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IN THE STARS

EVENTS

TXDOT STUDY MEETINGS FOR I-10

TXDOT is conducting four public study meetings to discuss the future of I-10, with possible changes and enlargement. Dates are: Feb. 13, Barber Hill HS Feb. 15, Goose Creek Memorial HS Feb. 20, Channelview HS Feb. 22, Mickey Leland College SEE STORY ON PAGE 8

THUR., FEB. 15 CROSBY CHAMBER BANQUET

Annual Awards Banquet & Board Installation, 6:30 pm - 9:00 pm. Monument Inn, 4406 Independence Parkway. Visit www.crosbyhuffmancc.org for more information.

TUE., FEB. 20 EASTSIDE VETERANS CELEBRATION

Chili Supper with all the Fixins', 6-8 pm, Hungry Jack Rest., 14045 FM 2100, Crosby. 281-794-5122.

FRI., FEB. 23 KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FISH FRY

Fried fish, fries, hushpuppies and coleslaw. Deserts available with donation. #3229 KC Hall, 1508 Crosby Dayton Rd. Feb. 23, March 2, 9, 16 & 23, 5:00 - 8:00 pm. 281-328-1104.

TUE., FEB. 27 WEIGHT LOSS OPTIONS

Houston Methodist San Jacinto Hospital will hold a Medical Weight Management & Weight Loss Surgery Educational event from 6-7 pm at Hospital Conference Boardroom, 4401 Garth Rd., Baytown. Call 281-428-2273, see AD, page 10 for more information.

BIRTHDAYS

Feb 15-Micheal Hance
Lisa Henning
Debbie Herman
Terry Smith
Feb 16-Sandra Gross
Feb 17- Donnie Cravatt
Feb 18-Fay Blackmon-Slot
Ray Blackmon
Rebecca Nibbe
Mandy Carwile
Nakomi Stone
Billy Nash
Feb 19-Stephanie Lane
Feb 20-Stormy Fulmer
Herman Bradford
Beau McCrary
Feb 21-Lyndsie Hennigan
Leah Moye
Tera Smith

DEATHS

Robert Arnold Jurek
Denise Lynn Phillips

Coffey is Terry Davis Awardee



Justice of the Peace Don Coffey accepts the Terry Davis Award from Highlands - Lynchburg Chamber of Commerce President Jim Wadzinski



Sheriff Ed Gonzales accepts the Community Award for Sheriff's Deputy of the Year for his entire Department surrounded by District 3 Deputies and some of his command staff as presented by Wadzinski.

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Eagleton Gala draws lawmen and friends

KEMAH - The Sherman Eagleton Valentines Gala at the South Shore Harbour Resort & Conference Center in League City was nonstop events and celebration of Precinct 3 Sherman Eagleton's administration since December 31, 2016.

The Constable was recognized by the Sheriff Ed Gonzales, a variety of law enforcement personnel, multiple members of the Crosby Fair & Rodeo, which lead by Rick Loggins put on a thriving live auction.

The Constable recognized with awards his motorcycle riders, the deputy that sold the most tickets to the gala and sponsors.

Having met challenges that included the murder of his Assistant Chief Deputy and executive adjustments Eagleton has initiated bring Precinct 3 into the ideals of "Best Practices" in 2018.



Sheriff Ed Gonzales brought his family and a cadre of distinguished lawmen to the Sherman Eagleton Valentine's Gala last Saturday. Fair was an excellent glazed chicken and vegetables. The band "Hill County Jane" played a variety of favorites and the dance floor was generally packed once the announcements and awards portion of the show had concluded.

Donkey Polo makes hysterical debut



Cade Hoener, Blake Larkin, Cullen Lee and Jeffrey Sparks are the Number One Team of 8 teams for Donkey Polo in Crosby, 'Now on to the Olympics!' Crosby Young Farmers raised funds with a set of broom and donkey polo matches Saturday to benefit Crosby FFA. According to one witness, "The second time I spewed beer was the improbable take away by Blake to score from way across the field. I was laughing so hard I could not drink my beer."

The event was a bring your own bottle celebration. It was said to have raised about \$2,500 by coordinators on Tuesday afternoon.

EPA updates Galveston residents on Waste Pits

Agency responds to request, but attendance is low

HIGHLANDS - Jackie Young conducted the monthly meeting of the San Jacinto River Coalition of THEA last Tuesday night, February 6th, and brought the audience updates on activities at EPA headquarters in Washington D.C. and at a public meeting presentation by EPA in Galveston.

Young was invited to attend a very interesting meeting at the EPA in Washington, with the director Scott Pruitt and some of his department heads. Young was part of a group of environmental activists from various parts of the United States, with their own pollution problems that they needed the agency's help to solve. Pruitt has indicated

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At February's meeting of the THEA/San Jacinto River Coalition, director Jackie Young brought the group up to date on her trip to the EPA in Washington, DC and the public update meeting that the EPA held in Galveston on January 30th at the request of those residents. Present at the meeting were EPA regional superfund manager John Meyer, and Technical Manager Gary Miller, who presented a slide show similar to the one presented in Highlands in December. Then they answered questions from the audience.



An Environmental group meets with EPA director Scott Pruitt (at far end of table) to discuss the agency's recent initiatives to speed up the clean-up process for projects throughout the United States, including the San Jacinto River Waste Pits. Seated at left, in blue sweater, is Houston's environmental activist Jackie Young. At right, a stack of papers is the actual letters and comments that were submitted to EPA regarding the waste pits. Most of the comments asked for complete removal of the toxic material.

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★ COMMUNITY NEWS ★

Crosby ISD student advances to UIL Swimming State Meet second year in a row

CROSBY, Texas - Crosby High School Junior, Kaitlyn Carr, has qualified for the UIL 5A State Championship in the 50 meter and 100 meter Freestyle.

