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# IN THE STARS

#### **EVENTS**

#### SAT, MARCH 24 ANNUAL KIDS ON A BIG RIG

Crosby Education Foundation is hosting the 2nd annual Kids on a Big Rig on Saturday, March 24th at Crosby Middle Sschool from 10am-3pm. There will be large trucks, emergency vehicles, heavy equipment, classic cars, and more. Petting zoo, face painting, a bounce house, and concessions.

#### SAT, MARCH 24 ROCKIN'C ARENA

At the Crosby Rodeo
Fairgrounds, 10 am -

#### SAT, MARCH 24 HIPPITY HOP EASTER HUNT

Children up to age nine are welcome to join in the funfilled activities at Crosby Community Center, 409 Hare Road, Crosby 77532, Saturday, March 24 from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. Children are encouraged to bring an Easter basket.

Easter Egg Hunt Schedule: 9:30 a.m. Ages 3 and under 10 a.m. Ages 4 through 6 10:30 a.m. Ages 7 through 9.

#### THUR, MARCH 29 DIGESTIVE HEALTH SEMINAR

Houston Methodist San Jacinto Hospital will have a Digestive Health Seminar Gastroenterologist panel, 4401 Garth Rd., Baytown, TX 77521, at Main Boardroom. See AD, page 8 for more details.

#### SAT., APRIL 7 COMMUNITY GARAGE SALE

Precinct2gether Community Garage Sale, San Jacinto Community Center, 604 Highland Woods Drive, April 7, 8:00 am - 1:00 pm. 281-426-7561 for info. Proceeds benefit Precinct2gether organization

BIRTHDAYS Mar 22--Craig Gross

Lisa Strouhal Laura White Mar 23--Jackie Thompson Charolotte Wotipka Mar 24-Lindsey Bell

John Townsend Mary Helen James Mar 25--Tara Barron Mike O'Conner Mar 27--Emma Johnson

Mar 27--Emma Johnson Mar 28--Zachery Abbott Rebecca Erikson Edgar Wotipka

#### **DEATHS**

Steven Gene Jones Terry Ann Bond

## Rock'nC Round-Up featured artists

CROSBY – This weekend the Rock'nC Round Up will feature three greats performers of Country Music. So, if you were frustraited in attempts to see Garth, just come to the Crosby Rodeo Fairgrounds and have an advance ticket and everything will work out for you.

There will be chances to play, eat and dance and a live auction by the Crosby Fair & Rodeo will offer unique novelties.

Tracy Lynn Byrd will play here Saturday night. Originally from Vidar, Texas Tracy now hails from Beaumont. Tracy broke big in county with "Holdin' Heaven" in 1993. "Ten Rounds with José Cuervo" in October 2002, became Byrd's second Number One country hit.



**Tracy Byrd** 

One of his friends coaxed him into singing a cover of Hank Williams' "Your Cheatin' Heart" at a local mall recording studio. The owner of the studio was so impressed with his version that he entered Byrd into a local talent



Brandon Rhyder

contest. Byrd signed with MCA Records in 1992.

Byrd released his next album, Different Things, in 2007 via his own Blind Mule label. It was led off by "Cheapest Motel", cowritten by Cole Deggs of Cole Deggs & the Lone-



Adam Hood

some. After this song came "Better Places Than This." Nine years later, Tracy self-released a new album, All American Texan, on October 10, 2016.

Crosby will welcome Carthage native and Red-Dirt Country Master Brandon Rhyder Saturday night.

Brandon released his second album Behind The Pine Curtain in 2003. With his third album, Conviction that came out in August 2005 had Brandon's stock contining to rise as a mainstay in the Texas music scene. It was with his fourth album titled Live that was on Apex Records. which is based out of Nashville, TN that Brandon got his first number one single on the Texas Country Music Chart with "Before I Knew Your Name". Brandon released of his fifth record in 2008 titled Every

Night. Brandon Rhyder in Feb-

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## Governor infuses cash to solve flooding

HUFFMAN – Texas Governor Greg Abbott looked over areas flooded by Hurricane Harvey and pledged millions of dollars to northeast Harris County following Harris County Commissioner's Court determining a need for flood mitigation was necessary the week before within the San Jacinto Watershed, the watershed areas containing Lake Houston and the San

Jacinto River.

Gov. Abbott flew around the San Jacinto Watershed in a helicopter to view the flooding problems. He noted the silt, sandbars, a stunning number of sand mining operations "all up and down the river, and were able to understand more comprehensively the way in which these sand mining operations contribute sand and silt into the river."



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State Representative Dan Huberty, Harris County Judge Ed Emmett join Texas Gov. Greg Abbott in review of the San Jacinto Watershed. Comprehensive review of the waterways are under review by City of Houston, Harris County and State Authorities.

