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**IN THE STARS**

**EVENTS**

**SAT., MAY 5  
 GOOSE CREEK BOND ELECTION**  
 Election Day location: Goose Creek CISD Administration Building, 4544 Interstate 10 East, 7 am - 7 pm. See early voting locations at gccisd.net.

**SAT. MAY 12  
 CF&R COW POKE PAGEANT**  
 11:00 a.m. Crosby High School Auditorium, categories 0-2, 3-5, 6-8.

**SAT. MAY 26  
 FIRST RESPONDERS APPRECIATION DAY**  
 First Responders Appreciation Day at Turner Chevrolet, Noon until closing! Food drinks and demonstrations.

**WEDNESDAYS  
 CROSBY HS ALUMNI MEETINGS**  
 The Crosby High School Alumni Committee will have planning meetings for the upcoming 36th Annual All Classes Alumni Reunion. The meetings will be held on 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.

**BIRTHDAYS**  
 May 3-David Stone  
 May 5-Micheal Barnes  
 Micha Owens  
 May 7-Germaine Broussard  
 May 9-Jimmie Dickey  
 Tim Holton  
 Vanessa Whittaker  
 Elonda Cravatt

**ANNIVERSARIES**  
 May 3-Edward & Mareta Richard  
 May 6-Sidney & Ellen Platt  
 May 8-Tim & Lisa Dammon

**DEATHS**  
 William Earnest Holst  
 Richard Arlen Drew

**Pct. 3 leads Benefit for heroic, slain deputy**

LIBERTY - The first Annual Shane Detwiler Foundation Barbecue Cook-Off and Car, Jeep and Truck Show was held last Friday and Saturday and local participation was lead by Harris County Precinct 3 Constable Department.

Major Ricky Larkin would encapsulate, "When Constable Sherman Eagleton heard about The Shane Detwiler Foundation BBQ Cookoff and Car, Jeep and Truck Show, he and several other members of our department, wanted to be part of it. We had three teams competing and several vehicles entered in the show. The Greenwood Cookers cleaned house taking 1st in chili and ribs and 3rd in chicken. Team MBT also showed what Precinct 3 is all about by taking 1st in brisket and best in show in the Jeep category. Thank

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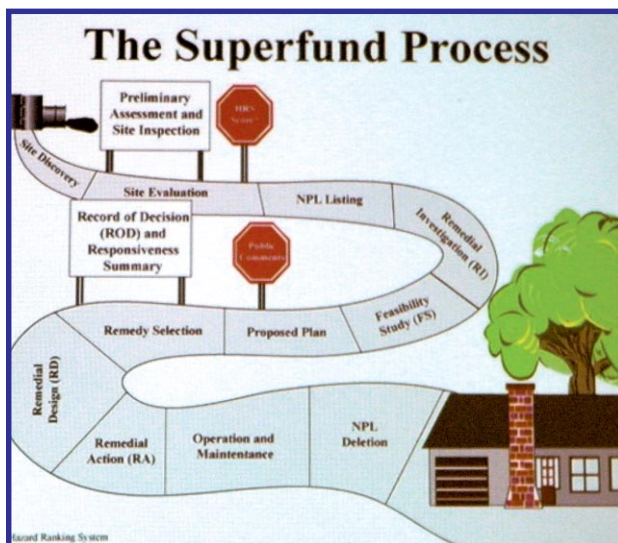


The Greenwood Cookers outside a deputy's trailer renamed for Clint Greenwood that was slain in the line of duty, all pitch in for the Shane Detwiler Foundation Barbecue Cook-Off and Car, Jeep and Truck Show held in Liberty Square last Friday and Saturday. Photo includes Precinct 3 Constable Sherman Eagleton. Shanedetwilerfoundation.org continues to seek funds to supply police equipment to deputies and scholarships to students seeking law enforcement careers.

**EPA sets next Community Meeting for June 5th**

HIGHLANDS - SJRC/THEA Executive Director Jackie Young announced Tuesday night, at the group's regular monthly meeting, that the EPA has scheduled a public meeting on Tuesday, June 5th from 6:00 to 8:00 pm, at the Highlands Community Center, for the purpose of informing the public of the status of the Waste Pits Superfund site, and the Settlement Agreement, and to answer questions and hear comments.

Young revealed that she had met with the EPA and others Tuesday, to get an update on EPA plans for the Waste Pits. The venue was an ad hoc group known as the Community Advisory Committee, which according to the EPA is supposed to meet regularly with a select local group interested in the Superfund Site. In fact, it has been several years



This Superfund Progress Chart (the Snake) shows that the remediation process has reached the RD or Remedial Design phase.

since the group last met with its members.

Invited to this meeting were EPA representatives, Harris County Pollution Control, HC Attorney's Office, MIMC (McGinnes),

Galveston Bay Foundation, THEA, Texas Department of State Health Services, and Pct. 2 HC Commissioner's office.

See *WASTE PITS*, p. 6

**Rep. Babin honors 2018 Congressional Art competition winners**

Dayton, TX - On Saturday, April 21, Congressman Brian Babin (TX-36) announced the winners and honored participants of the 36th District's 2018 Congressional Art Competition. This year's competition included over 50 entries from high school students across the district under the theme, "Hurricane Harvey Through Your Eyes."

First place was awarded to Juliann Dooley of Warren High School for her drawing, "Humanity," which will be displayed in the U.S. Capitol for an entire year. Dooly will also attend the 2018 Congressional Art Competition ceremony in Washington, D.C. in June.

See *Congressional Art Winners*, page 6



Rachel Matthews 3rd, Fredy Rubio 2nd, Congressman Brian Babin, Juliann Dooley 1st place.

**Grand Texas Theme Park sets opening for June 30, selling tickets now**

NEW CANEY - The new theme park is set to open two more sections, on June 29th. When all seven activity areas are open, the theme park will be comparable to Astroworld, according to publicity sources.

Big Rivers Waterpark, and Gator Bayou Adventure Park are the next two sections scheduled to open in June.

Currently daily passes for future attendance are selling for \$29.99, and an

annual pass is available for \$59.95. Tickets are on sale at [bigriverswaterpark.com/admission/#prices](http://bigriverswaterpark.com/admission/#prices), or at the RV resort.

