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## IN THE **STARS**

#### **EVENTS**

SAT., APRIL 14 **HIGHLANDS FIRE STATION OPEN HOUSE** 

Harris County ESD #14 invites the community to the Ribbon Cutting, 11:00 a.m., 2301 Wallisville Road, Highlands, TX. 77562. Parking will only be at Highlands Jr. School. Shuttle service will be provided. There is no parking at the Fire Station.

#### WED.APRIL18 **ORTHOPEDIC SEMINAR**

At Houston Methodist San Jacinto Hospital Main Boardroom, 4401 Garth Rd., Baytown. Call 281-428-2273 to register. See also AD on page 8 for more details

#### WED.APRIL 18 TEES N'TAILS

Crosby-Huffman Chamber of Commerce host their annual Dinner and Golf at Red Wolf Golf Club with Crawfish Shack prepared crawfish or shrimp and a live auction. Call 281-328-6984.

#### SAT., APRIL 21 **HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE** COLLECTION

Harris County Pct. 2 Hazardous Waste Collection, 8 am - 11 am at Barrett Station/Rilev Community Center, 808 1/2 Magnolia, Crosby, TX. BRING: Fertilizers and other yard products, paint and paint related products, household cleaners, automotive products (oil/gas), pool chemicals, aerosol cans, fluorescent bulbs. batteries, small and BBQ size propane. Questions? 281-560-6200.

## **BIRTHDAYS**

Apr 12--Rlylee Clamon Apr 13--Cameron Hosea Apr 15--Harry Stewart Cherie Zarsky Apr 16--Louis Marie Brad-

bury Morgan Little Jason Roffe Apr 17--Pat Van Ness Charlie Ward Callen Reese Tittel Apr 18--Monica McKinney Mark Williams

## **ANNIVERSARIES**

Apr 17- Roy & Pauline Cutbirth

# **EPA** announces San Jacinto River Waste Pits cleanup agreement

EAST HARRIS COUN-TY - Environmental activists and residents of the areas around the San Jacinto River Waste Pits praised the announcement Monday that the PRP (Potential Responsible Parties) had come to an agreement with the EPA (Environmental Protection Agency) to start the engineering design work required to implement the ROD (Record Of Decision) that called for the removal of all of the toxic waste from the site.

The EPA press release announcement read as fol-

DALLAS - (April 9, 2018) Today, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) announced that an agreement has been reached with International Paper Company and McGinnes Industrial Maintenance Corporation to perform a remedial design for the San Jacinto River Waste Pits Superfund Site selected remedy. The selected cleanup action addresses the potential dangers posed by dioxin contamination at the site in Harris County, Texas.

"This agreement marks the next step in my commitment to the people of Harris County to expedite the remediation of the San Jacinto Waste Pits site," said EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt. "EPA will ensure that the remedial design removes all the



SCOTT PRUITT EPA ADMINISTRATOR

contamination as quickly and safely as possible and permanently protects the health and safety of the surrounding communities and the San Jacinto River."

The EPA's cleanup plan, with support from state partners and the U.S.

Army Corps of Engineers, includes installing engineering controls before excavating approximately 212,000 cubic yards of dioxin contaminated material for disposal. The estimated cost for the remedv is \$115 million, representing a reasonable value for the cost incurred.

The agreement is a result of expedited negotiations between EPA and representatives from both International Paper Company and McGinnes Industrial Maintenance Corporation for design of the cleanup. The remedial

design is estimated to take about 29 months to complete to ensure waste is safely and properly contained during construction and removal. The design work will be performed by the companies under the oversight of EPA and Texas Commission on Environmental Quality. The current quarterly cap inspection and maintenance program will continue while the remedial design

is being completed. EPA's decision is based on extensive studies of the contamination, and human health and environmental risks of this site. The final cleanup plan considers the ever-changing San Jacinto River, which encroaches on the site, while protecting important downstream re-

> See Waste Pits Clean Up, Page 6

# Cockpit popped



Chicken gladiators awaiting their time in the arena were injected with steroids and fitted with spurs until a combined enforcement bust Friday.

CROSBY – Last Friday Deputies with the Precinct 3 Constable's office shut down an operation that appears to have been fighting chickens.

According to Harris

County District Clerk's office Omar Montemayor and Cleveland Dorsey were charged in connection with a cockfighting related charge that day.

