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Kinsley Kubala, 8, organizes clothes from her back-to school giveaway. Kubala gave away clothes to families who could not afford to GO school clothes shopping.

Returning to class in fine fashion

Local girl organizes free clothing drive

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ANGLETON — Piles of clothing filled a table in an Angleton driveway Sunday afternoon, but this was no garage sale. This was part of a clothing drive dreamt up by an elementary school student looking to share the excitement of back to school shopping with those who might not get the opportunity.

When Kaleigh Kubala took her daughter Kinsley on a shopping trip for school clothing, she said she noticed her soon-to-be third grader getting a little sassy about what she was getting.

Kubala was quick to remind Kinsley that a lot of kids don't get to go shopping for new school clothes every year, telling her most kids would be thrilled with the things Kinsley picked out.

"Kinsley has always been sensitive to others, or thoughtful about others' needs, and so after I had that conversation with her, she came to

me and said, 'Mom, do some kids really not get to go shopping?' and I told her that yes, probably even some of her friends or people she knows," Kubala said. "And so she said she wanted to do something that could help."

With the help of her parents, Kinsley asked the community for clothing donations so that families in the area would have an opportunity to provide some new school clothes for their kids ahead of the first day of school.

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Oyster Creek might revamp Creek Fest

Peddler permits, tax rate also on City Council agenda

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OYSTER CREEK — City Council will consider amending its peddler and vendor ordinance, revamping the city's dormant Creek Fest fundraiser and maintaining the current tax rate after their latest meeting.

During Fire Chief Mark Westmoreland's report to council, he said their tournament's fundraiser fell short of a goal, raising only \$3,000. It was windy and concerts were happening the same night, so the participation and funds raised were a bit of a disappointment, he said.

Mayor Justin Mills said he had already considered that City Council could start doing the city's Creek Fest, which dissolved years ago because of lack of participation.

"I would like for us to maybe look into it and try to put one together for the police and fire," Mills said. "It used to be a big deal around here."

Council members collectively agreed this is something they could look into. Enough of them know how to organize events that it could be successful, Mills said.

The event used to be on Father's Day weekend every year, City Administrator Toby Guenter said, but the mayor suggested a cooler time in fall or spring.

City Attorney Laurence Boyd said council can consider extending the time frame of its peddler permits since the current \$10, 21-day permit has some people coming back in to renew every three weeks and it has become an administrative burden. They could consider doing a multiple-month or

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Wyatt Brown, 4, gets a haircut from Ginger Cooksey of Ginger's Salon during the Back to School Bash at Angleton First United Church. The salon was providing free haircuts in to help children feel more confident going back to school.

RALLY 'ROUND THE KIDS

Angleton community out in full force for Back to School Bash

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ANGLETON Reverend Joel McKinnon of Angleton First United Methodist Church said a sign from God woke him in the middle of the night and inspired him to host a back-to-school festival for community kids.

On Sunday morning, with more than a dozen sponsors, the church hosted myriad activities for kids, including bounce castles, ice cream donated by Blue Bell, free haircuts by local hair salon owners and more.

"The police department and fire department came out," McKinnon said. "Texas Children's Hospital donated 200 backpacks with supplies."

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Cannon skirmish sparked independence drive

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BRAZOS TALES
Sharing the rich history of Brazoria County

As the eldest son in a large family, William Joel Bryan apparently assumed adult responsibilities at a relatively young age. He was still in his teens in 1835 when he became one of the first

volunteers to join Capt. Eberly's company of Texas militia, formed to defend the Austin Colony'.

Along with others in this group of Brazoria County residents involved in this confrontation, Joel marched to meet the Mexican troops at Gonzales.

This skirmish, which would

become known as the Lexington of Texas, was the site of the first armed fight between the colonists and representatives of the Mexican government.

The dispute centered about the government's demand that settlers

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