Big Rivers area will include a lazy river, a wave pool, water slides, and a large interactive play structure.

Gator Bayou will include Wild Isle, an Alligator Exhibit, and Big Al's Fishing hole. It will also have zip lines, nature

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The BIG RIVERS WATERPARK, and the GATOR BAYOU ADVENTURE PARK are two of the seven activity areas that will open in June. ABOVE: The RV Resort and SpeedSportz Racing Park are now open.

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★ COMMUNITY PAGE ★

# Crosby Native serves with the U.S. Navy half a world away

YOKOSUKA, Japan- A Crosby, Texas, native and 2016 Crosby High School graduate is serving in the U.S. Navy forward-deployed aboard USS Blue Ridge.

Petty Officer 3rd Class Sharissa Frank is a culinary specialist aboard the ship operating out of Yokosuka, Japan. The ship routinely deploys to protect alliances, enhance partnerships, and be ready to respond if a natural disaster occurs in the region.

A Navy culinary specialist is responsible for operating and managing Navy messes and living quarters established to subsist and accommodate Navy personnel.

Frank is proud to serve in the Pacific and fondly recalls memories of Crosby.

"Crosby taught me how to be outgoing, friendly, caring and helpful to others," said Frank.

Moments like that makes it worth serving around the world ready at all times to defend America's interests. With more than 50 percent of the world's shipping tonnage and a third of the world's crude oil passing through the region, the United States has historic and enduring interests in this part of the world. The Navy's presence in Yokosuka is part of that long-standing commitment, explained Navy officials.

USS Blue Ridge serves as the flagship for the U.S. Seventh Fleet. It is one of only two U.S. Navy command ships in the world, providing command and



Officer Sharissa Frank

control for fleet commanders.

"It's a blessing to be in a different country and experiencing different cultures," said Frank.

Frank is also proud of making petty officer third class without having to take a test because she was the top in her class in 'A' school.

As a member of one of the U.S. Navy's most relied-upon assets, Frank and other sailors know they are part of a legacy that will last beyond their lifetimes providing the Navy the nation needs.

"The Navy has taught me responsibility, discipline and being optimistic," said Frank. "Serving in the

Navy means honor, courage, and commitment and also it gives you an opportunity to change your life for improvement and growth."

Seventh Fleet, which is celebrating its 75th year in 2018, spans more than 124 million square kilometers, stretching from the International Date Line to the India/Pakistan border; and from the Kuril Islands in the North to the Antarctic in the South. Seventh Fleet's area of operation encompasses 36 maritime countries and 50 percent of the world's population with between 50-70 U.S. ships and submarines, 140 aircraft, and approximately 20,000 Sailors in the 7th Fleet.

# Former Crosby ISD teacher named principal of Forney High School

FORNEY- Dr. Jonathan Campbell has been named the new principal at Forney High School. Dr. Campbell comes to Forney ISD from Whitehouse High School in the Whitehouse Independent School District in Whitehouse, Texas.

Dr. Campbell began his career in education as a Career and Technology teacher at Crosby High School in Crosby ISD in Crosby, Texas and at Atascocita High School in the Humble Independent School District.

During his four year term as the principal at Whitehouse High School, the campus has seen double digit gains in mastery level performance on all End of Course state exams. Dr. Campbell has also implemented character and mentor programs for both students and staff. He is a certified ALICE safety trainer and his consistent positive discipline management approach has yielded a reduction in discipline referrals by more than 65 percent in two years.

In addition to his leadership in Whitehouse, his campus administration experience includes serving



Dr. Jonathan Campbell

members we will continue the Forney High School legacy of inspiring students through innovative ways."

Dr. Campbell received his Bachelor's Degree from Stephen F. Austin State University in Nacogdoches, Texas where he also earned his Master's Degree in Educational Leadership. He completed his Doctorate Degree in Executive Educational Leadership from the University of Houston in Houston, Texas.

In addition, Dr. Campbell has published numerous articles on classroom management, student achievement, effective partnerships and management success.

He holds a superintendent certification, a principal certification, a Master Teacher of Technology certification, a technology applications certification and a secondary business composite certification.

Dr. Campbell replaces Stephen Whiffen as principal at Forney High School. Whiffen was recently named the principal at the Forney Academic Center. Whiffen will complete the remainder of the school year at Forney High School.

as the Assistant Principal at Atascocita and at Kingwood High School in Humble ISD.

He is a Stakeholder Member and a Field Supervisor for Aspiring Principals for the College of Education and Psychology with the University of Texas in Tyler, Texas. He is also a board representative for the Texas Association of Secondary School Principals for Region VII.

"I am honored and excited to join Forney High School that has such a rich history and a standard of excellence," Dr. Campbell stated. "With the help of students, teachers, parents, and community

# HAABE Teachers Honored

Pilar Recio-Moreno (middle), director of Bilingual/ESL, congratulates Goose Creek CISD's Houston Area Association for Bilingual Education (HAABE) Secondary ESL Teacher of the Year Kristie Fudge (left) from Horace Mann Junior School and Elementary Bilingual/ESL Teacher of the Year Mariana Bailey from Alamo Elementary. The teachers were honored recently at an awards dinner at the Hilton Hotel at the University of Houston Downtown.



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## ROUND-UP

### WCCCC Membership Luncheon

BHISD Construction Update at West Chambers County Chamber of Commerce (WCCCC) Luncheon. Join business leaders and elected officials on Tuesday, May 8, 12:00 p.m. (noon) in the Magnolia Room at Eagle Pointe Recreation Complex, 12450 Eagle Pointe Drive, Mont Belvieu, 77523, for the Chamber's May Membership Luncheon. Barbers Hill Superintendent Dr. Greg Poole will update everyone on the massive campus building projects taking place along Eagle Drive and points east, and share the latest growth trends in the District. As always, you will learn things from Dr. Poole that you may never hear from anyone else!

Everyone Welcome - RSVP Required. Attendance is \$30 with your reservation. Your quick RSVP is helpful and appreciated! Please respond call Rhonda at 281-576-5440 before noon Friday, May 4, to register.