“Qualifying for state is a huge accomplishment. Kaitlyn has done it 2 years in a row. We are so proud to have any athlete represent Code Red at the state level. She has put in the work and has competed well all year. It is all paying off now! We wish her the best of luck this Friday,” said Jeff Riordan, Crosby ISD Athletic Director.

Currently, Crosby ISD does not have a natatorium within the district. All swim team athletes are transported out of district for practice to Baytown Sterling High School and are not able to begin practice until after Baytown Sterling athletes have completed their practice session at around 5pm. Considering these less-than-desirable conditions, the Crosby Cougar Swim Team placed 9th out of 31 schools, with all 5 relay teams advancing to finals at the Regional Meet. The Crosby Cougar Swim Team consists of 24 swimmers and 2 divers.

Other Crosby Cougar Swim Team members who performed well at the District and Regional meets



Kaitlyn Carr has qualified for the UIL 5A State Championship in the 50 meter and 100 meter Freestyle.

include the following:

Johnny Gomez de Leon earned a 3rd place medal at the Regional swim meet and is currently ranked 27th in the State of Texas.

Kaleigh Salge placed 13th in the Region in the 200 Individual Medley.

Sidney Carr placed 1st at the District Dive meet and later placed 7th in the Regional Championship Dive Meet.

“The dedication of these athletes, their families, and Coach Thadis Pegues is something that we are

extremely proud of and is indicative of accolades to come,” stated Viviana Killion, Director of Community Relations.

In preparation for her appearance at the State Championship, Kaitlyn is training daily at the University of Houston Campus. She will make her first appearance at the Lee and Joe Jamail Texas Swimming Center in Austin this Friday for Preliminaries. If Kaitlyn places in the top 8 in the State Friday, she will swim again Saturday in the Finals.

Judge Stephens presents Boys Life Skills Camp

Judge Joe Stephens presents Boys Rock 2 Life Skills Camp! Experience and studies show that mentoring youth early in life leads to positive youth development. The event is scheduled for Saturday, February 17, 2018 from 8:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at

Northshore Middle School. Attendees do have to register for this event at <https://boysrock2.planningpod.com/>.

In the courtroom setting, Judge Stephens sees the need to reach out to young men to give them a different setting to ad-

dress some of their non-academic needs. Hence, the beginning of a life skill camp on the east side of Houston. This one-day fun packed workshop will address topics such as appearance, handling money, social skills, and more.

Crosby-Huffman Chamber hosts Business Expo Saturday



The Crosby Elementary High Steppers were a delightful entertainment for attendees last Saturday between 10:30 and 3:00 p.m.



Eastside Veteran Celebration with the Crosby Lion's Club at the Chamber Business Expo last Saturday. The Eastside Veteran are having a Chilli Feast on February 20 and invite the public to come out and try their chilli, meet their membership and learn what they are doing to honor veterans on the Eastside of the lake and river. Once per month they host a bus trip to Casinos in Louisiana. The Lion's Club fights blindness worldwide and bestows glasses to those that need them.



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COMMUNITY PAGE

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Terry Davis Award

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DEER PARK – The Monument Inn housed the Highlands-Lynchburg Chamber of Commerce Community Awards and Installation Banquet on February 8.

Opening statements were from Beverly J. Ferguson from Congressman Brian Babin's, R. 36th U.S. Congressional District Office. "We say incredible stories of bravery, compassion and resiliency. The Highlands-Lynchburg Chamber of Commerce continues to advocate for and support our local businesses and the economy," she opened. Ferguson also presented



Harris County Attorney Vince Ryan was speaker of the evening.

each award winner with a Certificate of Appreciation from the Congressman. Jim Wadzinski present-

ed Community Awards and the first to receive one was First Baptist Church of Highlands as Organization Of The Year, on Sunday morning, August 27 they opened their door to evacuees being brought in by Highlands Volunteer Fire Dept. by Sunday evening about 60 were staying there, numbers continued to grow until there were well over 100 dwelling there for almost two weeks. The Church provided meals, shelter and coordinated disaster relief to well over 250 families all over Highlands. The Harris County Sheriff's Office was awarded due in part to their Northstar initiative that targeted violent offenders, 834 arrests, confiscation of

55 guns, 28 pounds of marijuana etc... During Hurricane Harvey the department conducted over 10,000 rescues. The Precinct 3 Constable's Office established an Are You Okay program to check on the elderly in communities. The department established an Environmental Division that answered over 100 complaints resulting in 46 criminal charges. After December of last year they started A Crime Interdiction Unit with 4 fully trained K-9 Units since its inception they have 112 hours of surveillance, made 89 arrests, 183 traffic stops, seized 23 weapons, filed 62 charges, and seized thousands of dollars in

currency, and a wide assortment of illegal drugs. Eagleton's administration added a wide assortment of rescue vehicles without using a dime from the tax payers. The department conducted over 5,000 rescues during Hurricane Harvey. The Firefighter of the Year Award went to the entire Highlands Volunteer Fire Dept. that logged 653 rescues, lost track of Highlands hours of rescues at 34, one structural fire during Hurricane Harvey. Highlands Volunteers filled four boats covering from Haddon Villa, Rio Villa and surrounding areas during the storm. They ran calls from daylight until dark and some at dark but only in brush trucks. The received no help from Red Cross, EOC, or HCEO because Highlands was cut off.

Justice of the Peace for Precinct 3 Position 2, Don Coffey was Terry Davis Award winner this year. It is awarded for distinguished service over time. Coffey attended U. of H. Center for Law, graduated from the U. of H., is a graduate of Lee College and a member of the Lee College Hall of Fame. He was elected in 2010 after getting 79% of the votes. Born of raised in Baytown has practiced since 1993, before entering Law School he worked for Exxon. He has worked for several boards and services and charity organizations since 1993 and is a member of Faith Presbyterian Church. He loves fast cars, two Vipers, two Mustangs and a Dodge Hellcat.