Precinct 3 made the an-

nouncement on their Facebook page and indicated that 80 chickens of both genders were seized by

> See Cockpit Continued on Page 8

# **HC Attorney Ryan** applaudes Waste Pits Cleanup accord

HARRIS COUNTY -April 9, 2018 - Harris County Attorney Vince Ryan praised the an-

nouncement today that the design for cleaning up the San Jacinto River Waste Pits will begin. Ryan said that Harris County will review and comment on the plans as they pro-

"We are grateful to see this process start," said Ryan. "Our memorandum of understanding with the Environmental Protection Agency allows the County Attorney's Office to remain involved with the cleanup process, which we have pursued for many years."

The EPA announced today that the agency has

reached an agreement with International Paper Company and McGinnes Industrial Maintenance Corporation to design the cleanup of the

Superfund site. Those companies are the ones responsible for putting over 200,000 cubic yards of dangerous waste chemicals in pits near the San Jacinto River. They will pay for the cleanup.

# Domecoming: Public parties in the Astrodome

HOUSTON - Fans of the Astrodome brought their memories to a large party Monday night, inside the famed Dome.

The Astrodome Conservancy held the party, and at least 25,000 fans showed up, to hear music, eat some food truck grub, and mostly just stare at the cavernous space and relive their memories of the last time they saw a game or event there.

It was the 53rd Anniversary of this so-called Eighth Wonder of the World, which is about to gain a new life as an indoor park and event space for the County.

Commissioner's Court in February approved a \$105 million plan to renovate the Dome, and work will start in the fall, so this is the last time the Dome



25,000 Fans gathered for the Dome tour.

would be available to see it the way it was when

free, too.

Fans remembered when the Dome was the home of the Astros, from 1965 to 1999, and the Oilers from 1968 to 1996. In 2009 building inspectors ruled the building unsafe, and it has been closed since then.

calls for an underground



Some new, some old fans gazed up at the space.

it opened in 1965.

Phoebe Tudor, chair of the Astrodome Conservancy, said that this event was so popular that the 25,000 tickets sold out in less than two hours. Tickets were

The revitalization plan

parking garage, with 9 acres of park space above at street level.

The new Dome will be available for festivals, conferences, and commercial space, according to County Judge Ed Emmett. It will also be a passive and recreational park, under

an air-conditioned dome, another first for the city and the country. Emmett also envisions that the space can be used as an adjunct to NRG center, for boat shows, auto shows, and the Rodeo. Construction will start in October, and last for 17 months.

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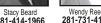


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## **ROUND-UP**

#### City of **Baytown** "Strong and Stable" by **Business View** Magazine

"Strong and Stable" is how Business View Magazine defined Baytown in its March edition. The article outlines how the City is leveraging unprecedented growth in industry, retail and residential development to make significant improvements in the community.

The article features Mayor Stephen DonCarlos, City Manager Rick Davis, and Director of Strategy and Innovation Nick Woolery discussing how Baytown's economic outlook, driven by growth in the oil and gas sector's downstream activity, not only has exceeded expectations, but has also allowed City leaders to opportunity to engage in a fullscale communitydriven strategic plan.

The article goes on to talk about some the city's recent infrastructure projects, as well as significant redevelopment and revitalization projects. The key theme throughout, however, echoes the City's stated purpose "to enrich lives and build communities," and how City officials are working strategically to make that possible.

"Baytown is quickly earning a reputation for innovative management and smart planning," said Mayor Stephen DonCarlos. "Although it's a story we're still writing, we're gratified to see our efforts being recognized on a

national level." The article, in its entirety, can be found online at www.business viewmagazine.com/ digital-magazines/mar-2018/HTML/140/

**Business View** Magazine covers developments in manufacturing, construction, infrastructure, supply chain and logistics, health care, food and beverage, and energy, as well as the public sector; reporting on the latest advances in municipal public works, green initiatives, and college sustainability programs.

#### **Jones Library** story hours

• April 18, 2018 Book: We Planted A

Craft: Planting a

•April 25, 2018. Book: Book Fiesta . Craft: Paper Bag Piñatas

Jones Public Library, 801 S. Cleveland St., Dayton,

TX 77535. Call the Library with any questtions 936-258-

# **Baytown mourns** death of beloved **Assistant Fire Chief**

The City of Baytown is saddened to report the passing of Assistant Fire Chief Bernard Olive. A long-time member of the Baytown Fire Department, Olive was known for his love of Baytown and extensive knowledge of the city's history.

Olive passed suddenly Thursday while on duty.

"Words cannot fully express how sad we are to lose our friend, said Mayor Stephen DonCarlos. "Bernard was a good man who loved serving his hometown. Our prayers go out to his family, the Baytown Fire Department and our city family. He will be deeply missed."