Hazard Mitigation Funds for about \$3 Million from the Texas Dept. of Emergency Management is now authorized to start up engineering and permitting to find out where dredging should begin on the San Jacinto River and Lake Houston.

The same source will provided \$2 Million to study the region and discover how to prevent flooding in the San Jacinto watershed.

Gov. Abbott is instructing the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality to investigate and take action against sand mining operations violating regulations within the San Jacinto watershed.

The Governor's office is directing the San Jacinto

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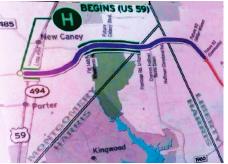
# Grand Parkway H Section begins

CROSBY – Roads get a lot of attention at the Crosby-Huffman Chamber of Commerce so when Grand Parkway Infrastructure joned as a member and spoke at the annual luncheon held at the Crawfish Shak they got lots of atten-

Specifically, Otis Johnson talked of the business interest in making TxDOT projects H&I into reality. The design-build team for the project is Grand Parkway Infrastructure.

Sections H&I encompasses Highway 146 to US 59 and New Caney. It will connect what is already built at the New Caney area. It will connect all of that south to 146 area in Baytown. Including where construction hasn't begun in New Caney and runs to where the highway conjoins US 90, south to 146.

It will start construction in late summer or fall of 2018. The target open is about 2022.



Project H already in design is to begin late Summer of this year. East of that is Project I that will intersect US 90 and run to Highway 146.

Otis Johnson DBE Manager discusses at the Crawfish Shak how Grand Parkway Infrastructure hopes to raises about \$90 M in business investment.

Four-and-a-half years of delivery schedule and 52 miles of four lanes in each direction. Heather DeLapp, GPI spokeswoman, said the contractors plan to have more public outreach events.

Overall, for the fiscal year 2018, there are seven total projects with a combined estimated construction cost of \$56.8 million in Chambers County alone.

## SUPERFUND NEWS

### SJRC's Young tracks Superfund progress of EPA

HIGHLANDS – The San Jacinto River Coalition/THEA met last Tuesday evening at the Community Center, to keep abreast of developments in the Waste Pits removal, and hear other environmental concerns

ncerns. There has been no public action recent-



no public action recently on the Waste Pits, SJRC director Jackie Young said. The EPA made a Final Decision in October of last year, to remove the waste material completely from the site.

Since then, two parallel actions have been taking place: the he PRP (Potential Re-

negotiations with the PRP (Potential Responsible Parties); and the Remedial Design. Young showed a slide of the EPA "Snake Chart" indicating the various steps required in the Superfund process. She indicated that we were right on schedule. However, whe noted along with audience members, that there is no good reason why sheet pilng to contain the tox

See Waste Pits Meeting, Page 8

### EPA appoints new Region 6 administrator

WASHINGTON - Today, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Administrator Scott Pruitt announced the appointment of Anne Idsal to become regional admini-



Idsal joins the Agency having spent her career working for the Texas state

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### **ROUND-UP**

## West Chambers County Pilot Club celebrates 25th Anniversary

#### **Community Health Fair**

This is a free community event. designed to encourage healthy lifestyles, prevent and manage disease and connect you to sources. Free health screenings. March 22, 2018 from 2:00 - 6:00 pm at Dayton Community Center, 801 S. Cleveland St., Dayton, TX 77535.

#### **Bags & Bands** free lunchtime concert at Town **Square**

The Baytown Parks and Recreation Department invite you to come enjoy lunch away from the office at Town Square located at 213 W. Texas Ave. Pick up your lunch and head out to hear a variety of local artists playing free concerts each friday in March 2018 from 12:00 p.m to 1:30

• Friday, March 23 -Landon Bullard (Texas Country)

• Friday, March 30 -Howard McMichael (Steel Drum)

For more information, contact theBaytown Parks and **Recreation Department** at 281-420-6597.

You Bring the Eats, We Bring the Beats!!!

#### WCCCC **Special** Luncheon

Featuring Congressman Babin. Dr. Babin will share updates on the Tax Cut and Jobs Act and other news from the United States House of Representatives. March 29, 2018, 2:00 pm - 01:30 pm atEagle Pointe Golf Club Pavilion, 12440 Eagle Pointe Drive, Mont Belvieu, Texas 77523. Seating is Limited. No tickets will be available at the door.

#### **Eagle Open** Golf

#### **Tournament**

**Eagle Open Golf** Tournament, April 13, 2018. Eagle Underwriter Community Toyota\*Honda\*Kia and Cap Sponsor Northstar Energy Services will be there and hope you will share a beautiful day at the Eagle Open, as well!

Lots of opportunities remain to market your business to our top industrial companies, contractors, suppliers and elected officials.