Above Beverly Ferguson bestows a Certificate of Appreciation to the Highlands First Baptist Church in adjuct to their community award from the Highlands-Lynchburg Chamber of Commerce for their efforts on a regular basis and especially their efforts during Hurricane Harvey.

The Highlands Volunteer Fire Dept. in totality received the Community Award for Firefighter of the Year as due to their extra-ordinary efforts throughout the year and especially during Hurricane Harvey recognition was due to each firefighter for an outstanding job of helping their community.



Above are most of the new Highlands-Lynchburg Chamber of Commerce members including the new officers.



Sherman Eagleton Constable of Precinct 3 accepts a Certificate of Appreciation from Beverly Ferguson of Congressman Brian Babin's Office.



Constable Eagleton receives the Constable's Deputy Award of the Year for his entire department with his command staff. At right is Major Rick Larkin, Assistant Chief Deputy Antonio Ford, Chief Deputy Kirk Bonsal, Sherman Eagleton and Jim Wadzinski President of the Highlands Chamber of Commerce.

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Reasons why hiring older employees is a smart decision

By Cathy K. Hayes

In the 2015 movie *The Intern*, Robert DeNiro starred as a 70-year-old widower who returns to the workforce as an under-appreciated and seemingly out-of-step intern working for a young boss played by Anne Hathaway.

Initially, Hathaway's character can't quite relate to this baby boomer who ditched retirement out of boredom, but by the film's finale she comes to appreciate his skills and experience.

In real life you're unlikely to encounter many septuagenarian interns, but it's not unusual for people to re-enter the labor market or launch new careers when they are well into what was once considered retirement age.

And that can be good for businesses that are willing to take advantage of all those decades of hard-earned experience, says Andrew Simon, a partner in Simon Associate Management Consultants (www.simonassociates.net) who himself is in his 70s..

"Starting a new career after 60 is not for everyone," Simon says. "But it can be rewarding for those with energy and commitment levels that are high, and who are willing to learn new skills and keep up with the constantly evolving technology."

The question is whether businesses will balk at hiring workers who, in many cases, are old enough to be the parents of the people supervising them. Sure there are downsides, Simon says, but the upsides can be tremendous when it's the right fit for the right person.

He says a few things businesses should keep in mind as they weigh whether to hire older workers include:

- Experience counts.

Baby boomers come to the table with a whole set of experiences, including 30 or 40 years of interpersonal people skills that make them more adept at dealing with unique situations or different types of people. "On the flip side," Simon says, "some of them could lack the technical skills that we take for granted in today's workforce. So, be careful what you are asking them to do."

- Self-motivation. The odds are older employees will be self-motivated. "If these potential workers would like to join an organization or start a new career after 60, they probably like the idea of work," Simon says. "They need to do something every day. Perhaps they view their job as intellectually stimulating." You do need to make sure of their motivation, though, he says. If they're just working for a paycheck, that might not cut it.

- Different age groups have their own behaviors. Baby boomers often have a very different set of values than millennials. "Different things motivate them," Simon says. "The culture of an organization is very important and can be tricky. You want to make sure these older workers have an opportunity to thrive in your new environment." While it's best to avoid stereotyping the generations too much, in general baby boomers tend to be productive, loyal to the company, willing to put in long hours to get the job done and prefer to have conversations in person.

"Companies that pass on hiring older workers risk missing out on people who could become some of their most valuable employees," Simon says. "Age shouldn't be the issue. Instead, as with any hire, the issue is what skills and experiences each of these people can bring to the workforce."



Legislation passed by Congress includes hurricane relief funds

AUSTIN — Gov. Greg Abbott on Feb. 9 lauded Congress' passage of budget legislation that contains nearly \$90 billion in hurricane and wildfire disaster relief funding for Texas, Florida, California and Puerto Rico.

Hurricane Harvey pounded Texas from Aug. 25-31, resulting in disaster status for some 60 counties. The federal Office of Coastal Management has estimated the total cost of Harvey at \$125 billion. Cost estimates by various other organizations have reached as high as \$200 billion.

"Today's passage of disaster funding marks another crucial step forward as Texans continue to recover and rebuild in the aftermath of Harvey, and I thank the Texas delegation and leaders in Congress for taking action to pass this critical recovery package," Abbott said.

"The much-needed funding included in the bill for flood mitigation projects, housing and infrastructure repairs will provide a meaningful benefit to Texas. While Texans will continue to struggle in Harvey's wake long after today's vote, our resilient spirit remains strong, and we will continue working at the federal, state and local levels to ensure we emerge from this disaster stronger than ever," Abbott added.

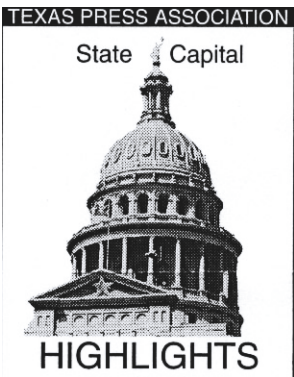
U.S. Sen. John Cornyn, R-Texas, commented, saying: "While long overdue, this bill is a big step forward for Texans impacted by Hurricane Harvey up and down our coast. We know the recovery process is far from over, but these resources will go a long way for Texas families, small businesses and communities who are still rebuilding. I will continue to stand shoulder to shoulder with Gov. Abbott and our congressional delegation to ensure Texans impacted by this once-in-a-lifetime storm aren't left behind."

Cornyn said the disaster relief part of the Bipartisan Budget Act:

- Ensures Texas will

STATE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS

By Ed Sterling



have increased access to Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery funds;

- Ensures that \$15 billion of U.S. Army Corps funding will go directly toward construction in high-priority areas impacted by flooding;

- Provides flexibility to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to allow them to carry out necessary projects in Texas;

- Includes funding to help Texas address lingering transportation issues resulting from Hurricane Harvey;

- Allows the Federal Transit Administration to distribute formula money using 2000 Census data for areas that temporarily fell below a population of 50,000 as a result of a major disaster (this applies to Galveston); and

- Authorizes \$10 million for the Ready Reserve Fleet port facility in Beaumont damaged by Hurricane Harvey.

