and turns lights off in parts of the hanger receiving sufficient daylight to meet illumination standards.

That is bringing even bigger savings, estimated at \$320 a day or \$96,000 a year.

Overall, the lighting change has reduced electric consumption by 1.6 percent for CNIC activities on board NAS Corpus Christi.

Other savings have come from replacing 774 45-watt quarts taxiway lights with

12-watt LED fixtures, saving an estimated \$20,000 annually.

NAVFAC has ongoing programs upgrading lighting and air conditioning systems in various buildings and installing meters to better monitor individual building energy and water usage.

In the last year, the Air Station has reduced energy consumption by 8 percent compared to FY 2012.

Even better, we are significantly ahead of the goal set by the Navy to, by 2015, reduce energy consumption by 30 percent of the 2003 baseline.

We've already reduced it by 48 percent.

Energy costs will continue to be a major concern for the Navy and the Department of Defense in the years to come.

In our next column we will look at ways each of us can contribute to energy conservation.

As we've seen here at NAS Corpus Christi, small individual changes can lead to big savings.

Chaplain's Message Holiday Food Basket Program 2013

by Lt. Cmdr. Stephen Warne, Chaplain

The Thanksgiving and Christmas seasons are just around the corner.

The time for giving, preparing holiday meals, and celebrating with friends and family can be one of the most joyous times of the year.

Each year the Chaplain's Department onboard NAS Corpus Christi sponsors a food drive to collect items normally prepared during family holiday meals.

"Baskets" are created the week before Thanksgiving using these items and distributed primarily to junior enlisted military personnel with families.

Last year, 65 baskets were assembled and the abundance of extra food items was

delivered to a local food pantry to assist the homeless and low income.

Food items and gift certificates donated to this program were valued at \$3,400.

Wow, what a blessing for those who received, and for those who gave.

This year, there will be collection boxes in the Catholic Chapel foyer, the Protestant Fellowship Hall, and the Commissary.

Food items such as green beans, corn, cranberry sauce, pie filling, canned yams, and a variety of other holiday meal items can be donated.

If you know of someone who would benefit from receiving a basket, please contact their senior enlisted representative or work

supervisor and request a basket on their behalf.

We will work as anonymously as possible to distribute basket to those who might benefit most.

I encourage everyone to please consider giving to this worthwhile program.



Warne

Editor's Corner It's CFC Time - Will You Give?

by Rod Hafemeister



Hafemeister

Sometime soon, a co-worker is likely to come up and ask you if you want to donate to CFC, the Combined Federal Campaign.

Yeah, I know... I'm a federal employee too.

I certainly understand the financial pains most of us have been going through.

But take a minute and think about those even worse off. There are a lot of them.

Somewhere in the list of 2,549 charitable agencies, there must be someone you would support.

Unless you are new to federal employment, you probably know the basics – so I'll keep this refresher short.

CFC is the only authorized solicitation of federal employees in their workplaces on behalf of approved charitable organizations.

Approved is the key point – every charity on the list has gone through a screening process to ensure they actually put donations to good use and don't fritter money away on administrative and other expenses.

Take the CFC of the Coastal Bend, the organization that conducts the local campaign. Their overall administrative costs are only 8.3 percent – 91.7 cents of every dollar goes to the charity.

The two other major points are choice and convenience.

You can just let CFC distribute your donations – but most people pick one or more specific charities and designate them to

receive the donations.

And that's where it goes, to who you designate.

And although no one will turn down a cash donation, most folks use the payroll deduction system.

Give a little out of each paycheck and at the end of the year, it adds up to a lot.

The Coastal Bend CFC goal this year is \$1 million.

Hey, they raised \$1,270,510 in 2012, with only 38 percent of federal employees donating – so that goal is not unrealistic.

When that co-worker shows up, at least hear him or her out, and check out the charities on the list.

Think of it as earning some good karma or something.

Besides, the deductions don't come out when we're not getting paid – so you're only donating when we're actually working.

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Fire Capt. Louis Martinez (left) presents a watch to Larry Garza. Garza, a firefighter turned dispatcher, retired Sept. 27 after working for Naval Air Station Corpus Christi since 1989.