### 2nd Annual Baytown Shriners Clay Shoot

Duck hunt challenge, Saturday, May 12, 2018, Gene's Powersports Country, 12525 I-10 East, Baytown, TX. Shoot starts at 9:00 a.m. Free lunch furnished for shooters by Baytown Shrine Club 1:00 - 2:00. Come enjoy a day of fun filled activities. ATV's, golf carts & coolers welcome. To be raffled: 15 guns, polaris 570 Ranger Crew. Sporting clay shooting for all age groups. All proceeds go to the Baytown Shrine Club. \* Rain out day - Saturday, June 16, 2018.

### Anahuac National Wildlife Refuge Summer Day Camp

Anahuac, TX — Anahuac National Wildlife Refuge (NWR) will be hosting our annual Jr. Ranger Summer Day Camp July 23 - 26, 2018. Topics covered will be insects, birds, reptiles and amphibians, and wetlands. Applicants must be 6-11 years old to participate. Applicants will be entered into a random drawing which will take place at 4:00 pm on May 25th, 2018. Selected applicants will be notified. You do not have to be present to be selected. Once selected, payment and registration is due by 4:00 pm on June 8th, 2018, or your child will be disqualified and replaced by another applicant. Cost is \$25 for the four day camp.

Register in person at Anahuac National Wildlife Refuge (NWR) Visitor Center, 4017 FM 563, Anahuac, TX 77514

By mail: Anahuac NWR, PO Box 278, Anahuac, TX 77514

Or Fax: 409-267-4314, Attn: Stephanie Martinez. For more information, please contact Stephanie Martinez by emailing stephanie\_martinez@fws.gov or calling 409-267-3337.

# H-E-B Opens in Mont Belvieu

MONT BELVIEU - H-E-B-Mont Belvieu opened Wednesday, May 2, 2018.

Located at 13401 Interstate 10 E., directly accessible from Eagle Drive and the I-10 frontage road, it will be open daily from 4 a.m. until 11 p.m. to serve Mont Belvieu and surrounding communities.

The store promises "When it comes to freshness, convenience and variety, you'll find everything here at your new Mont Belvieu H-E-B. We proudly offer an outstanding selection and a local destination for unsurpassed quality and service while keeping H-E-B's pledge to offer everyday low prices."

Highlights from the new store include:

**Market:** Prime & Natural Beef cut fresh in-store plus the meaty selection you are craving!

**Seafood:** Reel in favorite catches with fresh seafood selections delivered daily!



New H-E-B Mont Belvieu features a huge parking lot and also has a gas station.

**Sushiya:** Freshly-prepared gourmet sushi including: Brown Rice, Sashimi, Cooked Rolls, and Vegetarian options.

**Produce:** Featuring local and organic produce, fresh squeezed juices and guacamole made fresh in-store!

**Scratch Bakery & Tortilleria:** Naturally leavened breads, fresh tortillas & decadent desserts made fresh in-store!

**Deli:** Cooking Connection: Healthy Living: Pharmacy: it. Texas Backyard:

## Public Art encourages residents to Love Where You Live

Baytown residents and visitors driving around town will notice public art popping up all over town. The work is part of the "Baytown Public Art Program," a collaborative effort of the City of Baytown's Tourism division, the Baytown Art League, Lee College, and other community partners.

The most recent installment, known as the "Better Block" is located at 124 W. Texas Avenue in an alley that once contained an abandoned storefront. A "Better Block" takes a small, unappealing area and transforms it into something beautiful. With a little paint, and a lot of elbow grease, the city-owned alley was already looking better, but the real transformation was yet to come. Local art students from Lee College have committed to creating a mural on the alley's three walls that will promote local ecology. The part that's drawn the most notice and excitement so far, however, is the umbrella canopy. Brightly tinted um-

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The alley prior to improvement.



The "Better Block" in progress. A mural spanning the three walls is underway.

## San Jacinto Hospital opens new observation unit



Ribbon Cutting Ceremony

BAYTOWN — (April 24, 2018) — Houston Methodist San Jacinto Hospital held a ribbon cutting ceremony on April 23 to celebrate the opening of its state-of-the-art observation unit. The 20-bed unit is located on the second

floor of the hospital's Garth campus. The unit is a dedicated facility that provides patient care, generally for up to 24 hours, including diagnostics, treatment and monitoring, following an emergency department visit. Staff gathered for the

ribbon cutting included (from left) board member R.D. Burnside, Dr. Shawn Tittle, Administrative Director of Care Gail Kenny (6th from left), CNO Becky Chalupa (center), CEO David Bernard, board member Gilbert Santana.

## Lee College to participate in National Safety Stand-Down week

BAYTOWN, TX - The Risk Management Institute (RMI) at Lee College is excited to participate in National Safety Stand-Down Week May 7-11, to prevent falls in construction by focusing on fall hazards and reinforcing the importance of fall prevention. The RMI will host a series of courses and workshops throughout the week dedicated to fall prevention, kicking-off with the National Safety Stand-Down Toolbox Talk.

National Safety Stand-Down Toolbox Talk, 8:30 a.m. - 10 a.m., Tues., May 8, 2018 at Phyllis Davis Room, 909 Decker Drive, Baytown, TX, 77520.

Safety and Accident Prevention Workshop to follow from 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.

All events are free to attend and open to the public including employers, employees, students, adults and seniors. Individuals in the following fields are especially encouraged to attend: commercial construction companies, residential construction contractors, highway construction companies,

general industry employers, government employees, Unions, employer's trade associations, institutes, employee interest organizations, and safety equipment manufacturers.

To register for the event, call 281.425.6311 or register online at [ww.lee.edu/rmi](http://ww.lee.edu/rmi).

Other free safety courses that week include:

- Basic Ergonomics 8 a.m. - 5 p.m., Wed., May 9, 2018 Lee College Education Center - South Liberty County, 1715 Highway 146, Liberty, TX, 77575
- Reducing Slips, Trips, and Falls 8 a.m. - 5 p.m., Thurs., May 10, 2018 909 Decker Dr., Baytown, TX, 77520
- Fall Proof 8 a.m. - 3 p.m., Fri., May 11, 2018 Lee College Education Center - South Liberty County, 1715 Highway 146, Liberty, TX, 77575
- Fall Prevention 8 a.m. - 5 p.m., Fri., May 11, 2018 McNair Center, 3411 I-10 West, Baytown, TX, 77521.