On Feb. 8, Texas' junior U.S. senator, Republican Ted Cruz, commented: "After much consideration, I will reluctantly vote for this legislation. This bill contains major victories; if hurricane relief and restoring vital defense spending were the only elements of this bill, I would be sup-

porting it energetically and enthusiastically. Unfortunately, in addition to funding those critical priorities, this bill also unnecessarily balloons the deficit."

Comptroller to send revenue

Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar on Feb. 7 announced he would send cities, counties, transit systems and special purpose taxing districts \$911.9 million in local sales tax allocations for the month of February.

The amount is 6.2 percent more than was distributed in February 2017. The allocations are based on sales made in December by businesses that report tax monthly; October, November and December sales by quarterly filers; and 2017 sales by businesses that report tax annually, Hegar said.

AG seeks election safeguards

Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton on Feb. 5 sent a letter to state Sen. Bryan Hughes, R-Mineola, chair of the Senate Select Committee on Election Integrity, announcing a voter-fraud initiative.

The letter mentions the Office of the Attorney General's "brief investigative survey" of four counties where "165 unlawfully registered non-citizens had been removed from the voter rolls after casting 100 illegal votes in Texas elections in the last two years."

And, after stating that the Office of the Attorney General "is unable to determine the scope of non-citizens voting across Texas," Paxton refers to "the lack of safeguards in the voting system to detect ineligible voters." He suggests additional measures to address mail-in ballot fraud and the use of public funds for political activity.

Accreditations are released

The Texas Education Agency on Feb. 9 released accreditation statuses for school districts and charter schools across the state.

These statuses are based on state academic accountability ratings, the Financial Integrity Rating System of Texas, data reporting, special program effectiveness and compliance with statutory and regulatory requirements.

Statuses for the 2017-2018 school year for 1,201 Texas school districts and charter schools are as follows: Accredited (1,185); Accredited-Warned (9); Accredited-Probation (2); Not Accredited-Revoked (4); and Pending (1).

JUDGE EMMETT: Passage of Congressional Disaster Relief Funding

Harris County Judge Ed Emmett's statement on Congressional passage of a budget agreement containing funding for local disaster relief and flood mitigation projects:

"I am relieved and grateful that Congress has finally acted on our many requests to assist Harris County and Texas in rebuilding from one of the worst weather catastrophes in American history," said Harris County Judge Ed Emmett. "Unfortunately, recovery is a long, ongoing process, and I hope that the funds approved by Congress can be made available quickly."

"And now that Congress has acted, we move on to the next stages, which is to request action from the State of Texas on our joint city-county request for at least \$200 million in aid to shore up our damaged flooding infrastructure. With that in hand, the county can finally move forward in funding its own mitigation and buy-back programs."

Know the basics about virtual currencies

(NAPSI)—The recent run-up in price for Bitcoin and other virtual currencies has piqued investors' interest. However, the U.S. Commodity Futures Trading Commission (CFTC) advises investors to understand the risks that go with virtual currencies before adding them to their portfolios.

What is Bitcoin?

Bitcoin is a convertible virtual currency. Virtual currency is a digital representation of value that may function as a medium of exchange, a unit of account, and/or a store of value.

Is Bitcoin a commodity?

Yes, Bitcoin and other virtual currencies have been determined to be commodities under the Commodity Exchange Act (CEA).

Does the CFTC oversee Bitcoin?

The CFTC's jurisdiction is implicated when a virtual currency is used in a derivatives contract, such as futures or options contracts. The CFTC's oversight over commodity cash markets is limited. The CFTC maintains general anti-fraud and manipulation enforcement authority over virtual currency cash markets as a commodity in interstate commerce.

What risks come with virtual currencies?

While virtual currencies may have potential benefits, purchasing virtual currencies on the cash market—spending dollars to purchase Bitcoin for your personal wallet, for example—comes with a number of significant risks, including:

- Most cash markets are not regulated or supervised by a federal government agency.
- Platforms in the cash market may lack system safeguards, including customer protections.
- Cash market manipulation.
- Platforms selling from their own accounts and putting customers at a disadvantage.
- Price volatility risks.
- Cybersecurity risks.

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ROUND-UP

Black History Month display at the library

The Sam and Carmena Goss Memorial Branch Library in Mont Belvieu will be hosting a Black History Month display on Monday Feb. 26, 8-5 and Tuesday Feb. 27, 8-6. Tina Smith will be sharing her display in honor of her family ancestry and Black History Month. She is a 1983 graduate of Anahuac High and believes that Black History is a part of American history that needs to be told to everyone.

Jones Library February events

February Story Hours
•February 21, 2018
Book: President's Day
Science
Experiment: Self Portrait as a President!
Synopsis: It's President's Day! Join us as we list all of our Presidents throughout history. We will spend a little more time on George Washington and Abraham Lincoln, the two Presidents the holiday was created for. In our book we will read about how President's Day came to be. For our craft we will see what we would look like if we were the President! Please bring a picture of your child for this activity!
•February 28, 2018
Book: I Can Read with My Eyes Shut!
Activity: Birthday Party!
Synopsis: Happy Birthday Dr. Seuss! You are invited to join us in celebrating Dr. Seuss' Birthday! We will start off by reading I Can Read with My Eyes Shut! Then, we will create a Cat in the Hat mask. After we have finished our craft we will let them dry and go play some games outside on the lawn. After our party games, we will end our day with snacks inspired by the world of Dr. Seuss. The staff will be dressed up as Seuss characters, and we would love to see you dressed up as your favorite Dr. Seuss character as well!
Jones Public Library
801 S Cleveland St
Ste A, Dayton, TX 77535.

The Mane Event

The Mane event returns to Baytown on March 3, 2018 at Hilton Garden Inn. Tickets are available to the public. Call the shelter office at 281-425-2140 to reserve seat at this event. All proceeds benefit Bay Area Homeless Services, Inc.