Fire Chief Kenneth Dobson reiterated the Mayor's words, adding "our Fire Department family is saddened by this tremendous loss. Bernard's dedication to the Fire Department and to Baytown is an inspiration to all of us."

Olive began his career with the City of Baytown in 1969 as part of the City's Public Works Department. after graduating from Robert E Lee High School.

He left the City briefly to serve as a medic with the US Army's 565th Med-



**Assistant Fire Chief Bernard Olive** 

ical Ambulance Company stationed in both the United States and Germany. His military service also included time spent with both the Army Reserves and Coast Guard Reserves.

In 1973, his true life's calling began when he transferred to the Fire Department, working his way through the ranks to become Assistant Fire Chief, Fire Marshal and Deputy **Emergency Management** Coordinator.

Olive's life of service and leadership led him to share his knowledge with not only Baytown's firefighters, but firefighters around the world who attended the Texas A&M Municipal Fire School, where he was a guest instructor for 37 years.

"Bernard put the "B" in "Baytown" is a saying commonly expressed by Baytown fire-fighters; a tribute to the man whose 48 year career made him the de facto historical custodian of all things Bay-town related. "His related. knowledge of local history made him the go-to guy for anyone looking for information about the city," said Public Affairs Coordinator Patti Jett. "He could always tell you who did what, why and when. His memory for events and people was amazing.'

His face was familiar to young and old alike as the parade driver of the City's historic 1947 fire engine a vehicle whose restoration and maintenance he lovingly oversaw.

Assistant Chief Olive is survived by his beloved wife. Kathy, his daughter Martha and son-in-law Tim and his granddaughter Kathryn.

Funeral arrangements are pending.

## 85th Legislative Interim Update House District 23 benefits from deal with JSW Steel Inc. to develop local steel industry in Baytown

Just recently a Memorandum of Cooperation was signed to develop and augment the steel industry in Texas. With this agreement JSW Steel (USA) Inc. has agreed to consider an investment of \$500 million in phases in developing its steel manufacturing infrastructure in Baytown, Texas. This investment will be used to expand the company's Plate & Pipe Mill unit. A Texas Enterprise Fund (TEF) grant offer of \$3.4 million has been extended to JSW Steel (USA) Inc.

This new deal is sure to bring a substantial amount of economic growth to the Baytown area as well as House District 23. "We are going to change steelmaking in the United States, right here in Baytown, Texas," said John Hirtz, President and CEO of JSW Steel USA. "There won't be anything like it in the U.S., or in the world for decades to come."

"The Memorandum signed by Greg Abbott and JSW USA is part of our long term strategy to enhance our U.S. Rep. Wayne Faircloth

footprint," said Mr. Parth Jindal of JSW Group. "It reiterates our commitment to stay invested and grow in the U.S. market. It also provides JSW USA an opportunity to participate in USA's infrastructure development and job creation priorities. Access to natural gas at extremely economical prices and the abundant availability of scrap steel in Texas make conditions very conducive for manufacturing through the Electric Arc Furnace route. JSW Steel (USA) Inc. wishes to create a world class fully integrated steel complex that will bring precision manufacturing of high quality steel plate and pipe to Texas, USA."

JSW USA operates one of the widest steel plate & pipe mills in North America. Strategically located in Baytown, Texas the unit services the needs of the energy, petrochemicals, defense and other heavy equipment industries in USA who need high quality carbon plate.

Sincerely,

## Dayton Ole Tyme Days Festival April 20, 21 & 22 at downtown Dayton

The Dayton Ole Tyme Days festival will host its 28th annual event in downtown Dayton.

Their website list each event and the entry form to print and fill out. Visit daytonoletymedays.com for information.

Join the fun filled week-

end with the cook off teams, carnival, car show, jeep show, and vendors fill our downtown streets on the weekend of April 20, 21, & 22. To become a sponsor for this event contact chairman Wendy Bode at 832-622-3424, Angela

Ungles at 936-402-0909 or visit the website. The entry forms and schedule of information is on the website. Click on the entry form everything you need to know should be there. Each event has a contact chairman beginning with.

# West Chambers County Pilot Club hosts annual 'Gala'

MONT BELVIEU, TX -West Chambers County Pilot Club members completed another fabulous fundraiser. The "Hollywood on the Hill, Lights, Camera, Auction" Gala, that was held last Saturday, April 7, 2018 at Barbers

Hill High School on Eagle Drive in Mont Belvieu, Texas, was a great success thanks to all the Gala Sponsors and Donors, Auctioneer Bill Wallace, all the Elected Officials, BHISD Board of Trustees, and Dr. Greg Poole, who were Spot-

ters and Celebrity Waiters, and especially to the members of the community who attended.