## Volunteer Opportunities

MAKE A DIFFERENCE TODAY!

Get involved with a new initiative in the Baytown community - mobile food fairs.

It is an opportunity to assist Hearts & Hands of Baytown and their partners, Houston Food Bank and Be Well Baytown, as they distribute food to our neighbors in need.

We are very excited about this collaboration with the Houston Food Bank and look forward to each of the events being a success in distributing to Baytown residents.

Volunteers will be assisting with bagging or boxing foods from pallets, assist clients with registration, food selection and in carrying the foods to their vehicles. Dress comfortably and wear rubber sole shoes, and don't forget the sunscreen.

Following are the dates, times that volunteers are needed (in any increment of time) and places for upcoming food fairs:

- Friday, May 11 7am - 1pm Cristo Viene Church, 400 Cedar Bayou Road
- Friday, June 8 7am - 1pm Cristo Viene Church, 400 Cedar Bayou Road
- Friday, July 13 7am - 1pm Cristo Viene Church, 400 Cedar Bayou Road
- Friday, August 10 7am - 1pm Cristo Viene Church, 400 Cedar Bayou Road
- Friday, Sept 14 7am - 1pm Cristo Viene Church, 400 Cedar Bayou Road
- Friday, Oct 12 7am - 1pm Cristo Viene Church, 400 Cedar Bayou Road
- Friday, Nov 9 7am - 1pm Cristo Viene Church, 400 Cedar Bayou Road
- Friday, Dec 14 7am - 1pm Cristo Viene Church, 400 Cedar Bayou Road

For additional information, or to register as a volunteer, please call Lori Rumfeld at (713) 384-1843.

★ OPINION PAGE ★

# TxDOT urges drivers to look twice for motorcycles to decrease fatalities

## 501 motorcyclists died in 2017 in crashes on Texas roads

HOUSTON – As part of National Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month in May, the Texas Department of Transportation’s “Share the Road: Look Twice for Motorcycles” campaign is urging drivers to watch carefully for motorcycles. Crashes killed 501 and seriously injured another 2,101 motorcyclists in Texas last year.

“Nobody wants to take a life in a crash or lose a loved one,” said TxDOT Executive Director James Bass. “Motorcycles are small, they’re hard to see, and it can be difficult to judge their speed and distance. That’s why it’s critical that drivers take extra precautions to look twice for motorcycles, especially at intersections.”

Intersections are particularly risky areas for serious crashes involving motorcycles. From 2010 to 2015,

25 percent of crashes involving motorcycles occurred when one vehicle turned left in front of an oncoming motorcycle, likely due to the driver not seeing the oncoming motorcycle.

Motorcycle crashes also

are more severe than other types of crashes because motorcycles lack the protective and safety features of other vehicles.

To help everyone arrive safely at their destination, TxDOT’s “Look Twice for Motorcycles” campaign urges drivers to:

- Look twice for motorcycles, especially at intersections.
- Always assume motorcycles are closer than they appear.
- Avoid turning in front of an oncoming motorcycle.
- Use turn signals and check blind spots before changing lanes.
- Avoid following a motorcycle too closely.
- Give motorcyclists a full lane.
- Obey posted speed limits.

This year’s “Look Twice for Motorcycles” campaign will conduct events around the state to coincide with National Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month and the start of the spring/summer driving season. The stops will feature a virtual reality game designed to educate motorists to look twice for motorcycles.

# An American Classic At Work

(NAPSI)—If you’ve ever served in the military, worked for the federal government, signed a visitors log in a federal building, or addressed a letter at a post office, chances are you’ve had your hands on an American classic.

That’s because you’ve probably used a SKIL-CRAFT® U.S. Government Pen. It’s really something to write home about. In fact, the pen can write continuously for a mile and in temperatures up to 160 degrees and down to 40 degrees below zero.

It all started 50 years ago, when National Industries for the Blind (NIB) and its associated nonprofit agencies met the government’s challenge of producing a jaw-dropping 70 million retractable ballpoint pens according to rigorous specifications.

Today, manufacturing the pen sustains employment for more than 100 people who are blind at three NIB associated nonprofit agencies: Alphapointe in Kansas City, Missouri; Industries for the Blind in Milwaukee, Wisconsin; and Industries of the Blind in Greensboro, North Carolina.

Perhaps the most significant aspect of the pen project was and remains the fact that this outstanding quality

writing instrument is produced by people who are blind working at NIB associated agencies. The quality of the pen they produce has shifted perceptions about the capabilities of people who are blind and led to new products introduced over the decades. More than just a writing instrument, the pen symbolizes the strength of American manufacturing and the nearly limitless capabilities of people who are blind.

Today, people who are blind working at NIB associated agencies produce more than 7,000 different products for the federal government, including office supplies, cleaning supplies, hardware and paints, and a wide range of products to equip the U.S. military, such as uniforms, bedding and protective equipment.

Since 1938, NIB has focused on enhancing the opportunities for economic and personal independence of people who are blind, primarily through creating, sustaining and improving employment. NIB and its network of associated nonprofit agencies are the nation’s largest employer of people who are blind.

Learn More  
Visit <http://NIB.org/pen> to learn more about this American classic.



# Home Country Slim Randles

It was like buzzards circling the body.

The Jones kid, Randy, was out in the Mule Barn parking lot with the hood up on his car. He was staring down into it the way a first-time parachutist would look out the airplane door. You never quite knew for sure what lay ahead.

“Looks like Randy’s got problems,” said Steve.

“Let’s have a look,” said Dud.

So coffee was left to get cold and the entire Supreme Court of All Things Mechanical – Steve, Dud, Doc, Herb and Dewey – trooped out to see what was going on.

They formed a powerful semi-circle of wisdom around the youth and his engine with folded arms and facial expressions that said, “It’s okay, Kid. We’re here.”

Dewey spoke first. “Having trouble, Randy?”

“Won’t start.”

Doc, who has the most initials after his name, said, “Give it a try.”

Randy ground the engine, but it wouldn’t kick over.

“Stop! Stop!” Doc yelled. “Don’t want to flood it.”

All Doc knows about flooding is that the animals went on board, two by two.

“Randy, I think it’s the solenoid,” said Steve, looking wise.

“Doesn’t have one, Steve,” Randy said.

