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MATT'S CORNER

In 1773, Thomas Paine famously said, “These are the times that try men’s souls.” It perfectly captured the mood of the country at that time. Unfortunately, it also encapsulates August 2016. As I write this article, the city of Dallas has just experienced the worst attack against law enforcement officials since 9/11. Dallas’ Mayor and Police Chief handled the difficult situation incredibly well. And if there was one theme that came out of everything, it was the need for unity.

This horrible tragedy can be a catalyst for good if we allow it to be. First of all, we need to comfort those in mourning. Families in Dallas are hurting like they have never known. This is the time to rally around them and show them love.

Second, it’s a great time to remember that words can hurt and tear down but they can also be a great source of hope, inspiration and courage. Amid the carnage of the attack, such words have helped sustain families and communities. Let us use our words to build up, and not tear down.

Finally, as I think about the call for unity, I’m reminded that there’s only one true source to bring our broken hearts and lives together - and that’s through Jesus Christ. As Scripture reminds us, “For by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body, whether Jews or Greeks, whether slaves or free, and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.” I pray that during these times that try men’s souls, many will come to find the ultimate Source of peace, comfort and joy.

SPOTLIGHT INTERVIEW: HASLET MAYOR BOB GOLDEN

By Ernest Dominick, TCU Senior

During an office interview with Haslet Mayor Bob Golden, I discovered just how fascinating it is to hold office. Continue reading to learn Mayor Golden’s connection to Boy Scouts, sports and spelling bees...



Mayor Bob Golden
Photo courtesy of the City of Haslet

Q: What does being Mayor of Haslet mean to you?

A: “To me, it means giving city council accurate information to make wise decisions, and most importantly, it means making a difference.”

Q: Any current projects that you can share?

A: “We’re currently working with Michael Morris, Director of Transportation at the North Central Texas Council of Governments. This project would help commuters get to their jobs and schools more efficiently. This is still in the works, so nothing is final just yet. But we’re proud of the collaboration it has taken to get to this point, and we’re trying as hard as we can.”

HASLET MAYOR BOB GOLDEN INTERVIEW CONTINUED:

Q: Favorite part of the job?

A: "Interacting with people inside and outside of the city, developing relationships that get things done and committing to making Haslet a better place."

Q: Any misconceptions that people have about being mayor?

A: "That you have to know everything. Over time, I've learned that it's better to know where to locate answers rather than assume you already have them. This solves problems a lot faster than trying to cram everything in my head. Despite this, I think the more informed you are, the better job you can do -- which is why I try to attend as many meetings as possible to keep Haslet abreast. Also, the number of outside meetings a mayor could/should attend is much larger than you'd expect."

Q: Any embarrassing stories that you could share with us?

A: "During my second year as mayor, I was asked to be the announcer for the third-grade spelling bee. No big deal, right? Wrong! In the middle of the competition, I mispronounced one of the words! Thankfully they let me skip to another word to give the poor kid another chance. It was one of the most embarrassing things I've ever done!"

Q: Any fun facts we should know about?

A: "Let's see, I was an Eagle Scout. I flew fighter aircrafts for the United States Navy in the '60s. I'm a very passionate sports fan. I hate that I can only record five televised games at once because I LOVE my sports. Lastly, I'm a voracious reader. I read 10-12 books a month. I'm reading all the time."

Q: What do you consider staple attributes of a good leader?

A: "Attitude. A good leader should create and maintain an atmosphere in which the people who work with and for the person feel comfortable enough to do their jobs. I expect people to make mistakes. If you're not trying, you're not making mistakes. Also, communicating effectively, the key is listening. Not only listen to what people say but apply their message into your mind."

Q: Having served as mayor for the past seven years, have you picked up any tips on leading a city in the right direction? How do you plan to keep this momentum strong if or when you decide to retire?

A: "First, know what you don't know, hire people who do know, and take care of them. Cultivate these people so they can follow in your footsteps after you're gone. The hallmark of a good organization is when the boss leaves, and you can't even tell they're gone."

Q: Any final thoughts you'd like to share?

A: "I really believe in the golden rule. Treat people how you'd like to be treated yourself or better. Compliment others, take care of them and look out for them. It pays off in spades."

CALENDAR

August 14th is TEXAS PARENTS DAY!

Sec. 662.046 of [Texas Government Code](#) states, “The second Sunday in August of each year is Texas Parents Day to celebrate the Texas family and to emphasize the importance of parents taking an active role in the raising and future of their children.”

August 27th is Lyndon Baines Johnson Day!

L. B. Johnson, the 36th President of the United States, was born in 1908 near Johnson City.

HD 93 Chambers of Commerce Events

Arlington: August 16, 2016 [Ribbon Cutting](#) Human Asset Management

Arlington: August 19, 2016 [Chamber Orientation Luncheon](#)

Fort Worth: Every Sunday in August [Sunday Fundays](#) at Panther Island

Fort Worth: August 18, 2016 [Leaders in Business with Orlando Carvalho, Lockheed Martin](#)

Keller: August 15, 2016 [Ribbon Cutting Acting Studio](#)

Keller: September 1, 2016 [City Chat](#)

Northeast Tarrant: August 5, 2016 [Coloring & Cookies for Grown-Ups](#)

Northeast Tarrant: August 13, 2016 [Haltom City Public Library’s Annual Ladies’ Night Out](#)

Northwest Metroport: August 11, 2016 [Ambassador Meeting](#)

Northwest Metroport: August 17, 2016 [Business Builder Networking Coffee in WESTLAKE!](#)

Saginaw: August 9, 2016 [SACC Board Meeting](#)

Saginaw: August 18, 2016 [Breakfast Eye Opener](#)

Some Upcoming Events in HD 93 Cities

Movies in the Park - August 12, 2016

The Little Rascals - Fri 8:30 PM - Nance Field, 503 Schoolhouse Rd. Haslet, TX 76052

Free Family Fun!