Should you have questions, give a call to the Chamber office (281-576-5440), or email Rhonda@TheWCCCC.com



West Chambers County Pilot Club President Tonya Keller, Charter members Susan Hudnall, Shirley Harmon, Sharon Harper, and Betty Dutton.



West Chambers County Pilot Club President Tonya Keller, Texas District Lt Governor Gail Wilson, Governor-Elect Debbie Ray, Texas District Governor Connie Hernandez, and Past Governor Bobbie King.

District Governor, Connie Past-Governor Bobbie King, Texas District Governor-Elect Debbie Ray, and Texas District Lt Governor Gail Wilson, also attending were Linda and Steve Arthur with the

Attending were Texas the Reverend Melody Kraus of First United Hernandez, Texas District Methodist Church of Mont Belvieu along with twentyfive Pilot members.

The Pilot Club was chartered on February 20, 1993 with fifty-seven dedicated members. Four charter members are still Crowder Foundation and in the Club, Betty Dutton, Shirley Harmon, Sharon Harper, and Susan Hudnall. Each charter member received a certificate and a 25 year pin from Pilot International and a gift from the Club.

The first Grand Gala was held on April 25, 1998, to raise funds for a wheelchair accessible van which was purchase for use by the citizens of West Chambers County. This year's Gala on April 7, 2018 will help fund future projects. Some of the projects that have been added over the years are donating to Barbers Hill High School for the ImPact (Immediate Post-Concussion Assessment and Cognitive Testing) program that was started at the High School, and by donating scholarships to Eagle Pointe for the Swim Starfish program, the program provides individual swim lessons to people with special needs.

## Chambers County Mosquito Control



The Chambers County Mosquito Control offices are located at 336 Airport Road, Anahuac, Texas, 77514. We can be reached during normal business hours from 8 AM to noon and 1 PM to 5 PM, Monday through Friday, at 409-267-2720. When the mosquitoes are bad, you may have to call several times in order to get through. Please be nice to the secretary when you call - remember, it's not her

What can I do to have less

mosquitoes at my House? The first line of defense is to make sure that you are not breeding mosquitoes on your own property. Walk your yard and check for anything that is holding water. Anything that can hold water for 5 days or more is a potential mosquito breeding site. Even bottle caps are capable of producing mosquitoes.

If you can, remove the container or store it where it will not fill with water. This is the best way to handle the problem. If the container is a bird bath, pet water dish, or some other container that you can not remove, then be sure to rinse it out completely every 3 days. Do NOT simply add water to the container - you must flush the mosquito larvae out onto the ground to kill them. If you collect rain water for your plants, simply place a piece of screen over the container so that the mosquitoes can't get in to lay eggs.

Remember to clean your rain gutters! Blockages can cause water to stand in them long enough to produce mosquitoes. Fill in low areas in your yard or under your house if possible. Repair all water leaks as soon as possible. Even plastic sheeting can hold water in the folds and pro-

duce large numbers of mosquitoes. Remember, if you breed mosquitoes, you

will feed mosquitoes. When mosquitoes are flying in from miles away, there is little the home owner can do. Most importantly, you do not want to attract mosquitoes to your house. Either turn off security lights or replace them with motion detector lights that come on only when needed. If you must have a security light on at all times, change the bulb from a mercury vapor to a sodium vapor bulb. The yellowish sodium vapor light is less attractive to insects than the blue-white mercury vapor light. Turn off your bug zapper - less than 2% of the bugs that you see killed are actually mosquitoes, but the light does attract them into the

#### Mosquitoes

We have approximately 50 species of mosquitoes in Chambers County. Of these, the public commonly encounters about 12. It is important to know which species you are dealing with before control strategies can be planned and initiated, as the different species vary in breeding sites, flight ranges, peak activity periods, and biting behavior.

Basic Biology Eggs are laid in one of two ways, depending on the species. Some species (pool breeders) lay eggs directly on standing water. These eggs hatch in 24 to 48 hours, and the mosquito larvae take 5 to 7 days to emerge as adults. Fresh eggs are laid every day, so mosquito production is constant unless the water evaporates. This type of egg laying behavior is also common in artificial containers such as tires, bird baths, buckets & cans, rain gutters, etc. These species

usually fly only 1 to 5

Other species (flood water breeders) lay eggs on dry ground in depressions or low areas that will hold water after a rain or high tide. These eggs are viable for several years, and will hatch in minutes after being submerged if water temperatures are in the right range. Again, 5 to 7 days are spent in the larval stage before the mosquito emerges as an adult. Because all the eggs hatch at once, large numbers of mosquitoes are produced simultaneously. Think of them as tiny time bombs! This is why you have no mosquitoes on one day, and the next day you are covered with them. These species can fly up to 100+ miles. Some species also lay these eggs in dry arti-

ficial containers. Regardless of the species, only 20% of the eggs that are deposited survive to become adults, and of these, about half, or 10%, are females. This means that only 10% of the potential mosquito population causes all of our problems.