Mont Belvieu resident donates to Sam and Carmena Goss Memorial Branch Library

The Sam and Carmena Goss Memorial Branch Library in Mont Belvieu is full of wonderful resources. Many patrons visit the library every day to use the computer, check out books, attend a program, or just hang out in a quiet space. But have you ever thought about checking out a piano? Recently, a local resident of Mont Belvieu, Rebecca Hall brought the library an unusual donation. Rebecca is a recent student at Purdue University and began her love of music at an early age. It wasn't until she was in middle school did she have free access to instruments, which helped shape her love of music. Rebecca spent time as a part-time worker at the library during a past summer, and saw the number of kids her age frequenting the library. She saw that the library as a perfect location to share her love of music by donating a new digital piano. Rebecca and her mother built the piano and it now stands proudly in the meeting room at the library. Headphones and piano books are available for checkout to patrons with a valid library card. We can't thank Rebecca enough for spreading her love of music to the community. Stop by the library and play us a song. We'd love to hear you!

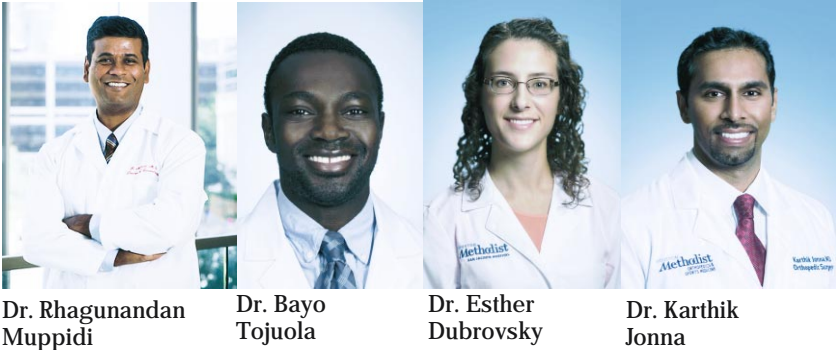


Rebecca Hall donates piano to Sam and Carmena Goss Memorial Branch

Houston Methodist San Jacinto Hospital, Lee College to host health event

BAYTOWN — (February 9, 2018) — Houston Methodist San Jacinto Hospital and the Lee College Community Education Program collaborate to present a free Community Health Symposium at the Baytown school's Rundell Hall Conference Center on Friday, February 16 from 8 a.m. to 12 noon. Houston Methodist San Jacinto Hospital's team of surgeons and physicians provide world-class health care and put the patient first in everything they do. The symposium is de-

signed to help you meet your health goals and offer valuable information that can help you live a longer, healthier life. Interventional cardiologist Dr. Rhagunandan Muppidi will discuss the causes, symptoms and treatments of cardiovascular disease and other structural heart conditions, as well as ways to help you stay heart healthy. Urologist Dr. Bayo Tojuola will provide information on a wide range of urologic conditions, including prostate cancer, kidney stones, bladder cancer and erectile dysfunction. Breast surgical oncologist Dr. Esther Dubrovsky will share information on a full spectrum of advanced breast surgery tech-



niques and the importance of regular mammography. Dr. Karthik Jonna, an orthopedic surgeon with Houston Methodist Orthopedics & Sports Medicine at Houston Methodist San Jacinto Hospital, will provide expertise on a variety of orthopedic conditions including joint replacement surgery and injury prevention. A light lunch will provided during the symposium. To register, visit www.lee.edu/senior and click "Health Symposium," or call 281.425.6311.

One Stop Patriot Shop serves many purposes

By Susan Passmore

The One Stop Patriot Shop isn't always open, but when it is, some amazing things happen there. The shop, housed in two classrooms in portable buildings at Goose Creek Memorial High School, is run by students in the Life Skills program and their teachers. During the past year and a half, it has provided clothes, food, toiletries and cleaning supplies free of charge for numerous families in need. "Mrs. Jackson, our principal, gave us the Backpack Buddies (Houston Food Bank) project so that students could learn vocational skills, such as sorting and reading labels, but she had heard about this type shop at another school, so we tried it, and it just exploded from there," said teacher Tiffany Aguilar. Fifteen students in the class work in the shop at least three times each week. When clothing donations come in from the staff or the community, they check them to make sure they're clean and in good shape, and they decide if the items could be worn at school. The class has access to a washer and dryer, so sometimes even soiled items may be salvaged. Students and families are referred to the shop by teachers, counselors and social workers for various reasons.



Goose Creek Memorial High School students sort donations in the One Stop Patriot Shop. Pictured are (from left) Tanner Sewell, 11th grade; Hannah Brown, ninth grade; Damon Deramus, 10th grade and Sergio Segoviano, 12th grade.

"One time we had a student who needed a pair of shoes because the sole of her shoe had come loose. At the end of school last year, we helped several kids who didn't have white shirts, ties or dress shoes for graduation. If students violate the dress code and can't reach a parent, we can usually find them something to wear," said Richie Lawrence, a para-professional who helps the students with the shop. The aftermath of Hurricane Harvey resulted in increased business for the workers. Not only did more donations come in, including backpacks and school supplies, but community

members took advantage of the opportunity to replace a few items they had lost in the flooding. The shop opens primarily for GCM families, but no one was turned away during Harvey. "Harvey was a huge push for us. We had the room, but we had to organize everything coming in. We helped 200-300 families during that time," Aguilar said. Lauren Desselle, Life Skills teacher, and Michelle Cienfuegos, para-professional, also take pride in assisting students with the One Stop Patriot Shop. Although the students are willing to do any-



Photos by Carrie Pryor-Newman
From left, Hannah Brown, ninth grade; Tanner Sewell, 11th grade and Damon Deramus, 10th grade, organize canned goods to be given to people in need. The students take pride in working in the One Stop Patriot Shop at Goose Creek Memorial High School.

thing necessary to maintain the shop, each student has a favorite job. "I love putting up the cans," said Hannah Brown, a freshman. Although both rooms of the shop are neater than most people's closets, the students are still in need of more clothing racks, shelves and other storage containers to keep everything organized for easier access. "I'm very proud of our students and all the work they have done in OSPS. Since it opened, it has provided many vocational opportunities for our students right here on campus. The students are

able to develop their vocational skills while providing a service for our campus, students, and families on our campus that are in need," Desselle said. "We are excited to watch the store and the students' skills continue to grow over the years to come." The success of the One Stop Patriot Shop may be measured by the intake and the outflow of goods, but, more importantly, its success can be gauged by the smiles on the faces of the students as they learn the importance of giving back to the community.