Find this logo for information on upcoming running events in the district!



Run in the Dark - September 17, 2016

Bluestem Park at Alliance Town Center

“The 16th Annual Run In the Dark event is held by Community Storehouse. It features a 5K and 1-mile Fun Run being held at Bluestem Park at Alliance Town Center at 9800 Hillwood Parkway, Fort Worth, TX 76177 on Saturday, September 17, 2016. Over 3,000 runners participated in the 2015 Run.”

“Community Storehouse is a Christian based nonprofit crisis relief agency established in 1982 to serve the children in our community. We’re focused on providing basic needs, helping guarantee success in school and making graduation possible for children in the Keller, Northwest and Carroll Independent School Districts. During times of crisis we intervene to accommodate the needs of children, such as: medical/dental care, eye care, literacy programs, prescriptions, school supplies, food, clothing, shelter and counseling. In 2015, Community Storehouse provided over 60,000 services to over 4,000 children in the Keller, Northwest and Carroll Independent School Districts.”



One Run Texas - September 24, 2016

OneRunTexas.org - Community Run sponsored by **Cancer Support Community North Texas** starts on Saturday, September 24, 2016. “If you’re living with cancer you’re not alone. Cancer Support Community North Texas provides cancer patients, survivors, caregivers and loved ones with a place to turn for support, education and strength. In our three North Texas clubhouses – in Collin, Dallas and Tarrant counties – you’ll find a community of licensed clinicians, nutrition experts, specialized exercise instructors and many others dedicated to meeting your needs and improving your well-being. We offer a robust selection of activities at our clubhouses, and everything is absolutely free.

For more info on CSCNT, please visit our website: <http://cancersupporttexas.org/>”

SPORTS, ENTERTAINMENT & TOURISM

HD 93 cities [Arlington](#), [Fort Worth](#), [Haltom City](#), [Haslet](#), [Keller](#) and [Saginaw](#) offer constituents a plethora of summer entertainment for all ages! Click on the city links above to discover just a taste of your district’s recreation and relaxation.

TRIVIA

Did you know?? The Texas State Capitol is the largest of all state capitol buildings and is second in total size only to the National Capitol in Washington, D.C.

Did you know?? The Capitol building is made from Texas pink granite. It served as the capital of the Republic of Texas from 1840-1842.

Find out more about our capitol [here](#).



Photo courtesy of Tracy Carter

BUSINESS

“Land. Logistics. Location. Haslet Has It.”

“Located 15 miles north of Fort Worth on IH-35 and bordering Alliance Airport, Haslet offers the logistics and land to support warehouse development and a large daytime population to sustain restaurants and retail growth. With a property tax rate of only 29 cents per \$100 and a build-out of only 20 percent of available sites, Haslet is eagerly pursuing investment partners for corporate, business and retail opportunities. Haslet’s commercial base includes Amazon, Coca-Cola, Exel, FedEx Freight, Kraft, Michaels, Volkswagen and Williamson-Dickie. The City is currently developing a new business park on Westport Parkway near Alliance as part of a public-private partnership.”

<http://hasletcdc.com/>



EDUCATION

Education Task Force

From the desk of State Representative Matt Krause:

“I would like to introduce a new cooperative initiative here in HD 93, the Education Task Force.

It was such a pleasure to have Dr. Randy Reid of Keller ISD, Dr. Marcelo Cavazos of Arlington ISD, Dr. Kent Scribner of Fort Worth ISD, and the CFOs of both Eagle Mountain-Saginaw ISD and Northwest ISD at the district office for the first HD 93 Education Task Force Meeting. During our time together, they actively shared valuable input on a variety of 85th Legislative Session education topics -- school finance, school choice, standardized testing, unfunded mandates and districts of innovation.

I greatly appreciated their insight, feedback and all the work these individuals and their staffs do to help train the next generation of leaders. It’s our office’s desire to do all we can to ensure teachers can teach and students can learn in the classroom. By collaborating with the educational leaders in the district, it allows our office to focus the priorities for the next legislative session.

Thank you to these superintendents and officials for giving their time to discuss these important issues. We’re looking forward to our next HD 93 Education Task Force meeting!”



Eddy and Debbie Peach Elementary

By Ryan Pierce, Arlington ISD Bond Communications Specialist

Eddy and Debbie Peach Elementary is one of two brand new elementary schools in the Arlington ISD scheduled to open in August 2016. The 114,612 square-foot building will be able to serve up to 900 students in pre-K to sixth grade. The state-of-the-art building includes a media center, art room, two STEM - Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics - labs, strings room and music room. It also includes approximately 7,000 square feet for a Boys and Girls Club.



Eddy and Debbie Peach Elementary Continued:

Eddy and Debbie Peach have a combined 81 years working in the Arlington ISD. Eddy worked in the AISD for 45 years, including 40 years as the Lamar High School head football coach. On Aug. 29, 2008, Eddy became the first head coach to win 300 games at the Class 5A level (current Class 6A level), and he retired with 310 wins. Debbie, who taught for 36 years in the AISD, was a teacher at Bailey Junior High (PE), Roquemore Elementary (PE), Shackelford Junior High (English) and Lamar High School (English). Debbie earned Teacher of the Year honors at the elementary, junior high and high school levels. Eddy and Debbie Peach Elementary on Baird Farm Road will open in the fall of 2016.



Coming up in the next HD 93 Newsletter:

The fifth in our series on the six HD 93 mayors - Keller Mayor Mark Mathews.



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