“Sure it does. All cars have solenoids.”

“Not the new ones. Haven’t made solenoids in years.”

Steve’s expression said, “Young punks, what do they know?” But his voice said, “Well, what do you know about that?”

“Need a jump?” Dewey asked.

“Got plenty of spark,” Randy said.

Randy looked at the older men and then bent to the engine and smiled. His voice came floating up over the radiator. “Might be the junction fibrillator. Or it could be a malfunction of the Johnson switch. If I rerun the wire from the organ housing to the pump by-pass, that might get it done.”

When Randy looked up, all the men had gone back in for coffee. He smiled and called Triple A on his cell phone.

# Abbott urges local officials to apply for Harvey funds

AUSTIN — Mayors, county judges and emergency management officials in communities impacted by Hurricane Harvey received letters last week from Gov. Greg Abbott, urging them to take advantage of available funding.

Some \$500 million in funds from the Federal Emergency Management Agency’s Hazard Mitigation Grant Program are available now, Abbott said. These funds are in addition to the more than \$10 billion in Community Development Block Grant funds approved by Congress and awarded to Texas earlier this year.

“The hazard mitigation funds available today can provide immediate relief and resiliency to your community,” Abbott wrote. “As of today, the Texas Department of Emergency Management has received only seven complete applications from the entire region impacted by Hurricane Harvey. That means hundreds of millions of dollars that are available to Texas communities today are not being put to use.”

Abbott reminded the officials that local governments would not be obligated to pay the typical 25 percent local cost share for hazard mitigation grants and that \$600 million of additional hazard mitigation funds will become available in four months.

Hazard mitigation funds can be used for purposes such as:

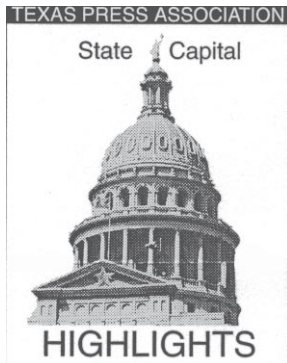
- Buyouts and elevations of flood-prone properties;
- Drainage and reservoir projects that eliminate future flooding;
- Projects to lessen the frequency or severity of flooding;
- Flood risk reduction projects such as dams, retention basins, levees and flood walls; and
- Large-scale channeling of waterways.

## Chiefs support proposal

The Texas Railroad Commission on April 26 joined the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality and the Public Utility Commission of Texas in submitting comments on a U.S. Environmental Protection Agency proposal to repeal the Clean Power Plan adopted under the Obama administration in 2015.

A letter signed by the executive directors of the three state agencies supports the EPA’s proposed repeal of “Carbon Pollution Emission Guidelines for Existing Electric Utility Generating Units,” known as the Clean Power Plan.

# STATE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS By Ed Sterling



January 2011, resigned from office effective April 6.

## Paxton welcomes ruling

Attorney General Paxton on April 27 applauded a 2-1 ruling by a three-judge panel of the New Orleans-based U.S. Court of Appeals for the 5th Circuit that upholds Senate Bill 5, Texas’ voter ID law.

“The court rightly recognized that when the Legislature passed Senate Bill 5 last session, it complied with every change the 5th Circuit ordered to the original voter ID law,” Attorney General Paxton said. “Safeguarding the integrity of our elections is essential to preserving our democracy. The revised voter ID law removes any burden on voters who cannot obtain a photo ID.”

SB 5 allows registered voters without one of the seven state-approved forms of photo identification to cast an in-person ballot by signing a sworn declaration of reasonable impediment stating why they could not obtain photo ID.

## May is awareness month

The Texas Department of Transportation’s “Share the Road: Look Twice for Motorcycles” campaign is urging drivers to watch for motorcycles, as crashes killed 501 and seriously injured another 2,101 motorcyclists in Texas last year.

TxDOT’s campaign is part of National Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month in May.

“Nobody wants to take a life in a crash or lose a loved one,” said TxDOT Executive Director James Bass. “Motorcycles are small, they’re hard to see, and it can be difficult to judge their speed and distance. That’s why it’s critical that drivers take extra precautions to look twice for motorcycles, especially at intersections.”

## Abbott says pay for it

Gov. Abbott on April 25 sent a letter to former U.S. Rep. Blake Farenthold of Corpus Christi, demanding that he cover costs for an upcoming emergency special election for the 27th Congressional District of Texas.

Abbott ordered the election to fill the seat made vacant by Farenthold’s recent resignation.

“While you have publicly offered to reimburse the \$84,000 in taxpayer funds you wrongly used to settle a sexual harassment claim, there is no legal recourse requiring you to give that money back to Congress,” Abbott wrote. “I am urging you to give those funds back to the counties in your district to cover the costs of the June 30, 2018, special election. This seat must be filled, and the counties and taxpayers in the 27th Congressional District should not again pay the price for your actions,” Abbott added.

Farenthold, whose tenure in U.S. House began in

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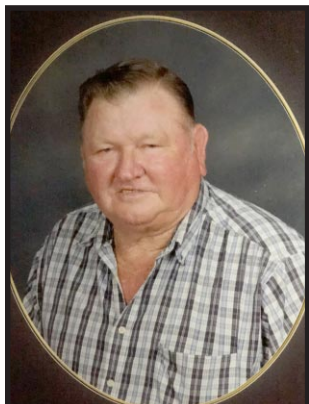
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★ LIFESTYLE PAGE ★

OBITUARIES

**William Earnest Holst**

William Earnest Holst, Sr. 78, passed away April 24, 2018 in Corpus Christi, Texas. William was born on November 4, 1939 to parents Floyd and Rachel Holst in Manvel, Texas. He was a devoted Christian and cherished his relationship with the Lord. William lived in Cloverleaf for many years where he spent a lot of his time as well as raising his family. He moved to Corpus Christi in 1979 where he enjoyed the later time in his life. William was known to some as "Wild Bill" as a testament of how he enjoyed his life. He loved spending time with his family and teaching them his favorite pastime which was fishing. William is preceded in death by his parents; and siblings, Wilda Raines, Loraine Blackwell, Floyd (F.G.) Holst, Floye