Why does it take so long to spray?

Chambers County has approximately 600 square miles of territory. Our recent rural and suburban population growth has dramatically increased the acreage in the aerial spray sections. The result is that with perfect weather conditions, it takes us about 5 days using 1 aircraft to cover all of the spray sections one time. Under heavy mosquito situations, we just can't keep up with the re-infestation rate. Even so, we use an average of 10,000 gallons of spray each year and cover over 625,000 acres each year with the aircraft

Chambers County www.co.chambers.tx.us

# Pilot Club prepares for annual Gala



West Chambers County Pilot Club Secretary Wynona Montgomery, left, received a Silver sponsorship from Lee Machin with Sylvan Learning of Baytown, for the Pilot Club's upcoming "Lights, Camera, Auction" Gala, that will be held April 7, 2018 from 6:00 to 10:00 pm at Barbers Hill High School on Eagle Drive in Mont Belvieu, Texas.

#### **BAYTOWN NATURE CENTER**

### Second full moon of the month means Blue Moon Hike

On Saturday, March 31, the second Full Moon Hike of the month is scheduled at the Baytown Nature Center, 6213 Bayway

Join a staff Naturalist at 7:30 pm for the 90 minute walk exploring habitats that are home to diurnal animals during the day, nocturnal animals at night and crepuscular animals at dusk. As darkness falls, the 'night shift' awakens to search for food, water, or perhaps a mate. A coyote howl or a greathorned owl calling for a mate is always a special treat. The hike is open to all ages; however, the ability to stay relatively quiet ensures a better chance of seeing wildlife, so this particular program is not the best for very young children.

On the somewhat rare

occurrence of two full moons in the same month, the second is labeled a blue moon. Blue moons can occur in any month except February. The name gave rise to the saying "Once in a blue moon," describing something which transpires infrequently. Full Moon Hikes are

free with regular admission to the nature center. Adult admission (13+) is \$4 and children 5-12 and seniors 65+ is only \$1. If you visit the nature center earlier in the day for picnicking or fishing, your day pass will be honored for the Full Moon Hike. Hikes are weather permitting. If in doubt, phone the nature center at 281-424-9198 or check the center's Facebook page. For more information contact Crissy Bucher at 281-420-7130 orChristina.Butcher@baytown.org.

#### ★ OPINION PAGE ★

# STATE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS By Ed Sterling

# Appellate court's ruling on immigration law draws reactions

AUSTIN — Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick and Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton on March 13 praised a ruling by a panel of the 5th Circuit U.S. Court of Appeals upholding a new state law that bans sanctuary cities.

The Legislature enacted Senate Bill 4 in 2017 to set a statewide policy of cooperation with federal immigration authorities' enforcement of the nation's immigration laws.

"I'm pleased the 5th Circuit recognized that Senate Bill 4 is lawful, constitutional and protects the safety of law enforcement officers and all Texans," Paxton said. "Enforcing immigration law prevents the release of individuals from custody who have been charged with serious crimes. Dangerous criminals shouldn't be allowed back into our communities to possibly commit more crimes."

The ruling also drew reactions from several lawmakers, including state Rep. Rafael Anchia, D-Dallas, who serves as chair of the Mexican American Legislative

"SB 4 will continue to jeopardize the safety of Texas communities by forcing our local police officers to enforce federal immigration laws instead of keeping families safe. From day one, this law was racially motivated for political gain against the will of local law enforcement and to the detriment of thousands of live and call Texas home," Anchia said. "The decision today doesn't mean that SB 4 won't lead to abuse of power against Latinos and immigrants. In fact, it likely means citizens' civil rights will be violated before we can stop this unjust law in the courts."

A U.S. District Court in San Antonio granted a preliminary injunction of SB 4 on Aug. 30, two days before the law was scheduled to take effect. On Sept. 25, a three-judge panel of the 5th Circuit ruled that Texas could enforce key provisions of SB 4 while it appealed the lower court ruling. On Nov. 7, Paxton's office presented its oral argument before a panel of the 5th Circuit in defense of SB 4. Paxton's office is the key enforcement agency for SB 4 and is accepting complaints regarding entities that violate the law.

## Governor asks for tips

At least two deaths resulted from the detonation of explosive devices in packages placed at Austin residences. Investigations by law enforcement have been in progress since citizens unwittingly picked up or opened the packages, causing the deadly detonations.

Gov. Greg Abbott on March 12 issued a statement following what he termed "multiple package bombings," saying, "As the investigation continues, the State of Texas will provide any resources necessary to ensure the safety of our citizens and quickly bring those guilty to justice."

