

## CONGRATULATIONS BISD GRADUATES

### Inaugural Riverfest A Huge Success

The first annual Riverfest mud run drew nearly 700 runners that wound their way in and around the Neches River and 16 man made and natural obstacles in the adjoining pastures. All total approximately 1200 people attended the event that showcased River Park. Nearly 90% of the attendees were from out of town and when finished everyone was asking when the next one would be held. Despite a few injuries that EMS and the Chandler VFD quickly handled, the first year event went off without a hitch. The Lions Club handled the parking for the runners at Winchester Park and BISD provided 3 buses to transport them back and forth. While all monies have yet to be collected it appears that it will be a financial success. After expenses are paid the Chamber will split the profits with the Chandler VFD, God's Open Hands and River Park Improvements.



**The Great Wall Obstacle**

It takes a lot of people to put on such a large project and Riverfest had its share of volunteers. A special thanks goes to the Parker family for allowing us the use of the pastures, Sherri Herrington and Jim Moffeit for coordinating the event, Chief Ron Reeves for designing and building the majority of the obstacles along with Neches Construction and the BISD Ag Department, Mike Wilson, Nancy Bertholf, Barbara Reeves, John Taylor and the City of Chandler and JLS Enterprises for all of their help in getting the festival ready. Sgt. Castle with the Texas Army National Guard brought 62 reserves to man the obstacles and assist the runners who had any difficulty managing them.

Despite all of the worn out volunteers, after a few months of recuperating, odds are good that another mud run will be in the works for next year!

### May Dates to Remember

- 10 City Council
- 10 Workforce Solutions  
Chamber Parking Lot 10-3
- 12 Monthly Luncheon—Lago del Pino
- 15 Father's Day
- 19 Monthly Board Meeting  
5:30 Community Center

### Scholarship Recipients Named

Five BISD seniors were recently awarded the Chamber of Commerce scholarships for 2014 at BISD's annual award presentation on Monday evening. They include Sergio Oliveres, Amanda Earsley, Joshua Seale, Jessica Benson and Mayra Aguilar. In order to be considered for the scholarship, applicants filled out a questionnaire and wrote a brief essay on how the scholarship would help them and what it would mean for them to receive it.

The scholarships have a little different twist to them for 2014. Funding for the scholarships comes from proceeds from the annual charity golf tournament. For the first time there was a corporate sponsor for the event, Allen Samuels East Texas Dodge. In exchange for the sponsorship, three of the scholarships were called the Allen Samuels East Texas Dodge/Chamber of Commerce scholarships. Of the remaining two, the Chamber named a scholarship each for two individuals that have done so much for Chandler and for the Chamber during their lives—Jerry Kidd and Randy Parker.

Each scholarship is for \$500 and to receive it the student must present certification that they are enrolled in a college or university. Sergio Oliveres, who plans on attending SFA and will study music education received the Jerry Kidd scholarship while Joshua Seale received the Randy Parker scholarship and will attend UT studying pre-med. The three Allen Samuel scholarships went to Amanda Earsley who will attend either SFA or TJC and study music education, Jessica Benson who will attend either SFA or TVCC and study theater education and Mayra Aguilar who will attend UT at Tyler and study nursing for her BSN.

The students will be presented at this month's Chamber luncheon which will be held at noon at Lago Del Pino on Thursday, June 12th. Everyone is invited to attend and is encouraged to do so to show our support for these five worthy recipients of our Chamber of Commerce scholarships.

### New Members

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