A big thank you to Awards and Engraving for allowing Oscar to attend the Gala fundraiser.



West Chambers County Pilot Club members: (back row) Pam Sapp, George Jones, Wynona Montgomery, Chelsea George, Jan Jones, Mary Wilson, Marla Van Pelt, Agnes Hejtmanek, and Betty Dutton,

(Middle row) Linda Polk, Rose Mary Smith, Becky Erikson, Angela Butler, Diana Jackson, and Patty Hardy, (Front row) Tammy Jones, Texas District Pilot Club Governor Connie Hernandez, Judy Barrow, Deana Fojt, West Chambers County Pilot Club President Tonya Keller, Linda Gilmore Judy Duncan and Shirley Harmon. More GALA photos on next week's issue.

## City of Baytown Receives Governor's Community Achievement Award

The City of Baytown and Keep Baytown Beautiful (KBB) were awarded the 2018 Governor's Community Award by Keep Texas Beautiful and the Texas Department of Transportation (Tx-DOT). The first place award in the category for cities with populations of 65,001 - 90,000brings a prize of \$270,000 to be used for landscaping projects along local rights-of-

Projects to be funded with the money have yet to be determined.

"We are gratified to win this prestigious award from Keep Texas Beautiful, along with the recognition of what we've accomplished; but we're even more excited to receive funding to continue beautification efforts," said Mayor Stephen DonCarlos. "The hard work of city staff, our Keep Baytown Beautiful volunteers, and our residents is paying off, and our city is showing the results. We still have work to do though; it is up to all of us to continue to fight litter and keep the com-

munity looking great." Our community and Keep Baytown Beautiful are so proud and honored to receive this award. We work hard every year reporting the city-wide efforts and it takes many long hours to complete the application," said KBB President Scott Sheley. "Our board is amazing and the work by both the board and city are incredible. The hundreds of volunteers are to be commended for their time and efforts; they are so much a part of this endeavor. I am so happy for the city's cooperation and look forward to working with them on this project. We can all be proud of this wonderful community."

Missouri City and Temple were awarded the second and third place awards in the same category. Criteria that the city is judged in include:

·Community Leadership and Coordination

·Public Awareness

·Education

·Beautification and Community Improve-

·Litter Prevention and Cleanup

·Solid Waste Manage-

·Litter Law and Illegal

Dumping Enforcement.

## OPINION

## THEA's 3rd Anniversary

April 9, 2018 - Today, Texas Health and Environment Alliance, Inc. celebrates its 3rd anniversary.

Additionally, the **Environmental Protection** Agency released an announcement stating they've reached a settlement agreement with the Waste Pits' Potentially Responsible Parties for the \$115 million removal remedy of the San Jacinto River Waste Pits Superfund Site. THEA's primary program, the San Jacinto River Coalition has fought tirelessly for removal of the Pits. The EPA's announcement is a huge step in the right direction thank you to all who have worked by our side.

The past three years have been an extremely challenging, but rewarding experience. We often find ourselves in David vs. Goliath fights. We have taken on corporations 1,000

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River Waste Pits Superfund

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Houston, TX – April 9,

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on SJR Waste Pits Cleanup

times larger than us, and won. We are one of the region's smallest environmental organizations, but one of the most effective. THEA consistently punches above its weight.

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## Decision to send troops to border draws mixed reactions

AUSTIN — Gov. Greg Abbott on April 4 welcomed the announcement by Secretary of Homeland Security Kirstjen Nielsen that the federal government would deploy some 4,000 National Guard personnel to the U.S.-Mexico border to assist in stemming the flow of illegal

immigration. "Today's action by the Trump Administration reinforces Texas' longstanding commitment to secure our southern border and uphold the rule of law and I welcome the support," the governor said. "Going forward, Texas will continue to implement robust border security efforts and this partnership will help ensure we are doing everything we can to stem the flow of illegal immigration."

U.S. Sen. John Cornyn of Texas said using the National Guard in a supportive role "is a commonsense way to temporarily assist law enforcement along the border. It's critical that the Administration continue to work in close consultation with state and community leaders to

## STATE CAPITAL **HIGHLIGHTS** By Ed Sterling

ensure the border region can remain safe and prosperous."