Waste Pits Update,

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that he wants to put his “Top Ten” projects on a fast track, to get action in the near future. To that end, he has appointed an overseer on his staff, Albert Kelley, formerly an Oklahoma banker. His job will be to move the waste pits project ahead faster than the normal Superfund process takes, according to Pruitt. They said that Kellley will meet every three months with the activist group, to report on progress.

One of the environmental activists that was present at this meeting was Lois Gibbs, known nationally for exposing the toxins at the Love Canal site, a landmark environmental project.

Young learned that although EPA has not had their own funds for clean-up purposes since a polluter fee was abolished by Congress in the 90's, there is now a bill in Congress to reinstate the “kitty” and have more money for clean-ups.

Young then showed slides of the court documents that led to the revelation that the PRP (Potential Responsible Parties) of the waste pits had been funding several groups that were claiming to be independent citizens voices. These included the San Jacinto Citizens



One of the dangers of leaving the Dioxin waste in the river, with a cap, is the power of the earth to change and move the earth. Here is a current scene, where after Hurricane Harvey the river tried to change course and cut a new path under I-10, only a few hundred yards farther west on the other side of the waste pits. Seen in the photo is a rubber cofferdam, in the distance.

Against Pollution, with a KeepItCapped website, and the Galveston Maritime Business Association.

The GMBA is headed by J. T. Edwards, who in an interview with FOX26 television newsman Greg Groogan, claimed that his organization was funded by independent trial lawyers. When he learned from court documents that the PRP had paid for PR work against the removal of the toxic waste, he alleg-



J. T. Edwards



Famed cartoonist Nick Anderson has contributed this art to the environmental cause of the San Jacinto River Coalition. It depicts the cardboard citizens groups claiming they want the waste pits capped rather than removed, but in reality shows that the responsible party, Waste Management's subsidiary, McGinnes Industrial Maintenance Corp. was behind the protestors.

edly said he did not see a problem with that money, and would welcome additional support, presumably from the PRP.

Edwards has been a vocal opponent of the EPA decision to remove the toxins from the site, saying “I think it's going to be good for the community,” referring to a cap instead of removal. Edwards is supposedly a former employee of Waste Management, although that has

not been confirmed.

The January 30 meeting in Galveston was held at the request of a number of the public who had been at the December EPA meeting in Highlands, and felt that the possibility of toxic material washing down the river to pollute the bay at Galveston deserved consideration and explanation in a meeting close to affected people in Galveston. The meeting was well publicized, and held at the Old

Galveston Courthouse hearing room. However, only about 30 persons were present at the meeting, many of them EPA staff and related public employees in other agencies. It was noted that only a few of the public that complained in Highlands in December were present to hear about the information they had requested.

At the February SJRC meeting, Young went on to present further updates that she had learned about. She mentioned that the river had attempted to cut a new channel west of the pits during Hurricane Harvey, showing the power of the river.

She also said that the public had been advised of TxDOT plans to improve I-10 in the area of the pits, with more lanes and a new, higher bridge over the river. If that happens, the pits could not stay in their present location, she noted.

Young reminded that group of the schedule of working, saying that Negotiation with the PRP would take the next 6-9 months, then Engineering design 6-9 months, and the Clean-up removal of the wastes would be 12-15 months.

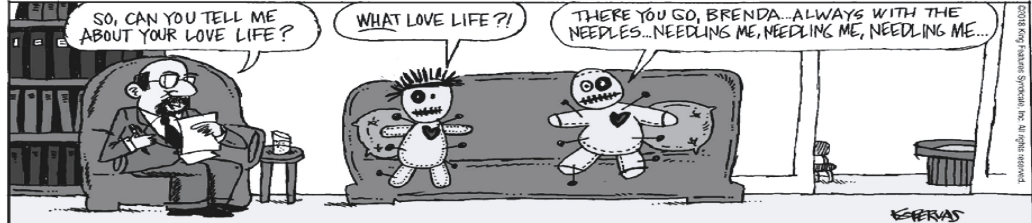
The next SJRC meeting is scheduled for March 13.

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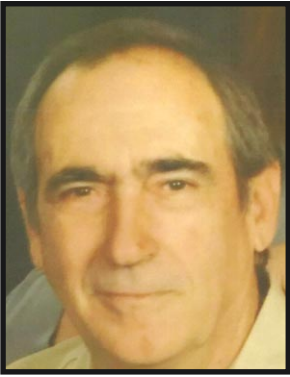
Denise Lynn Phillips



Denise Lynn Phillips, 53, of Houston, Texas, passed from this life, January 30, 2018. Denise was born July 19, 1964 in Mansfield, Ohio to parents, Charles and Joyce Johnston. She was preceded in death by her mother, Joyce Johnston-Mortimer. She is survived by children, Steven Phillips, and Lauren Aranda, by father, Charles Johnson, Sr. and brother, Charles Johnston, Jr.; as well as by many other family and friends.