Boren, Pauline Craver, Everett (Buck) Holst, Betty Jean Holst, Freida Wells, and Frances Reese. He is lovingly survived by his children, Eliza R. Pullishy and husband Ben as well as their children: Andrea E. Busa, John D. Mayfield, Robert J. Mayfield; William E. Holst, Jr. and wife Janice as well as their children: David A. Holst, Bradley W. Holst, Gary A. Holst, Richard Owens and Holly Coburn; Nancy Gosell and her children: Shel-

by Gosell, Taylor and Stacey Gosell; Kenny Holst and wife Kim and their children: Kenny A. Holst, Jr., Mathew Adams, Chris Adams and Amanda Holst; siblings, Mary Belle Helm, Joe Holst, and Nancy Moret; 24 great-grandchildren; 2 great-great grandchildren; as well as numerous extended family members and friends. Friends are welcome to join the family for a visitation at 10:00 a.m. with the funeral service to begin at 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday, May 2, 2018 in the chapel of Carter-Conley Funeral Home. Graveside services will follow at 1:00 p.m. at Oak Dale Cemetery in Da-isetta, Texas under the direction of Carter-Conley Funeral Home.

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**Richard Arlen Drew**

On April 30, 2018 Richard Arlen Drew transitioned from the life we know, leaving those of us who knew him to feel great loss. And whether you knew him as Great-Grandpa, Grandpa, Dad, Dick, Dicky, Richard Arlen or Mr. Drew, meeting Richard Arlen Drew was sure to make an impression on you. The second of five children of James Ray and Hazel Constance Drew, Dick was born in Tulsa, Oklahoma on May 18, 1929. In talking about his admittedly feral childhood, he would say that when he was five or six years old, "they set a trap for me, put shoes on me, and made me go to school." That rugged spirit, molded by the Oklahoma woods as seen through the eyes of the forming child, would come to define him throughout his life and become integral to the legacy of love for the Earth's wildness that he would pass to his descendants.

While he had little use for titles, Dick Drew and his siblings were members of what's been called the Greatest Generation, so Dick grew up during the Great Depression and the time of World War II.

Too young to go to that war, Dick volunteered for the Marine Corps during the time of the Korean War, although he was ultimately not to be shipped overseas. Which, we always told him, was good news for us, his kids born after that time. He married Barbara Jean Fuller on April 16, 1949. She would be his beloved companion and fellow traveler during their 69 years of marriage. Together they would have three children. In his early adult life, Dick learned carpentry from his dad, working with him building houses across the Houston area. This trade would form Dick into the hard-working, self-made businessman the world would come to know - who made his place in the heavy-equipment industry, with his companies Drew Rentals and, later, Champion Crane and Tractor. It was at the helm of Champion Crane that Dick Drew would come to do business with companies in dozens of far-flung capitals around the world.

In his family life as in his business life, you never had to wonder where you stood with Dick Drew. He was tender and he was harsh. He was stern and he was breathtakingly empathetic. And at his best times, which were often, Dick's

sense of fun and humor shone brightly. His habit of not being able to finish telling a joke because of laughing too hard at the end of it would come to be a signature for him. Those of us who lived in that plentiful good humor will never forget it, and it will always be part of us. Richard Arlen Drew was a man if ever there was one: ruggedly brilliant, flawed, loving - human. We are all better for having known him. Mr. Drew is survived by his wife Barbara Jean Fuller Drew; son Glenn Arlen Drew and wife Ann Drew; daughter Constance Louise Drew; son Bradley Lawrence Drew and wife Yvonne Drew-Alvarez; his grandchildren Blake Arlen Drew and wife April Drew; Brett Lawrence Drew and wife Sharon Drew; and Brooks Cody Drew; and his great-grandchildren Madeline Drew, Brett Drew Jr., Taylor Drew, Alexa Drew and Ava Drew. In place of flowers, the family asks that you consider supporting the future of wild things on the Earth by donating to African Wildlife Foundation at [awf.org](http://awf.org). A memorial service will be held at Forest Park Lawndale Funeral Home Chapel of Angels at 10 a.m. Tuesday, May 8, 2018. All are welcome.

THOUGHTS FROM MARANATHA CHURCH

You May Have a Point There

By Dr. Mark Trice

If you have ever walked through brush, ridden a horse through the woods, or even gone berry picking, you have more than likely felt the sharp prick of a thorn or a thistle. Thorns from numerous plants in various parts of the country have pierced the flesh of many of us. Whether or not the thorns draw blood, there is no mistaking the fact we live in a world cursed with thorns and thistles, and it takes work to pro-

tect ourselves from them. These thorns are more than a hassle, more than an inconvenience: They are a curse. This curse started way back in Genesis 3:17-19. Because of Adam and Eve's sin, the ground was cursed, and thorns and thistles are a sign of that very curse. The thorn would forever prick our sin-filled lives and guilty souls. Beautiful roses, great tasting berries and many other plants that benefit us also come with thorns to remind us of the curse. Ultimately, this curse on us would

be transferred to Jesus Christ on Calvary as another sign that Christ has truly redeemed us from the curse of the Law (Ga. 3:13). God is holy and makes no exceptions when it comes to righteousness. At times our God is bound by His own holy nature: There must be a blood sacrifice for sin, and there is a clear separation between good and evil, light and darkness, righteous and unrighteous. The thorns formed a barrier between a loving God and a man who allowed sin to enter into

his heart. As we look at Scripture we see the trail of thorns as God's presence appears to man, revealing the barrier between a holy God and sinful mankind.

• GE. 22:1-13 - When Abraham offers Isaac on Mount Moriah, the ram is caught in a thicket or thorns.

• EX. 3:1-3 - God speaks to Moses from the burning bush, a bush of thorns. He tells Moses to take his sandals off because he is on holy ground. In other words, "Don't come any closer; you might step on a thorn." God later appears on that same mountain to give the Law, warning that if any touch the mountain they will surely

die (EX. 19:12).

• EX. 26:29 - God instructs Moses to build a Tabernacle. He specifically tells him to use acacia wood: its branches "to be covered with long thorns. They must remove the thorns, overlay it with gold, and then have the dwelling place of the fiery pillar of God's presence."

• NU. 25:1 & JOS.2:1 - The last place Israel camps before they enter the Promise Land is called Abel-Shittim, which means "Field of Thorns."