Abbott also said his Criminal Justice Division is offering a reward of up to \$15,000 for information leading to the identification and arrest of anyone involved in the deadly blasts. To be eligible for a cash reward of up to \$15,000, tips must be submitted to Texas Crime Stoppers using one of the following methods:

— Call the Texas Crime Stoppers hotline at 1-800-252-TIPS; or

— Text the letters "DPS" followed by any tip information to 274637.

County lacks jurisdic-

Attorney General
Paxton on March 16
applauded the First Court
of Appeals of Texas after
it ruled that Waller
County lacks jurisdiction
to sue a private citizen
who complained that the
county unlawfully banned
firearms from its government building.

Paxton's office filed a brief in the case, arguing that it should be dismissed.

In reversing a Waller County district court's ruling, the Court of Appeals held that Terry Holcomb Sr. had a constitutional right to send a letter to Waller County asking it to comply with Texas' open carry laws without fear of a retaliatory and meritless lawsuit.

#### Zika cases are reported

The Texas Department of State Health Services on March 13 received reports of the first Texas Zika cases of 2018, two cases involving residents of Williamson County who got sick while abroad.

People should remember to protect themselves from mosquito bites this spring as they travel, particularly to warmer climates where Zika is more prevalent, such as Central and South America and the Caribbean, the DSHS said.

Zika is a mosquitoborne virus that can cause fever, rash, muscle and joint aches and red eyes. Zika has also been linked to microcephaly and other poor pregnancy outcomes in babies of mothers who were infected with the virus while pregnant.



# Keep the Spring in your step: good reasons to exercise after age 50

(NAPSI)—For many older adults, growing older seems to involve an inevitable loss of strength, energy and vigor-but that need not be, says the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). The frailty and decreased energy associated with aging are largely due to muscle loss due to inactivity. And when it comes to muscle, the old saying is true: "Use it or lose it."

#### What To Do

One of the best ways to keep muscles healthy and strong, the CDC advises, is through exercises called strength training.

#### Why To Do It

Done regularly, strength training builds bone and muscle and helps to preserve strength, independence and energy. These exercises are safe and effective for women and men of all ages, including those who are not in perfect health. In fact, people with health concerns—such as arthritis or heart disease—often benefit the most from lifting weights a few times each week.

Strength training, the CDC adds, can also reduce the signs and symptoms of:

- Arthritis—It reduces pain and stiffness and increases strength and flexibility.
- Diabetes—It improves glycemic control.
- Osteoporosis—It builds bone density and reduces risk for falls.
- Heart disease—It reduces cardiovascular risk by improving lipid profile and overall fitness.
- Obesity—It increases metabolism, which helps burn more calories and helps with long-term weight control.
- Back pain—It strengthens back and abdominal muscles to reduce stress on the spine.

What's more, studies have shown that people who exercise regularly sleep better and have less depression, more self-confidence and self-esteem, and a greater sense of well-being.

Fortunately, strength training exercises are easy to learn, and have been proven safe and effective through years of thorough research. What's more, you may be relieved to learn, there are ways to train without undo strain, aches and pains.

#### Doctor's Advice

To help, Bob Arnot, M.D., an award-winning journalist, author of 12 books on nutrition and health, host of the "Dr. Danger" reality TV series, previously Chief Medical Correspondent for NBC and CBS News, and Chief Foreign Correspondent for MSNBC and NBC, offers this advice:

• Find a few minutes at least two to three times a week to maintain general fitness. Try three or four

five-minute bursts of activity such as walking or climbing the stairs at the office.

• Take two or three

more minutes a day for yoga breathing and movements to help your body maintain balance, usable strength, flexibility and muscular restoration.

• Spend another few

minutes every day and be-

fore any vigorous exercise

- doing calf stretches and forward bends.

   Stay hydrated before, during and after your
- workout.

   To reduce your risk of muscle soreness after exercise, consider a massage, an Epsom salts bath

or intermittent hot and

cold showers, as well as proper stretching and cooldown.

- Muscle strains and muscle pulls are major health concerns for weekend athletes. Signs you should look for alerting you to rest your muscles and avoid overtraining are a higher than normal resting heart rate, disrupted sleep due to an elevated heart rate, muscle cramping and muscle twitching.
- Eat right. In addition to lots of fruits and vegetables and a few lean meats, consume foods with magnesium, which helps fight inflammation, and with vitamin B12especially if you're over 50-such as fortified cereals. Drink three cups of fat-free or low-fat milk throughout the day or consume the equivalent in yogurt, cheese or other dairy products. Consider an anti-inflammatory diet—cut out sugar, potatoes, tomatoes and eggplant.
- Go topical. Topical pain relievers such as creams, gels and patches work locally. For example, the Salonpas Lidocaine 4% Pain Relieving Gel-Patch provides the maximum strength of lidocaine available without a prescription.