Cornyn noted that the decision to deploy troops is consistent with actions taken by President Obama in 2010 and President George W. Bush in

But state Rep. Cesar Blanco, D-El Paso, reacted differently. "Trump's deployment of the National Guard to our border communities is unjustified, irresponsible and dangerous," Blanco said. "In 2017, apprehensions for illegal border crossing hit a 46-year low a 23.4 percent drop from 2016. Some of our border communities, such as El Paso, are consistently ranked as some of the safest communities in

the country." State Sen. Jose Rodriguez, D-El Paso, also questioned the

"The President and other Republicans have manipulated the fears of Americans, many of whom know very little about life in on the border, into a potent political weapon," Rodriguez said. "In his latest anti-immigrant action, Mr. Trump proposes to use the U.S. military as actors and the border as a stage to create electoral theatre in hopes of appeasing his political base."

#### Miller asks for workers

Texas Agriculture Commissioner Sid Miller on April 4 asked the federal government to allow an increase in temporary workers to help meet the Lone Star State's need for labor in various agricultural sectors and in the Gulf shrimp industry.

Miller wrote a letter to Homeland Security Secretary Nielsen and Labor Secretary Alexander Acosta requesting action. "Currently, many agricultural and related entities are making final decisions on this season's production efforts. Your action on this matter will determine the economic success of many of these businesses and the jobs they create," Miller wrote.

"As commissioner of agriculture for the state of Texas, I am encouraging the Trump administration to take immediate action and open the petition process under the H-2B Nonimmigrant Temporary Worker Program. This is critical for our agricultural economy, as well as the small and seasonal businesses that rely on the temporary workers provided through the H-2B program in Texas," Miller

Currently, the H-2B program allows U.S. employers, after meeting certain criteria, to bring foreign workers to the United States to fill tem-

#### porary nonagricultural jobs. Pensions face shortfalls

The two funds that provide retirement benefits and healthcare to public school teachers and other state employees may need reforms to maintain solvency in the future, according to members attending an April 4 hearing of the Senate State Affairs

"It's just a cold, hard fact that we can't keep doing things the way we're doing it, Senate Finance Committee Chair Jane Nelson, R-Flower Mound, said of funding strategies for the Teachers Retirement System and Employees Retirement System. "We can't keep going down this path."

Over the last 20 years, Nelson said, investments have only returned about 7 percent and the gap between anticipated and actual returns is where potential unfunded liabilities arise. The board of the Teachers Retirement System will meet on April 20, expecting to decide whether to make adjustments based on the how much the fund is earning.

#### material. The remedial design is estimated to take about 29 months to com-

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#### **Gilbert Curtis** Roeder

Gilbert Curtis Roeder, 89, passed away peacefully on April 6, 2018 surrounded by his family. He was born August 20, 1928 in Fayetteville, Texas to Arthur and Elizabeth von Roeder, moved with his family to Crosby in 1934, and lived almost all of his life on the farm on which he grew up, a testimony to his love of and loyalty to the land.

He is survived by his beloved wife, Billie LaJune Wilson Roeder; his daughter and son-in-law, Linda and Bill Hoosier of Vidor, Texas; his son and daughter-in-law, Steve and Christy Roeder of Dayton; and his daughter. Susan Roeder of Humble; along with 6 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren. He is also survived by two sisters, Alice Skrabanek and Earlene Skarpa: three stepdaughters, Kathryn and Marshall Limpic, Pam and Jim Hammonds, and Dee Ann and Troy Giles; and three stepsons, Duane and Wendy Chennault, Darrel and Debra Chennault, and Dale Chennault.

He is preceded in death by Wanda Akin Roeder, his first wife and mother of his children; and also by his second wife, Dorothy Jean Chennault Roeder.

Gilbert was known his whole life as a man of his word, as someone who could be counted on to show up, work hard, do the right thing, honor his commitments, be of help, be able to build or to fix almost anything, and to do all of these things with a good sense of humor and some fun teasing. He learned the values of frugality, self-sufficiency and high standards growing up in the Great Depression, but was overly generous to others with his time, his