• Solomon's Temple, on Mount Moriah, houses the Ark of the Covenant (made of thorny acacia wood) and God's presence beams from above the mercy seat. Many events have

transpired on Mount Moriah, but the trail of thorns is not complete.

• Also on Mount Moriah, they hang our Lord and Savior. Yes, I'm sure you have guessed by now; He wears a CROWN OF THORNS. Eden's curse has become this mocking crown.

Every time we see a thorn, it should remind us we are redeemed from the curse, free from sin, new creatures in Christ Jesus. Jesus Christ, King of Kings, Lord of Lords: He truly is tougher than nails, sharper than thorns.

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Rise in the presence of the aged, show respect for the elderly and revere your God.  
Leviticus 19:32

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# Grand Texas Theme Park,

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trails, a seven story free fall tower, pony rides, and a petting zoo.

The theme park is located on 630 acres at US59 and Highway 292.

The development has had a difficult past, first announced in 2013, with

several attempts at funding the park. The most recent is 3 loans from the federal USDA rural development fund, totalling \$20 million. In the next phase, which will take about two years to construct, the Theme Park

and the Sportsplex will be built. When finished, the theme park will have five roller coasters.

A new Best Western hotel is nearing completion.

The new park, when complete, is expected to provide 300 jobs.



# Waste Pits Superfund,

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There were no public or media representatives invited.

Young said that at the CAC meeting, she learned that a substantial stockpile of rocks or crushed concrete, 1000 tons, used to repair damage to the cap on the waste pits, has been stored offsite but within 14 miles of the location.

Also she said that EPA announced that a key administrator, Albert Kelly, had resigned today. Kelly was the person that first visited the San Jacinto River site, and recommended to EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt that he visit the site and put it on the Priority list. No reason was given for his resignation, she said.

Young emphasized that despite concerns about removing the San Jacinto River site from the Priority

list, which was announced several weeks ago, she was assured by EPA that this was only procedural, and due to the Settlement Agreement, the Waste Pits remediation would continue to be a top priority and move ahead. She said that EPA told her "Political Changes should NOT impact the Clean-up."

At the CAC meeting Tuesday, Young was able to present some of the community's concern about the clean-up. These included:

- Noise from cofferdam construction
- Length of time to build cofferdam
- Need for a decontamination area, for equipment coming off the site
- Quarterly inspections of cap should continue
- Groundwater sampling should continue

through the clean-up. Young was assured that these would be considered and implemented. In addition, the EPA said their dive team would make inspections this summer, probably in June, and that results of a bathymetric survey would soon be available.

She was told that the cofferdam would take 1 to 1-1/2 years to build, then dewatering would take place, and the cap would be removed in sections for removal of the toxic soil.

The Settlement Agreement has milestones, and penalties if they are not met. It only covers design work. The next step is a Consent Decree, which means the PRP agree to waste removal.

The schedule calls for the whole site to be remediated by Sept. 1, 2020.

# Congressional Art Winners,

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Second place was awarded to Fredy Rubio from Crosby High School for his artwork, "Angry Storm," and third place to Rachael Matthews of Deer Park High School for her artwork titled, "Fortunate." Both second and third place art will be displayed in Congressman Babin's office in Washington, D.C.

"I was very impressed by the talented artwork created by high school students across the 36th District of Texas," said Rep. Babin. "We had over 50 submissions for this year's theme of 'Hurricane Harvey Through Your Eyes' and couldn't have asked for better art. Congratulations to this year's first place winner, Juliann Dooley of Warren, whose drawing will be proudly displayed in the U.S Capitol. Thank you to everyone who participated in this year's competition."

Below is full list of award recipients at the 36th District 2018 Congressional Art Competition:



"ANGRY STORM"  
2nd Place Winner  
by Fredy Rubio  
Crosby High School

First Place: Juliann Dooley | Warren High School | "Humanity"

Second Place: Fredy Rubio | Crosby High School | "Angry Storm"

Third Place: Rachael Matthews | Deer Park High School | "Fortunate"

Honorable Mentions:

Samantha Jackman | Deer Park High School | "Floating Effervescently"

Paris Williams | Dayton High School | "Eye of the Hurricane"

Marilyn Calte | Dayton High School | "A View from Below"

Israel Robles | Ross S. Sterling High School | "Aftermath"

Angelica Pineda | Crosby High School | "Wings of Safety"

Joslyn Alyssa Valdez | Crosby High School | "The Eye of Destruction"

Nathan Faircloth | Woodville High School | "A Break in the Storm"

Jordan Foxworth | Woodville High School | "Seneca Road Closed"

Rebecca Vargas | Deer Park High School | "Stranded by Harvey"

Gabriel Cruz | C.E. King High School | "Together through Harvey"



# Improvements,

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brellas hang gracefully across the alley, shading the bright light in dappled color.

The public art program is intended to build emotional connections between residents of Baytown with their community, building on the mantra "love where you live." Overseeing the program is the Public Art Visioning Committee comprised of members from the Baytown Tourism Division, City Administra-

tion, Art League of Baytown, Lee College Art Department, and the Sterling Municipal Library.

The first phase of the program includes three mural projects at different locations. The City's Sterling Municipal Library was the first location to have a mural completed, and another one is underway at the Art League of Baytown.

"The City of Baytown exists to enrich lives and build

communities," said Sabrina Martin, Tourism Visitor Outreach Specialist. "We have to work together as an organization to do that. Collaboration between several City departments and our community partners made a beautiful place out of what was once an eyesore."

The Baytown Better Block will get its first public appearance tomorrow, Saturday April 28, from 4 pm - 9 pm, when the City's 2nd Annual Food Truck Festival and 1st Sidewalk Art Competition take place just across the street at the City's Town Square.

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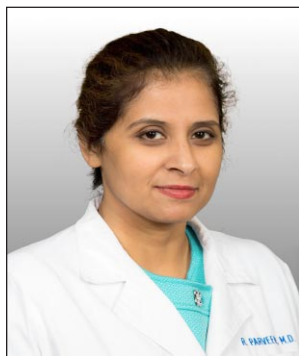
# Stroke Awareness month promotes Prevention and Education

BAYTOWN — (April 27, 2018) — Stroke does not play favorites. It can strike anyone at any time with no warning, but being educated about the signs of stroke can save lives.