According to the Center for Medicare Advocacy, "[Lidocaine] is a highly effective pain reliever and its unique non-narcotic and nonaddictive properties make it a benign alternative to opioids, without the risks and devastating side effects of opioids."

These unscented patches can desensitize aggravated nerves and provide numbing relief generally within an hour of application.

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#### LIFESTYLE PAGE

# OBITUARIES

#### **Steven Gene Jones**

Steven Gene Jones 47, of Crosby, Texas went to be with the Lord on March 15, 2018. Steven was born on January 20, 1971 in Taylor Texas to Jerry and Pam Jones.

Steven enjoyed music, swimming, going to church, Special Olympics, watching wrestling and most of all spending time with his friends and family. Steven was a friendly and kind young man who had a great sense of humor and a big smile on his face, he will be deeply missed by all who loved and knew

He is preceded in death by his grandmother, Bobbye Miller Wood; grandmother, Catherine Foster; grandfather, Gerald Jones: grandfather, Billy Foster; and grandfather, Gene Miller. Steven is survived by his parents Jerry and Pam Jones of Crosby; sister, Lynsey Brashear and husband Chris of Crosby; sister, Amy Nevil and husband Jeremy of Crosby; nieces, Amber Hickl, Hailey Hickl, Emma Nevil and Kynlee Brashear;

Palm Sunday

11:00am-Worship

Chancel Choir.



nephew, James Nevil and many other relatives and

A visitation for family and friends will be held on Sunday, March 18, 2018 from 5pm-8pm at Sterling-White. Funeral services will be held on Monday, March 19, 2018 10am at First Baptist Church in Crosby 615 Runneburg Rd. Crosby, Texas 77532. Services have been entrusted to Sterling-White Funeral Home 11011 Crosby-Lynchburg Rd. Highlands, Texas 77562. To send the family condolences please

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#### **Terry Ann Bond**



Terry Ann Bond, born September 01, 1952, was called to her heavenly home on March 02, 2018. Terry was preceded by her parents Malcolm L. (Chiefy) Bond and Eleanor Jean Newton Bond. Survived by sisters Elaine Carmichael and husband Mike Carmichael, Bonnie Roberts and fiance Danny Bartee, brother Michael L. Bond, and numerous nieces and nephews.

Terry was a graduate from Channelview High School in 1971. She loved to travel the United States, especially Gatlinbury and Pigeon Forge, Tennessee. She was an avid quilter and loved to attend quilting re-

Family would like to give special thanks to Dr. Sanjay Kunapuli, Dr Zehra Kapadia, Dr. Lucas Duvall, Dr. Anupam Sidu, Dr. David English ad Dr Ghayyath Sultan, along with the nursing staff at Methodist Willowbrook Hospital. God bless each of you for the wonderful you all gave Terry over the

## Sweet ways to welcome warmer days

(Family Features) Warmer, longer days are made for quality time with friends and family. There's no better way to cap off an afternoon in the sun than a good meal followed by a great dessert. Plan to end your next gathering on a sweet note with these fruity desserts to conclude a day spent with loved ones.

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- 1 1/4 cups crushed pretzels
- cup granulated sugar cup butter, melted
- cup creamy peanut butter
- package (8 ounces) cream cheese cup powdered sugar
- 1 1/2 cups frozen whipped dessert topping, thawed
- can (21 ounces) Lucky Leaf Premium Strawberry Fruit Filling and Topping



Combine pretzels and granulated sugar then stir in butter. Press crumb mixture onto bottom and sides of 10-inch pie plate. Cover and chill.

With electric mixer on medium speed, beat together peanut butter, cream cheese and powdered sugar. Fold in whipped dessert topping.

Spoon 1/2 cup pie filling into crust-lined pie plate. Carefully spread peanut butter filling over top. Top with remaining pie filling. Cover and chill 2 hours before serving.

#### Fluffy Blueberry Cream Pie with Toasted Coconut

- package (8 ounces) cream cheese, softened
- 1/3 cup sugar
- tablespoon milk
- 2 cups frozen whipped topping, thawed
- can (21 ounces) Lucky Leaf Premium or Organic Blueberry Fruit Filling or
- cup toasted coconut flakes, plus additional for topping, if desired
- graham cracker crust (9 inches) In large bowl, beat together cream cheese, sugar and milk until creamy, about 1-2 minutes. Add whipped topping, pie filling and coconut; carefully fold together until no streaks remain.

Spoon filling mixture into graham cracker crust. Sprinkle top with additional coconut flakes, if desired. Cover and chill 2 hours, or until firm.

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#### ★ COMMUNITY PAGE ★

### New EPA Region 6 Head,

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government in helping shape environmental and land policy for the state.