Photo by Bob Torres

Dispatcher, Firefighter Larry Garza retires from NASCC F&ES

by NASCC Fire & Emergency Services

The Fire and Emergence Services of Naval Air Station Corpus Christi honored dispatcher Larry Garza as he retired Sept. 27.

“Larry Garza was a firefighter first (and always) before being transferred to dispatch following a line of duty injury,” said Fire Chief John Morris, “and as such, he ‘earned’ a ceremonial Firefighter retirement.”

Garza served as a firefighter from Sept. 29, 1989 until March 1994, when he was injured in the line of duty.

He subsequently was assigned to dispatch, where he served from 1995 until his retirement, which was effective Sept. 30.

Though the majority of Garza’s time was in Dispatch, Morris said he “remains a firefighter first, and a brother foremost.

“Larry was a presence at every scene, providing stellar communications and critical incident-related information to the (incident commander) from his seat in Dispatch,” Morris said.

“He did that because of his background and experience on the floor; and his heart and soul was focused on the responders in the field – his brothers.”

Garza was given a number of awards and mementos, and his family was recognized for supporting him over the years.

In addition to the Fire and Emergence Services honors, Garza received Certificates of Appreciation from Air Station commanding officer Capt. Dave Edgecomb and from the City of Corpus Christi Fire Department.

And in the end, he led his family, carrying the traditional fire ax through an arch of firefighter’s pike poles.

Morris praised Garza for maintaining his focus as, in recent months, his position in Dispatch was eliminated as dispatch duties for a number of Navy Region southeast bases were transferred to a regional center in Florida.

“He was there to the end, working with his counterparts at the Regional Dispatch Center in Jacksonville to ensure the best possible transition,” Morris said.

“Dispatchers are truly the most important link in the Emergency Services World. Without them we cannot respond; without the transfer of information we are nearly blind.

“Larry, you have been a brother to us all; you have been our eyes and ears; preparing us for the battle prior to our arrival.

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Coast Guard conducts Annual 'Wet Drill' survival training



Coast Guard Sector Corpus Christi conducted its annual 'wet drill' training on Sept. 25, conducted by Rescue Swimmers. The drills include land survival training, emergency medical care, flare familiarization, swimming 75 yards with flight suit, steel-toe boots and a weighted vest, followed by two minutes of water treading. Above, AST3 Nate Renshaw provides training on survival vests. Top right, Coast Guard member lights off a MK-124 flare. Bottom right, Coast Guard members prepare for the survival swim.

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Region Southeast Proclamation emphasizes prevention in support of Domestic Violence Awareness Month

Story & photo by MC1 Greg Johnson, Navy Region Southeast Public Affairs

Capt. Steven Blaisdell, Commander, Navy Region Southeast chief of staff, signed a proclamation declaring October Domestic Violence Awareness Month on board Naval Air Station Jacksonville, Sept. 24

The proclamation emphasizes the Navy's role in the community and calling upon Navy leaders, service members and family members to increase their efforts to prevent domestic violence.

"We in the Navy community have an obligation to become actively involved in prevention by supporting our Sailors and their families to live and raise children in a safe, nurturing environment," Blaisdell said.

According to Jeannette Werby, Navy Region Southeast counseling and advocacy coordinator, raising domestic violence awareness is vital to the Navy's prevention efforts.

"It can happen to everybody," she said.

"It's not particular to any race, ethnic group, social status, income or rank.

"It can happen anywhere, and it happens a lot more than most people think."

It's also important for people to understand what resources the Navy provides to combat domestic violence, whether they are the victim or suspect someone else may be, Werby said.



Capt. Steven Blaisdell signs a domestic violence month proclamation in front of members of the Navy Region Southeast Fleet and Family Readiness Program on board Naval Air Station Jacksonville.

The fastest and most direct way of reporting domestic violence is through the Navy's Family Advocacy Program (FAP), which provides victim protection and counseling for those affected by domestic violence.

FAP representatives can be found at installation Fleet and Family Support Centers

(FFSCs). The FAP looks into each report and takes the appropriate actions to protect victims should the report be substantiated.