many talents, and his patience for teaching how to do what he could do. He spent over thirty years of his career at Shell Chemical, rising through the ranks to ultimately be supervisor over a large resin unit. He was able to retire in his mid-50's and was blessed with good health and an abundance of energy until his final years. He spent his retirement enjoying travel throughout the American West and Alaska with varying assortments of his family in tow, or tinkering with a myriad of projects in his workshop. His legacy of morality, commitment, honor and humor will outlive him for generations. A visitation for family and friends will be held at Sterling-White on Monday, April 9, 2018 from 5:30pm-8pm. Funeral services will be held at Sterling-White on Tuesday, April 10, 2018 at 10am with burial to follow at Memory Gardens Cemetery in Baytown. Flowers are welcome, or in lieu of flowers, donations may be made in his name to the First Nazarene Church missions fund, 2409 N. Main Street, Baytown, TX 77520. Services have been entrusted to Sterling-White Funeral Home 11011 Crosby-Lynchburg Rd. Highlands, Texas 77562. To send the family condolences please

www.sterlingwhite.com

# OBITUARIES

#### Gordon L. Young SR

On April 02, 2018, Gordon L. Young SR, 69 of Channelview, Texas passed away unexpectedly. Gordon was born in Jackson, Michigan to Fred and Elizabeth Young. Later the family moved to Florida, Gordon always called Tampa, Florida home.

Gordon was a loving and hardworking man who did not let anything slow him down. He devoted his life to his community. This first started 1968, when he joined the United States Army and was sent to Vietnam. While in the Army, he met Phyllis Puckett and they were married on November 12, 1970. Upon Honorable Discharge from the Army, he settled down with his family in Tampa, Florida. He moved his family to Channelview, Texas in 1976. He worked as Channelview ISD bus driver for a few years then moved on to Metro Transit in Houston for the next 34 years. Also during this time, he was part of the Channelview Volunteer Fire Department. He dedicated over 30 years to the CVFD as a firefighter and

He is survived by his wife of 48 years, Phyllis and his son Lee Young, and his daughter Deborah Tiller and son-in-law Jason Tiller, six grandchildren: Aerial, Nathan, Ava, Ashley, Davis and Parker and two great-grandchildren: Jerimiah and Isabella. Gordon never knew a stranger and this is evident by all the friends he





left behind including Carlos Manzano and his family, Howard Crenshaw, Patrick Smith and his family and many many

Death leaves a heartache no one can heal. Love leaves a memory no one can steal. Join us for a celebration of Gordon Young life, a life lived well. The memorial service will be held on April 14th at Noon at the old Channelview Fire Department Station 3 on 904 Dell Dale with a graveside service following at 4 pm in Shepherd Texas at Farley Cemetery (6431 FM 2666 Rd; Shepherd, Texas 77371.) We ask for flowers to be sent to 16404 Pecan Street Channelview Texas 77530 or have donations made to Channelview Fire Department in Gordon's honor.

#### **Ruthie Geraldine** Cole, born

Ruthie Geraldine Cole, born May 14, 1923 to Thomas and Nellie (Stokes) Nelson in Nacogdoches, Texas, passed away on April 4, 2018 in Longview, Texas, at the age of 94 years.

Ruth's loving family includes; son, Larry Van Cole Tidwell; daughters, Sharon Cole Hocut and Gale Cole Creel; five grandchildren, six great grandchildren and six great-great grandchildren; and numerous other relatives and a host of

She is preceded in death by her parents, Rev. Thomas Lafayette and Nellie America Stokes Nelson; brothers, William Richard "Floyd" Nelson, Johnny D. Nelson; sisters, Onie Bell Tidwell, Myrtle Lee Mc-Neil, Frances Delilah Emmanuel, Uretha Bruce, Ruby Ivy; granddaughter, Julia Denise Creel-Hunt.



A Visitation will be held on April 7, 2018 from 11:00 a.m. to Service. Celebration of Ruth's life will begin at 1:00 p.m. at Pace Funeral Home in Livingston, Texas with Rev. Larry Cole Tidwell officiating. A private interment to follow at the Isabel Chapel Cemetery in Mount Enterprise, Texas.

Pallbearers will be Trinity Masonic Lodge #14 AF&AM, Livingston, Tex-

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## **COMMUNITY CALENDAR**

#### Crosby HS Alumni Meeting dates fpor *2018*

The CHS Alumni Committee announces the dates of the planning meetings for the upcoming 36th Annual All Classes Alumni Reunion. The meetings will be held on Wed. April 18, Wed. May 23, Wed. June 20 and Wed. July 25. The meetings are held at the Crosby Community Center on Hare Road and begin at 6 pm. All graduates of Crosby High School are invited to attend, regardless of year graduated.

#### Tees-N-Tails Golf Tournament

Crosby/Huffmand Chamber of Commerce 26th Annual Golf Tournament, Wednesday, April 18, 2018 at Red Wolf Golf Resort, 27350 Afton Way, Huffman, TX 77336, 10:30 am registration. Questions? Please contact the Chamber Office at 281-328-6984.