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Robert Arnold Jurek



Robert Arnold Jurek, 69, of Crosby, Texas went to be with the Lord on February 8, 2018. Robert was born on October 6, 1948 in Houston, Texas to Arnold and Lydia (Dlouhy) Jurek. Robert served his country during the Vietnam War and was honorably discharged from the U.S. Army after receiving 2 purple heart awards and several Bronze star awards, one with the V device for acts of valor or meritorious service. Robert owned his own telephone business in the Houston area for many years. He was a long-time member of St. Dominic's Catholic Church and presently is a member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church. He was a 4th degree Knight with the Knights of Columbus and volunteered numerous hours with the organization. In his free time Robert enjoyed working outdoors, being in the country, BBQing, drinking cold Lonestar's, hunting, fishing and spending time with his family and friends. Robert was a very patriotic, generous and caring man who will be deeply missed by all who knew him. He is preceded in death by his parents, Arnold and Lydia Jurek; sister, Claudine Lewis and nephew, Kenny Lewis. Robert is survived by his loving wife of 45 years,

Madelyn Masaryk Jurek of Crosby; daughter, Larissa Wright and husband Kenneth of Crosby; Son, Brian Jurek and wife Amy of Houston; daughter, Amanda McBee and husband Josh of La Porte; grandchildren, Zoe Dugat-Burge, Madison Wright, Kaitlyn Wright, Jay McBee, Kaitlyn McBee, Milo Jurek, Louis Jurek; and many other relatives and friends. A visitation for family and friends will be held at Sterling-White on Sunday, February 11, 2018 from 5pm-8pm with a rosary starting at 7pm. A Mass of Christian burial will be held on Monday, February 12, 2018 11am at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Crosby with interment following at Sterling-White Cemetery. Services have been entrusted to Sterling-White Funeral Home 11011 Crosby-Lynchburg Rd. Highlands, Texas 77562. To send the family condolences please visit www.sterlingwhite.com

Cub Scouts help at Food Drive



Back Row: Mark Owen, Cub Master; Kay Mitchell, CUIC; Andria Ginn, Den Leader. Cub Scouts middle row: Shaun Harvey, Logan Darjean, Erik Hayes. Cub Scouts front row: Etahan Hayes, Noah Murrin.

Cub Scout Pack 264 from Crosby participated in a nationwide Boy Scouts of America event on February 2nd called Scouting For Food. Each year, scouts from across the country collect food for their local food pantry on Superbowl weekend. This year, Pack 264 collected over 1,000 non-perishable items and delivered them to Churches United in Car-

ing. Cub Master Mark Owen, along with Den Leader Andria Flowers, headed up the event this year. Over 20 local Cub Scouts participated. Kay Mitchell, a CUIC volunteer, along with many other volunteers were present Saturday, February 10 to accept the food donations.

CUIC is a Non-Profit organization run by volun-

teers for residents of Crosby, Huffman, and Barrett Station. CUIC's Thrift Shop is open Mohn-Sat from 10am - 2pm and also accepts donations of gently used items during these hours. The assistance Center accepts applications on Mon, Wed, and Fri from 10am - 11:30am. If you are interested in joining Cub Scouts, please visit www.beascout.org.

Stratford Library Highlands: One-on-One Computer Appointments

Need help on the computer? The Stratford Library in Highlands has one-on-one computer appointments available to help with learning about computer basics, editing your resume, or learning

how to use Excel. Have a specific computer question that you need help with? Give the library a call and set up an appointment! More information can be found online at www.hcpl.net, on our Fa-

cebook page: "Stratford Branch Library" or give us a call: 832-927-5400. Stratford Library is located 2 blocks behind Foodtown at 509 Stratford St in Highlands.

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Psalm: 46:1

Northside Baptist, Highlands to Study Revelation

The biblical book of Revelation will be the focus of a study at Northside Baptist Church of Highlands. Revelation is the last biblical book and deals with end times and the Second Coming of Jesus Christ. Revelation says, Blessed is he who reads and those who hear the words of this prophecy,

and keep those things which are written in it; for the time is near. The study will begin February 21, 2018 at 6pm and continue each Wednesday from 6-7pm. This informal study will be led by pastor David R. Brumbelow, a graduate of ETBU and SWBTS, and

will especially deal with the Premillennial viewpoint. The commentary, Be Victorious by Warren W. Wiersbe will also be used. Dress is casual and snacks will be served. Northside is located at 317 Barbers Hill Road, Highlands, TX 77562.

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1 Corinthians 16:13

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Leviticus 19:32

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Crosby ISD bond fund renovations set to begin



Interim Superintendant Kirk Lewis questions Todd Hicks on the ONRamps dual enrollment courses to be offered at Crosby High School and weighted grade point (based on the 6.0 scale) be awarded to students who successfully complete a course for high school credit in subjects approved by CISD policy to receive grade points.

CROSBY – While some would have us believe that the bond’s viability is in question, the CRE8 Architects are preparing to renovate the Barrett Primary and Crosby Elementary’s bathrooms this Summer.

At the school board meeting held Feb. 12, the board of Trustees voted 5 - 0 to adopt the bond construction delivery methods

as used in 2017. Additionally, they adopted the 2017 Bond Prevailing Wage Rates.

The school district seems to be looking to acquire a sizable amount of land to the North end of the district to put in a new 6th Grade which would later be a new Middle School because what was once the high school is running out

of room for students.

Much of the growth factor for Crosby is on the North end of the District. In fact much of the new residents are supplying students of middle school age in that sector so as statistics stack up the decision was a no-brainer to begin the work there for a totally new facility.

TXDOT meetings to study changes to I-10

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) Houston District will hold a series of public meetings regarding the I-10 East Planning and Environmental Linkages (PEL) study. The study encompasses I-10 East from I-69 in Harris County to SH 99 (Grand Parkway) in Chambers County. The I-10 East PEL study is a high-level, early-planning process. The goal of a PEL study is to gather feedback during planning to inform the environmental review process, including the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA).