"It's important for people to take action and report any situation where they suspect abuse," Werby said.

"The goal is to protect victims and

provide them with the safety and security they need."

Anyone who suspects domestic violence can file a report by contacting their installation's FFSC.

Additional support is also available through the Domestic Abuse Hotline at 1-800-799-SAFE.

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Two new Vets for your pets



Army Capt. Drew Price, OIC of the Veterinary Clinic, examines Castor, an NASCC Security Military Working Dog.

Story and photo by Rod Hafemeister

The Veterinary Clinic onboard NAS Corpus Christi now has two veterinarians instead of the one – or sometimes none – of recent years.

Army Capt. Drew Price arrived in late July to take over as officer in charge of the clinic.

A graduate of Ohio State University's veterinary program, this is her first assignment as an Army vet.

"I'm excited to be here," she said. "My primary role is caring for military working dogs and the Border Patrol working dogs. Of course, I can see privately owned animals, too.

"Our civilian veterinarian will primarily handle personal animals. And he'll be available when I have to go TDY."

He is Dr. Tyler Hockman, who recently moved from Maryland after two years working with a private veterinary practice.

Both docs said they are settling in – and looking for patients.

"We're not real busy right now," price said.

Like previous Army vets, Price is scheduled for a two year tour - but that could stretch out to three.

Price said that would be fine with her – her husband is doing a residency in emergency medicine at a Corpus Christi hospital.

The Veterinary Clinic offers many veterinary services and is open from 8 am to 4 pm, Monday through Friday.

Appointments are preferred; call 361-961-3952.

Connecting with the Community



Members of the NASCC Junior Enlisted Association serve homeless and low-income people at Church Without Walls on Sept. 26.

Photo by Bob Torres

by Lt. Cmdr. Stephen Warne, Chaplain

For the past 12 years, Rey and Tere Escalante have been ministering to homeless and low-income families within the community just outside the gates of NASCC.

Over the years their ministry, Church Without Walls, has grown from a simple Thursday evening meal for a couple families, to a Sunday afternoon Worship Service under a tent with Sunday Dinner to follow.

Additionally, the Thursday evening meals have continued under the back yard awning at the Escalante's residence.

Both of these weekly meals are provided

and served by local partnering churches within the community.

The Protestant Chapel community has provided one of the Thursday evening meals every month for the past two years and individuals from a local church, the OCF (Officer Christian Fellowship), and the Chapel community have served these meals.

For the month of September, however, members from the JEA (Junior Enlisted Association) onboard NASCC took charge.

These motivated sailors volunteered their time to connect with the community in this very special way.



Commissaries collect nearly 740,000 pounds for Feds Feed Families

by DeCA Public Affairs Division

FORT LEE, Va. – Commissary customers and employees came together to donate nearly 740,000 pounds of needed items to local food banks and other charitable organizations during the annual Feds Feed Families campaign.

The accomplishment, a 10 percent increase over last year's effort, was done as commissaries again served as collection points on their installations.

"Commissary customers and employees showed with their actions the importance they place on giving back to their local communities," said Defense Commissary Agency Director and CEO Joseph H. Jeu.

"Even during times of economic uncertainty, our customers and employees still try to make sure their communities have what they need."

In 2012, more than 660,000 pounds of items were collected and donated through commissary collection points. DeCA, as an agency, collected 30 percent of the Department of Defense's 2012 total donations.

During the 2013 campaign, DeCA collected about 40 percent of DOD's total donations.

This year, the DeCA total of 739,611 pounds represents a 10 percent increase.

Both years, commissaries also sold prepared donation packages, allowing customers to purchase the package and then drop it in donation bins as they left the store.

At many installations across the country the commissaries' industry partners donated manpower and transportation to deliver the donated items from commissaries to local food banks.

Naval Air Station Corpus Christi was credited with 18,120 pounds, although much of that came through monetary donations collected in the Chapel communities.

The Food Bank gives five pounds of credit for every dollar given.

One installation – Laughlin Air Force Base, Texas – donated more than 10,000 pounds to their local food banks this year.

"Our customers have really embraced this program," said Jeu. "And our military communities have demonstrated their noble character through their generosity."