With May designated as National Stroke Awareness Month, Houston Methodist San Jacinto Hospital neurologist Dr. Ruby Parveen urges the residents of Baytown and the surrounding communities to learn about the symptoms and possible prevention of this potentially deadly condition; the third leading cause of death in the U.S. As a Gold Plus Primary Stroke Center, Houston Methodist San Jacinto Hospital provides world-class, multi-disciplinary stroke care to help patients achieve the best possible long-term outcomes.

“One in 12 stroke patients is likely to have another stroke soon after the initial attack,” said Parveen. “But research shows that patients experience better outcomes when taken to hospitals that are stroke centers because these centers follow specific, evidence-based treatment practices. In addition to how fast you get care, where you go can make a difference.”

According to the American Stroke Association, a stroke occurs when blood flow to the brain is shut off by a blood clot (ischemic stroke) or a ruptured blood vessel (hemorrhagic stroke). Lacking an adequate blood supply, brain cells begin to die and brain damage occurs. Because early intervention can make all the difference, getting immediate medical care by



Dr. Ruby Parveen

calling 911 is absolutely crucial if you or someone you know shows symptoms of a stroke.

The American Heart Association/American Stroke Association “Get with the Guidelines” stroke program helps to ensure consistent, evidence-based stroke care. The guidelines promote such practices as performing brain imaging quickly; administering the clot-dissolving medication called recombinant tissue plasminogen activator (rtPA) within three hours from the onset of ischemic stroke symptoms; administering anti-platelet or anticoagulant medications at prescribed intervals; risk factor management including high cholesterol; educating patients and caregivers about stroke prevention and warning signs; providing smokers with smoking cessation information; initiating stroke rehabilitation referrals and screening stroke patients for swallowing problems.

If you think someone might be having a stroke, remember the “F.A.S.T” test from the National Stroke Association:

Face: Ask the person to smile. Does one side of the face droop?

Arms: Ask the per-

son to raise both arms. Does one arm drift downward?

Speech: Ask the person to repeat a simple sentence. Are the words slurred? Can he/she repeat the sentence correctly?

Time: If a person shows any of these symptoms, call 911 immediately. Carefully note the time when the first symptoms appeared. This information is critical for treatment decisions.

After a stroke, rehabilitative therapy—which generally begins within 24 to 48 hours after the stroke—is needed to help survivors relearn skills that may have been lost.

“Following a stroke, successful rehabilitation depends on how early rehabilitation begins, the extent of the brain injury, the support of family and friends and the rehab team’s skill,” Parveen said. “For survivors, the importance of maintaining a positive attitude should not be overlooked. It is essential.”

Houston Methodist San Jacinto Hospital’s stroke care team includes physicians, rehabilitation nurses, physical therapists, occupational therapists, speech-language pathologists and vocational therapists.

Houston Methodist San Jacinto Hospital will host a free Stroke Seminar on Tuesday, May 22 from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. that will provide more information on symptoms, possible causes and treatment options. To register, call 281-428-2273, or visit [houstonmethodist.org/events](http://houstonmethodist.org/events).



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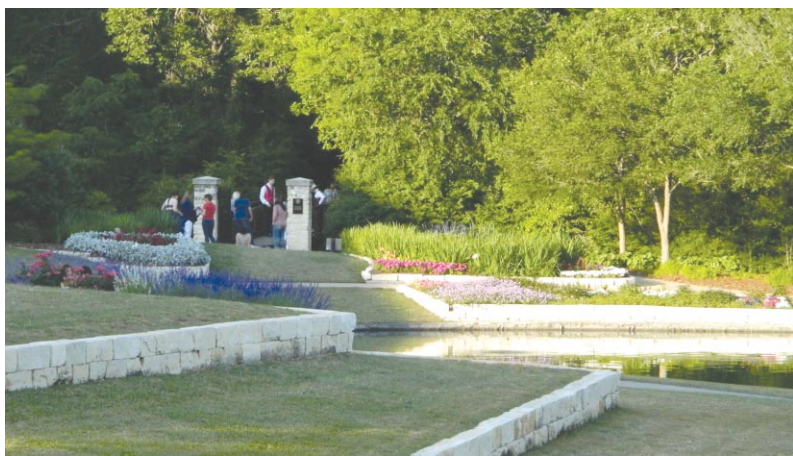
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## Detwiler Foundation,

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Cheryl Railsback and a Highway 90 Wrecker/chicken cook show off some of the exquisite cooking that took third place overall in the cook-off that was sold for \$10 a place in Liberty Square.

you to all of our cooks, the coworkers and friends that came out to show support, Patients ER for sponsoring our teams, and especially the Foundations founder, Cheryl Railsback. Deputy Detwiler's legacy will be with us always."

Cheryl Railsback, of Huffman, the mother of slain in the line of duty Chambers County Deputy Shane Detwiler, President and founder of Shane Detwiler Foundation said "Shane was killed in 2009 and I started this foundation in 2010." later would add, "Thank you to everyone who cooked, brought their vehicles out to show, judged our car show, judged our barbecue, came out to support and most of all, those who volunteered to assist with this event! Overall, it was a great success for our first year! I could not have done it without any of you.

Looking forward to next year!"

Shane Thomas Detwiler, 31, of Baytown, a married father of three young children was the second lawman to die in the line of duty in the Chambers County Sheriff's Office's

104-year history on July 6, 2009. He had been a Texas Parks and Wildlife Game Warden and was a decorated Iraq War veteran.

He lost his life in a showdown at Tower Terrace mobile home community, near Houston Raceway Park, when a meter reader for a municipal utility district tried to shut off the water at a shooter's trailer home. Shooting began about 9:30 a.m. by a woman named Pamela Leggett-Ortez, now 46, she was arrested when she came outside on the front porch carrying a gun.

Many shots were fired between Gilbert Ortez Jr., a former police officer, and deputies. Ortez opened fire without warning killing Detwiler inside the mobile home: Ortez was found dead inside the mobile home.

Detwiler was awarded a Bronze Star and a Global War on Terrorism Service Medal for his military service.

Shanedetwilerfoundation.org continues to seek funds to supply police equipment to deputies and scholarships to students seeking law enforcement careers.

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