

Good News 'Round the Grove

School offers a welcome respite from the daze of summer

Well, it has begun. I feel as if I should be listening for the "Jaw's" theme music or something similar. The first day of school arrived! The children it seems, in speaking with

quite a few of them, were more than ready to head back to school. Vacations are over, the camps are camped out and the sibling bonding has just about driven everyone crazy at this point. Just when we think we can't take it any more ... the first day of school has arrived. In one sense, parents have a sense of relief and normalcy.



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In another sense, we cringe at the schedules of running kiddos here and there for sports, football and all the exciting events fall brings.

In any event, we can't stop time, so take a deep breath and jump in with everyone else.

2010 Foster ProGrad Meeting

All seniors and their parents are invited to join us for our first 2010 ProGrad meeting 7 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 3 in the Foster library. You will receive important information regarding ProGrad 2010.

Pecan Grove Women's Club kicks off the Fall Season

The ladies of Pecan Grove Women's Club are off and running again with their first meeting of the fall season. On Sept. 8, the meeting will be held at the Pecan Grove Plantation Country Club at FM 359 and Plantation Drive. The

program will be presented by Molly Glentzer, who is Lifestyle Editor of the Houston Chronicle and author of "Pink Ladies and Crimson Gents".

All women in the area are invited to be members of this group.

The ladies will begin gathering around 9:30 am for coffee and visiting. A short business meeting follows and then the program.

A luncheon follows the program and those staying for the luncheon will need reservations. For reservations, please call Gayle Scholer at 281-342-5033 or e-mail cscholer@swbell.net, or call Marita Smith at 281-341-1056.

Eagle Scout

Brandon Walquist with Boy Scout Troop 1656, chartered through Pecan Grove Baptist Church, recently earned the Eagle Scout rank, Boy Scouts of America's highest honor.

Brandon is a junior at Travis High School.

Brandon began his scouting career in Cub Scouts in 2001, when he joined Pack 1680. After his Arrow of Light ceremony he crossed over and joined Boy Scout Troop 1656 in 2004. He has held several positions of leadership including Patrol Leader, Librarian, and Troop Guide.

As a scout Brandon has earned 30 merit badges and recently achieved Order of the Arrow.

His Eagle Leadership Project consisted of planting six trees to help beautify his church, Joy Lutheran, located on FM 359 in Richmond. He wanted his project to help the church that he's been a part of for so long and to be able to see the trees progress over the coming years. Brandon completed his project, totaling 155 hours of service, with the help of 15 scouts from his

troop and seven adults.

In addition to digging the holes and planting the trees, they installed an irrigation system to help the trees get through the first couple of years of the hot and dry Texas summers. He found many of the local businesses to be very supportive and generous towards the project.

Brandon has taken part in the flag program for the past couple of years. Due to his dedication to the program, which included fundraising as well as placing and taking down of the flags on various flag holidays, he was able to earn enough funds in order to attend Venture Camp at Chisholm Trail near Dallas.

Brandon is the son of Fran and Mark Walquist of Richmond.

That's it for this week. I look forward to hearing from you. I may be reached at mcfiberid@yahoo.com.



Brandon Walquist