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New Chief of Naval Air Training

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“Your students are the inheritors of amazing new array of capabilities in our Naval Aviation force, and the world-class training you and your team provides them is unmatched,” Buss said.

“Quite simply, you have been a leader. Well done my friend.”

Leavitt is a graduate of Florida State University and the son of a United States Marine Corps Sergeant Major. He served as CNATRA since November of 2012.

“What I’m most proud of is being able to continue the production here at CNATRA, which is absolutely required for the Fleet demand” Leavitt said.

He also thanked the people of South Texas.

“The support from the community, from the political leadership to the ordinary folks, has been wonderful,” he said.

“They do a tremendous job of welcoming the military.”

Kelley was stationed in South Texas when he went through jet training at NAS Kingsville in 1986.

“It’s an exciting day. I’m thrilled to be back in South Texas!”

The Naval Air Training Command conducts and oversees all pilot and naval flight officer training for the Navy, Marine Corps and Coast Guard, throughout five training air wings located in three states. It also oversees the Naval Flight Demonstration Squadron (the Blue Angels).



Above, Rear Adm. Roy Kelley, incoming Chief of Naval Air Training, salutes during the arrival of the official party at the change of command ceremony. Left, Vice Adm. David Buss (right) presents Rear Adm. Mark Leavitt with the Legion of Merit. Below, presentation of the Colors. Right, Kelley and Leavitt cut the change of command cake.

Photos by Richard Stewart,
CNATRA PA



Awards and Achievements

Winging — September 27



Photo by Richard Stewart, CNATRA PA

Winging officials, from left: Kresten Cook, Corpus Christi Chamber of Commerce; Lt. Cmdr. Stephen Warne, Chaplain; Cmdr. Todd Copeland, Commanding Officer, VT-31; Cmdr. R. Scott Kramarik, Commanding Officer, VT-35; Col. David Krebs, USMC, Commanding Officer, MATSG-22; Cmdr. Jason L. Wood, Executive Officer, VT-35; Capt. Rex Curtin, Commodore, Training Air Wing Four.

Wingees, in alphabetical order: Ensign Daniel John Hoff; 1st Lt. Roy Luong Nguyen, USMC; 1st Lt. Matthew R. Primm, USMC; Lt. j.g. Jared Don Robey; 1st Lt. Luke J. Weaver, USMC; Ensign James Kenneth Wheeland; Ensign Cory Jacob Jurgen Woodall.

Rear Adm. Leavitt presents awards before leaving CNATRA



Rear Adm. Mark Leavitt presented awards to CNATRA staff on Sept. 25, one day before relinquishing command as Chief of Naval Air Training. Clockwise, from top left: Leavitt presents Dan Lagaite, Associate Counsel for CNATRA, the Navy Meritorious Service Award for outstanding meritorious service from April 2010 to October 2012. Lagaite will be retiring October 3 with 36 years of dedicated service; Leavitt presents Lt. Cmdr. Marcus Dodd the Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal; Leavitt presents Lt. Cmdr. James Breitenfeld the Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal; and Leavitt presents Air Traffic Controlman Second Class Jamie Smith the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal.

Photos by Richard Stewart, CNATRA PA



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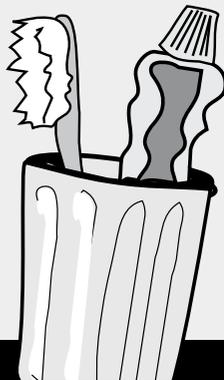
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From left, Capt. Jimmy A. Bradley, commanding officer of Naval Health Clinic Corpus Christi (NHCCC); Capt. Dave Edgecomb, commanding officer of Naval Air Station Corpus Christi (NASCC); Capt. Bill Davidson, executive officer of NHCCC; NASCC CMDCM Rick Mathis; and NHCCC CMD Senior Chief Mike Richardson receive the annual flu shot from Navy Hospital Corpsmen Sept. 30 at the NHCCC Crew's Lounge. All active duty base personnel will be vaccinated after completion of clinic staff according to HMC (FMF) Gideon A. Kain, '...then we will make the vaccine available to beneficiaries.'