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## 2018 San Jacinto Day Festival and Battle Reenactment

Celebration marks 182nd Anniversary of San Jacinto Battle and Texas's Independence from Mexico

Houston, TX - The largest battle reenactment in the state is the centerpiece of the admission-free San Jacinto Day Festival, to be held on Saturday, April 21, 2018, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on the grounds surrounding the San Jacinto Monument. The reenactment recreates the events leading up to Texas winning its independence from Mexico 182 years ago at the decisive Battle of San Jacinto on April 21, 1836

On Saturday, reenactors from across the state become figures in Texas history, for the day. Visitors can wander freely among the Mexican and Texian camps to learn what the soldiers and their families were doing prior to the battle in 1836. At 3 p.m., the official (and historically accurate!) reenactment of the Battle of San Jacinto begins. With hundreds of history reenactors, this reenactmentcomplete with cannons, horses and pyrotechnicsis the largest in the southwest United States.

Sponsored by the San Jacinto Museum of History Association, the festival is a full day of entertainment, vendors, food, family activities, cultural exhibits, games and fun set



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amidst living history: music and dancing on three stages featuring countrywestern bands, flamenco dancers, Native American presentations, square dancers and much more; 15+ food vendors; makeand-take activities and crafts for children; children's train; petting zoo; medicine wagon show; birds of prey; weavers, spinners, blacksmiths and other demonstrators; and dozens of unique handcrafted items for sale.

All festival activities are updated regularly on the San Jacinto Museum of History website: www.sanjacinto-

museum.org and facebook.com/sjbattlereenactment.

Texas Ceremony Commemorating the 182nd Anniversary of the Battle of San Jacinto will take place at 10a.m. on Saturday, April 21. This annual event will take place inside the monument at the Jesse H. Jones Theatre.

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Organizers recommend guests come early and follow directions from TPWD and other parking staff. There will be no drones or hoverboards allowed on park/festival grounds.

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# Occupational Therapy improves quality of life

BAYTOWN — (April 6, 2018) — Parkinson's disease (PD) is an especially cruel condition because it frequently robs people otherwise in the prime of life of their mobility and cognitive abilities. But the Rehabilitation Unit at Houston Methodist San Jacinto Hospital has earned certification in an innovative treatment method that is showing great benefit to Parkinson's patients.

The Baytown facility recently became what's called LSVT (Louis Silverman Voice Therapy) BIG certified. The therapy protocol involves training designed to increase amplitude of limb and body movement, also referred to as "bigness," in patients diagnosed with Parkinson's.

Vickie Chao, director of rehab services at Houston Methodist San Jacinto Hospital, says the therapy is utilized by occupational and physical therapists in inpatient and outpatient rehabilitation, and has proven effective in improving gait, balance and quality of life for Parkinson's patients.

"LSVT BIG treatment is administered in 16 sessions over a month's time. The program was developed specifically to address the unique movement impairments for people with Parkinson's," Chao said. "It is both intensive and complex and involves many repetitions of core movements that are used in daily living."

According to the Parkinson's Foundation, Parkinson's, which affects about a million Americans and over 10 million people worldwide, is not itself fatal, but the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) lists complications from PD as the 14th leading cause of death in the U.S. Common symptoms are tremors, slowness of movement, gait and balance problems and difficulty speaking.

Occupational therapists (OTs) are key members of the rehab team. Therapists use assessment and intervention to develop, recover or maintain the meaningful activities (occupations) of the patient and often work with patients with mental health issues, disabilities, injuries or impairments.

"Occupational therapy is the only modality that helps people across their lifespan to do the things they want and need to do through the therapeutic use of daily activities, or occupations," Chao said.

The American Occupational Therapy Association (AOTA) has designated April as Occupational Therapy Month to bring attention to the pivotal role that OTs play in the health and wellbeing of patients. Common OT services include individualized evaluations, customization of interventions to improve the patient's ability to perform daily activities and reach their goals, as well as outcome evaluation to ensure that the goals are being met.

The certified OTs at Houston Methodist San Jacinto Hospital treat patients with hand, wrist, elbow and shoulder injuries and conditions, in addition to acute traumatic injuries, such as crushed fingers, fractures, amputations, carpal tunnel syndrome and stroke. They work with the patient's surgeon to develop a rehab plan to restore mobility and function so they can return to normal activity.