The public meetings will be held on four separate nights and will be open house formats (no formal presentations) from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

- Tuesday, February 13, 2018, Barbers Hill High School, 9696 Eagle Drive, Mont Belvieu, TX 77580

- Thursday, February 15, 2018, Goose Creek Memorial High School, 6001 East Wallisville Road, Baytown, TX 77521
- Tuesday, February 20, 2018, Channelview High School, 1100 Sheldon Road, Channelview, TX 77530
- Thursday, February 22, 2018, Mickey Leland College Preparatory Academy for Young Men, 1700 Gregg Street, Houston, TX 77020

The purpose of the public meetings is to introduce the I-10 East PEL study and receive comments on information collected to date. Additionally, TxDOT would like to receive input on issues and ideas for future corridor goals.

Maps of the study corridor and exhibits will be available at the public meeting. This information will also be available for review by appointment Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m.

to 5:00 p.m., excluding state holidays, at the TxDOT Houston District Office, 7600 Washington Avenue, Houston, TX 77007. To schedule an appointment, please contact Pat Henry, P.E. at (713) 802-5241. Project information can also be viewed at <https://www.txdot.gov/inside-txdot/projects/studies/houston/houston-pel-i-10.html>.

Written comments may be submitted at the meeting; by mail to the TxDOT Houston District Office, Director of Project Development, P.O. Box 1386, Houston, TX 77251; or electronically to HOU-PIOWebMail@txdot.gov or at <https://www.txdot.gov/inside-txdot/projects/studies/houston/houston-pel-i-10.html>. Please reference Project No: 0912-00-535. Written comments must be postmarked or submitted electronically by Friday, March 9, 2018.

Atrial Fibrillation: when the heart skips a beat

(NAPSI)—Every heart has a built-in pacemaker that ensures it beats regularly. When that natural pacemaker doesn’t do its job, however, a person may experience an irregular heart rhythm, the most common and undertreated of which is atrial fibrillation (AF). This irregular heartbeat isn’t always noticeable at first but can cause chaos over time.

Understanding AF

AF, which affects more than 33.5 million people worldwide, occurs when the upper chambers of the heart beat significantly faster than a normal heartbeat or quiver irregularly. Some people with AF have no symptoms, while others have chest discomfort or pain and experience fainting or light-headedness, as well as fatigue, shortness of breath or weakness.

“When I was young, my heart did funny things. It fluttered, it skipped a beat, but mostly it resolved by itself,” said Sue Halpern, a lifelong AF patient. “When it didn’t resolve by itself, I somehow learned how to make it stop. I began to notice in my 20s and early 30s that it was getting harder to make it stop, but I still didn’t know anything was wrong with me.”

Because the heart isn’t pumping normally, blood can pool in the heart and

clot; these clots can also make their way through the bloodstream. If left untreated, people with AF have a much higher risk of stroke and an increased risk of heart failure.

AF is typically caused by damage to the heart from disease, an abnormality from birth, surgery or a heart attack. However, adopting healthy behaviors such as monitoring cholesterol and blood pressure, avoiding smoking and excessive caffeine, and not abusing alcohol can help prevent disease.

How To Tell If You Have AF

As with so many diseases, early detection of AF is important. Physicians may obtain an electrocardiogram (ECG) or stress test, or recommend short-term monitoring with a cardiac event recorder or Holter monitor. Unlike these short-term methods, a small insertable cardiac monitor (ICM) automatically detects and records abnormal heart rhythms for up to three years, while remaining barely detectable under the patient’s skin. For example, the Medtronic Reveal LINQ ICM is approximately one-third the size of an AAA battery, yet it can accurately detect AF.

What To Do If You Have AF

Once diagnosed, living with AF doesn’t have to be a burden. While treatment options vary, many people respond well to medications. For those whose natural pacemaker needs an extra boost to keep the beat, treatment may include an implantable cardiac defibrillator (ICD) or a pacemaker that can respond to and reduce the duration of AF episodes. An ICD can also detect a dangerous and potentially life-threatening heart rhythm and send a lifesaving therapy to correct it.

Another treatment for paroxysmal (fleeting) atrial fibrillation (PAF) is cryoablation, a minimally invasive procedure that isolates the pulmonary veins, which are a source of erratic electrical signals that cause PAF. The device used in the procedure uses cold energy to interrupt these irregular electrical pathways in the heart.

In Halpern’s case, cryoablation greatly reduced her PAF episodes and has given her a new outlook on life.

“For someone who was having episodes every seven to 10 days for eight to 12 hours at a time, I wouldn’t have dreamed of having a life free of AF,” Halpern said. “My advice is, if you feel something off with your heart, do something about it.”

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The bids will be opened and publicly read in the Council Chamber, 10301 Market Street at the regular Council Meeting at 6:00 p.m. on February 22, 2018.

The City reserves the right to reject any and/or all bids, to waive any/or all technicalities and to accept any bid or part thereof which in the opinion of the council is most advantageous to the city.

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REQUESTS FOR PROPOSALS (RFP)

The City of Jacinto City, Texas is requesting proposals from qualified vendors to provide the following site-specific Hurricane Harvey-related Disaster Debris services in accordance with applicable local, state, and Federal Emergency Management Agency regulations. This RFP applies to debris stored at the temporary debris site located at 12202 Market Street.

- DEBRIS MONITORING SERVICES
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Proposals are due by 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, February 22, 2018.

Two (2) paper copies of the Proposal must be delivered to:

Office of the City Secretary

1301 Mercury Drive

Houston, Texas 77029

RFP Contact

Lon Squyres

713-674-8424

lon.squyres@jacintocity-tx.gov

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TAKE NOTICE that in accordance with V.T.C.A., Water Code, §49.062, the Board of Directors of Harris County Water Control and Improvement District No. 21 has, on January 1, 2018, formally designated an office outside the boundaries of the District at the offices of Baker Williams Matthiesen LLP, 5005 Woodway, Suite 201, Houston, Texas 77056, which shall be used for the purpose of conducting the business of the District as is not required to be done within the District, and for the purpose of keeping District records. Said office is hereby declared to be a public place and open to the public.


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