Photo by Bill Love, NHCCC PAO

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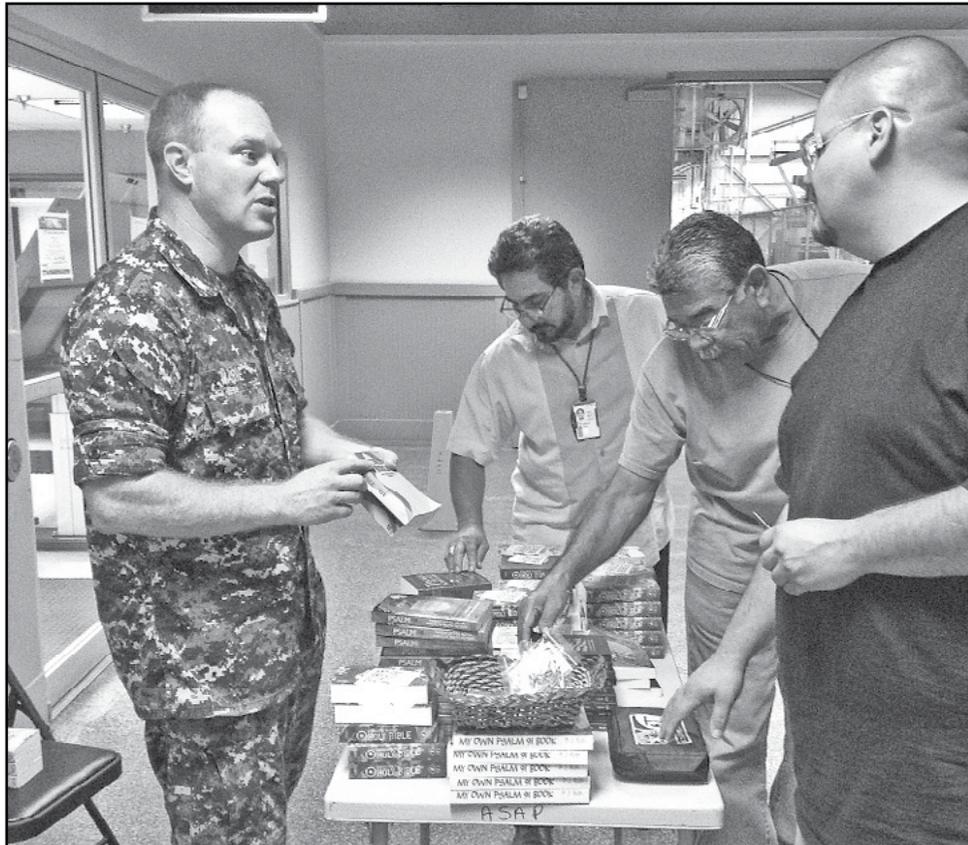
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Lt. Cmdr. Stephen Warne, NASCC Chaplain, discusses suicide awareness and prevention at the Corpus Christi Army Depot Suicide Awareness Fair on Sept. 19. Also on hand were Representatives from Bay View Hospital and the Veterans Administration. Photo courtesy Corpus Christi Army Depot

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St. Patrick Catholic Church will celebrate the feast day of St. Francis of Assisi with a **Blessing of the Animals** on **Saturday, October 5th** beginning at 9 a.m. and ending promptly at 10 a.m. in the backyard of the rectory office at 3350 South Alameda, (under the covered gym if raining). **ALL ARE WELCOME** and there is **NO CHARGE**. Refreshments will be provided for both man and beast. Please bring dogs on leashes and small animals in carriers. Call 855-7391 FMI.

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS St. Mark's Episcopal Church, 2727 Airline Road - **Saturday Oct. 5th 10:00 AM** www.stmarksc.com Please join us in remembrance of St. Francis of Assisi's love for all creatures by bringing your much loved pets for a special blessing. Feel free to bring your camera's to remember the day. We will have a drawing for a \$50 Petco gift card!