Since 2015, Anne Idsal has served as chief clerk and deputy land commissioner for the Texas General Land Office (GLO) where she oversees all budget and expenditure matters, and initiated the Office's reorganization efforts to optimize business functions and provide costsavings for taxpayers. She previously served as the general counsel to GLO where she provided substantive and procedural legal counsel to the Commissioner and led an office of attorneys on issues relating to oil and gas, coastal lands, public lands, financial transactions, and general law.

Prior to joining the Texas General Land Office, Anne served as General Counsel to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ), where she provided legal counsel to the Commissioners and oversaw the offices of the Chief Clerk, Public Interest Counsel, and Chief Auditor. She also served as a special advisor to the commissioner, providing coun-

sel on policy development and implementation.

"Anne is an accomplished lawyer and civil servant who will make an immediate impact in providing positive environmental and health outcomes as a regional administrator," said Administrator Pruitt. "She has spent her career working to shape environmental and land policy for the Lone Star State, and her experience in the region makes her exceptionally qualified to provide administrative leadership for Region 6."

### Crosby Rodeo Performers,

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ruary, 2010 celebrated his fast rising single, "Rock Angel," which landed in the coveted No. 1 spot for two weeks in a row on both the Texas Music chart and the Texas Regional Radio. This song is the lead track from his new disc Head Above Water that was released nationwide on February 16, 2010 via Thirty Tigers.

Also in the last year, Brandon moved his booking to Red 11 in Nashville and released his fifth record in 2008 titled Every Night producer/co-writer Radney Foster. The record debuted at No. 53 on the Top Country Albums chart and at No. 50 on Bill-

board's Top New Artist Albums chart. Every Night's lead single, "This Ain't It," jumped to No. 5 on the Texas Music Chart and the accompanying video to "This Ain't It" was released in the summer of 2009. In May 2013, Rhyder released his new hit single "Haggard" and has set a release date for August 2013 for his eighth album.

To date, Brandon has delivered three Top 20 singles, two Top 10 singles, three Top 5 singles and now two No. 1 singles with "Rock Angel" and "Before I Knew Your Name."

Also playing on Saturday is Adam Hood, a singer-songwriter from Opelika, Alabama. His music is in the style of Texas country, Americana, and roots rock.

Hood's music video for "Hell of a Fight" ranked #5 on the CMT front page main category "Todays Top Videos" on February 18, 2012. Hood toured with artists such as Pat Green, Todd Snider, Miranda Lambert, Leon Russell and Ian Moore. He was on the Willie Nelson Throwdown Tour for the summer of 2011 as part of the Bluebird Cafe singer/songwriter group.

In January 2015, Rolling Stone mentioned Hood as a top 10 country artists listeners should know.

# Rotary entertained by "Yellow Rose of Texas"

Christie Erickson, a member of the Rodeo Houston speakers bureau, made an entertaining presentation of the life and history of Emily West Morgan, known as the Yellow Rose of Texas. She was the lover of Santa Ana, when he lost the Battle of San Jacinto, or so the story goes.

Erickson assumed the role of Emily, and with dialogue and costume pieces made the story come alive. She explained that the "Yellow" was a slang description of the time, for light skinned negro people.

On April 21st of this year, the Battle will be cel-



ebrated and re-enacted on the battlefield, so this presentation was both timely and relevant. Rotarians thoroughly enjoyed the unique and unusual luncheon program.

al luncheon program.

ABOVE, Christie Erickson displays special period hats and dresses that she had made for the Living History presentation. LEFT, Rotarian Gil Hoffman can't resist seeing

how he looks in a Yellow Bonnet.

## Flooding problem studied,

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River Authority (SJRA) to immediately identify what can be done to prevent flood events along the West Fork of the river.

In the six months since the deluge of Hurricane Harvey it has been discovered that areas around Lake Houston were hardest hit and struggling to recover. Earlier this month, City of Houston Mayor Sylvester Turner hosted State Representative Dan Huberty, Senator Brandon Creighton to follow up on the needs of Lake Houston.

The list they discussed included dredging of the San Jacinto River and Lake Houston, construction of additional gates at the Lake Houston Spillway Dam, and creation of a pre-release protocol during rain events for both Lake Houston and Lake Conroe.

Lake Houston residents find it no surprise that siltsandbars and silt build ups have formed throughout the watershed even as silt-bars washed away from the west bank of Lake Houston following Hurricane Harvey. The potential for flooding becomes worse with these erraticly compounded deposits build from currents.

The question remains however as to who will be making the determination of where and when needed dredging of the San Jacinto River and Lake Houston will be performed.

Mayor Turner has asked that a bathymetric and topographic study be done of the San Jacinto Watershed and Harris County Authorities have called for one of the Cedar Bayou Watershed. This in hope that the studies will clue authorities as to where a siltation removal plan will be most effective at reducing flooding. Then a call for funding can be submitted to the

Texas Water Development Board.