For more information on the Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities (CARF)-certified therapy program at Houston Methodist San Jacinto Hospital, call 281-428-2273, or visit

houstonmethodist.org/sanjacinto.

About Houston Methodist San Jacinto Hospital

Houston Methodist San Jacinto Hospital has provided Baytown and East Houston with quality medical care since opening its doors in 1948. The hospital has grown throughout the years with the community, providing comprehensive care at all stages of life. As a health care leader, the hospital is proud to have a fully integrated residency program focused on educating and inspiring future practitioners. Today, Houston Methodist San Jacinto provides some of the most advanced and innovative procedures while never losing focus on compassionate and patient-centered care.

# Crosby ROBOTICS team wins first place

This past Saturday, the-Crosby Robotics team and 2 other schools who teamed up with them won FIRST PLACE at the Regional Competition held at San Jacinto College in La Porte. They now move on to the National Robotics Competition held at George Brown Convention Center on April 18-20th.

Crosby's "Alloy Obsession" Robotic Club students and their teacher Ms. Pool, designed, programmed and built their robot during the school year. This was the first year they have entered into any competition.



# 13 year old evades shooting charge

CHANNELVIEW – A man was fatally wounded by a pistol in the hands of a 13 year old after a fight broke out between an exhusband with a husband.

The 13 year old was the husband's younger brother and has evaded arrest by deputies as of press time on Tuesday.

Statements to law enforcement describe an escallating argument began and as push became shove; the 13 year old pulled a pistol from his pocket and shot the ex-husband, David Jimenez, 24.

Jimenez was loaded into the back of a car and driven to a gas station on Interstate 10 near Magnolia Drive where he expired from his gunshot injuries.

It was explained by the driver, a relative, that the exit was seeking medical attention and to get away from the scene.

The relative explained that Jimenez was picking up his oldest child and after the altercation started he was shot. It is not known how severe the argument or fight was that resulted in the shooting.

At the gas station bystanders were attempting to help the wounded man but he died there.

Currently, a 13 year old pistol packing suspect that cannot be named or described is on the lamb from the law and allegedly no one knows where he is located.

Harris County Sheriff's Deputies worked the case that happened on April 6 and probably need as much information as they can get on the incident.

## Waste Pits Clean Up,

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sources including the Galveston Bay estuary. EPA added the San Jacinto River Waste Pits Su-

cinto River Waste Pits Superfund Site to the National Priorities List of Superfund sites in 2008 after testing revealed contamination from dioxins and furans near the waste pits. The site consists of two sets of impoundments,

or pits, built in the mid-1960s for disposing solid and liquid pulp and paper mill wastes that are contaminated with dioxins and furans.

While the remedial design is ongoing, the U.S. Department of Justice and EPA will begin negotiations with the potential responsible parties to enter

into a consent decree regarding construction of the remedy.

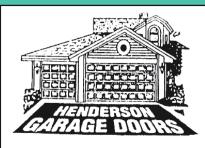
The San Jacinto Waste Pits site is included on EPA's Superfund Task Force list of sites targeted for priority action. These sites require timely resolution of specific issues to expedite cleanup and redevelopment efforts.



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LOCATION(S) OF POLLING PLACES

Precinct No. 4 and 10

C. T. Joseph Conference Center Beach City Community Building

Precinct No. 5

Precinct No. 8, 11 and 15 Cove Community Building

Early voting by personal appearance will be conducted each weekday at:

Barbers Hill ISD C. T. Joseph Conference Center

9600 Eagle Drive, Mont Belvieu, Texas 77580

between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., beginning on April 23, 2018 and ending on May 1, 2018. On April 24 and May 1, 2018 early voting hours will be extended from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Applications for ballot by mail shall be mailed to:

Barbers Hill ISD, c/o Lesa Hall Mont Belvieu, TX 77580 Ihall@bhisd.net

Applications for ballots by mail must be received no later than the close of business on April 24,

Issued this the 29th day of January, 2018.



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El aviso se da por este medio que los lugares de la interrogación enumerados abajo estarán abiertos de 7:00 a.m. a 7:00 p.m. el 5 de mayo de 2018 para votar en una elección general para elegir a tres administradores para un término de tres años completo, eligiendo a un administrador cada uno para las posiciones señaladas como lugares cinco (5), seis (6) y siete (7).

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sport due in some part to the physical trauma the cocks inflict on each other. Animal cruelty laws in Texas forbid the practice and gamboling

on the sport is a felony. No comments were made on what the nature or intent of the action was made. The department declined to say if an arrest was made.



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