"Moonfest" Program at Janet F. Harte Public Library - a special program for families on **Saturday, October 12, 2013** at 6:15 p.m. Families are invited to celebrate Halloween, autumn, and "International Observe the Moon Night"

with music, crafts, face painting, and a view of the moon through telescopes. The Corpus Christi Astronomical Society will also give a short presentation prior to nightfall and the moon-viewing. Come in costume! The library is located at 2629 Waldron Rd. in Flour Bluff. Free and open to the public. FMI call 937-6579.

Saturday, October 12 from 2:00 to 7:00 p.m. - **413 MUSIC** is hosting a concert called **LET FREEDOM ARISE**, bringing Christian Music Culture back to our Community. Featuring 5 Bands, FREE giveaways, a Raffle and More at The Executive Club, admission is \$7.00 at the door and \$3.00 for Raffle Tickets. FMI 361-813-0997.

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"Firefighters" Program at Janet F. Harte Public Library - a program for children on Tuesday, October 15, 2013 at 11:00 a.m. Nueces County ESD2 Firefighters will talk about fire safety and allow kids a close-up view of their fire truck and firefighting equipment. Free; geared for ages 3-5 but all are welcome. 2629 Waldron Rd. in Flour Bluff. FMI call 937-6579.

American Cancer Society Making Strides Against Breast Cancer® 5K walk on Saturday, October 19, 2013 at Corpus Christi Water Gardens. Registration begins at 7:30 a.m.; walk starts at 9 a.m. To register, or FMI www.makingstridescorpuschristi.org or 361-857-0136 or Kayla.hanson@cancer.org.

Birdies on the Bay 2nd annual golf classic supports Special Olympics Texas athletes - October 18, at the Corpus Christi Country Club. Lunch is at 12:00 p.m. and tee off is at 1:00 p.m., immediately followed by an awards ceremony and

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Good Cause - South Texas Lighthouse for the Blind is excited to announce its fourth annual charity golf scramble, **Birdies for the Blind**, to be held on **Friday, November 1st** at Corpus Christi Country Club. Proceeds from the charity scramble will benefit the programs and services offered by South Texas Lighthouse for the Blind to our neighbors who are blind or visually impaired. These programs include job opportunities, on the job training, providing Braille and large print menus to local restaurants, and educating local organizations and companies about vision loss. Bruce Hooper, a seven time national **BLIND** golf champion, and his wife and coach, Judy

Hooper, will be our special guests at the tournament. Bruce will be available at one of the holes to help players improve their scores by taking shots for those who might need some assistance from a pro. The tournament will also include many additional opportunities to take home a special prize - a putting contest, a chance to win a car in the Hole in One Contest, longest drive and closet to the pin contest. **There is still time to register!** Cost is \$150 per person (\$600 per team) and lunch will be provided. A raffle will also be held for a chance to win great prizes like two round-trip tickets on Southwest Airlines and a custom golf clubs. For more information about the golf tournament, visit our website at www.stlb.net or call 693.6183.

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Friday, November 8	Saturday, November 9
9:00 <u>Pre-Show CEU Program (3CEU's)</u> to Laws & Regulations, Melissa Barton, Texas Dept. of Agriculture Lake and Pond Management Dr. Todd Sink, AgriLife Extension Predator Management, USDA Wildlife Services 1:30 Farming in the 21 st Century: Soil Health is the Answer (1.5 CEU's) 3:00 Willie Durham, NRCS State Agronomist 4:00 Managing Your Winter Forages to Mr. Dwight Sexton AgriLife 5:30 Extension (1.5 CEU's) Wine Tasting & Food Pairing Friday 6:00 p.m. Trade Show 9 a.m. — 7 p.m. Friday & Saturday	9:00 Private Applicator Training and Testing, AgriLife Extension / TDA 1:00 Agriculture Workshop for Veterans TX AgrAbility, NRCS, AgriLife Extension 9:00 Livestock Show Clinic for FFA and 4-H Youth Show Camps on Cattle, Sheep, Goat. 11:00 American Competitive Trail Horse Association Obstacle Challenge 1:30 Control of Feral Swine: Why We Wage War 3:00 Jared Timmons, AgriLife Extension (1.5 CEU's) 4:00 Weed and Brush ID Using Digital Resources 5:30 Dr. Megan Clayton AgriLife Extension (1.5 CEU's)

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