Texas Water Development Board is being asked to add eight to ten new gates to the existing spillway at Lake Houston to potentially allow bigger discharge in hopes that this will reduce the impact of large rain events. The new gates are estimated to cost about \$47 Million.

Tropical Storm Allison, the Tax Day and Memorial Day floods and Hurricane Harvey indicate that "500 year floods" are happening a lot quicker than every 500 years.

Harris County Commissioner's Court has moved to obtain funding for, and complete, the regional flood infrastructure projects so studies are underway then they will need to secure the funds. Estimates at the cost of completion for such projects are in the \$100s of Millions.



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NOTICE OF APPLICATION AND PRELIMINARY DECISION FOR TPDES PERMIT FOR MUNICIPAL WASTEWATER RENEWAL

#### PERMIT NO. WQ0011770002

APPLICATION AND PRELIMINARY DECISION. Harris County Municipal Utility District No. 50, 12900 Crosby Lynchburg Road, Crosby, Texas 77532, has applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) for a renewal of Texas Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (TPDES) Permit No. WQ0011770002 which authorizes the discharge of treated domestic wastewater at a daily average flow not to exceed 180,000 gallons per day. TCEQ received this application on September 15, 2017.

The facility will be located approximately 0.25 mile east of the intersection of Crosby Lynchburg Road and Farm-to-Market Road 1942, 0.21 mile south of Farm-to-Market Road 1942, in Harris County, Texas 77532. The treated effluent will be discharged to Harris County Flood Control District (HCFCD) ditch no. G103-09-01; thence to a series of impoundments; thence to the San Jacinto River Tidal in Segment No. 1001 of the San Jacinto River Basin. The unclassified receiving water uses are minimal aquatic life use for HCFCD ditch no. G103-09-01 and high aquatic life use for the impoundments. The designated uses for Segment No. 1001 are high aquatic life use and primary contact recreation. All determinations are preliminary and subject to additional review and/or revisions. This link to an electronic map of the site or facility's general location is provided as a public courtesy and is not part of the application or notice. For the exact location, refer to the application. https://www.tceq.texas.gov/assets/public/hb610/index.html?lat=29.877222&lng=95.061388&

The TCEQ Executive Director has completed the technical review of the application and prepared a draft permit. The draft permit, if approved, would establish the conditions under which the facility must operate. The Executive Director has made a preliminary decision that this permit, if issued, meets all statutory and regulatory requirements. The permit application, Executive Director's preliminary decision, and draft permit are available for viewing and copying at Crosby Library, 135 Hare Road, Crosby, Texas.

PUBLIC COMMENT / PUBLIC MEETING. You may submit public comments or request a public meeting about this application. The purpose of a public meeting is to provide the opportunity to submit comments or to ask questions about the application. TCEQ holds a public meeting if the Executive Director determines that there is a significant degree of public interest in the application or if requested by a local legislator. A public meeting is not a contested case hearing.

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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ACTION. The Executive Director may issue final approval of the application unless a timely contested case hearing request or request for reconsideration is filed. If a timely hearing request or request for reconsideration is filed, the Executive Director will not issue final approval of the permit and will forward the application and request to the TCEQ Commissioners for their consideration at a scheduled Commission meeting.

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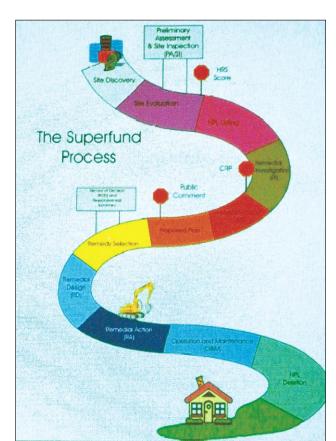
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#### Waste Pits Meeting,

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ic waste could not start immediately. She said the reasoning for starting piling now, was the damage from Harricane Harvey, and as we approach another hurricane season starting in June, the issue comes around again.

Young showed a slide of a prototypical coffer dam, made with steel sheet piling, and removal of dry material from the center on trucks driving down a dirt ramp into the pit. She said our solution could be very simi-

Another environmental concern that was discussed is sand mining, and disposal of dredge spoil material, on a site at 2739 Highland Shores Drive. According to a report from the Harris

County Pollution Control, dredge material from the ship channel is being filled into ponds on the Highland Shores site. Toxicologist Dr. Latrice Babin of the HCPC office has been testing each barge load of material for toxins, and has told THEA that the material is safe, and meets the criteria set by the US Army Corps of Engineers for this work. Residents of Highland Shores who were in the audience indicated that the fill with dredge material has been going on for some time, as well as the sand mining.

Young said that THEA is monitoring an Exxon-Mobil permit to see if they need to take any action.



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