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- Summer Reading Program at Jones Library

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IN THE
STARS

SUNDAY

Father's
Day

June 17

EVENTS

JUNE 11 - JUNE 15
FUN AT CROSBY
LIBRARY

•Thursday, June 14, 2:00 pm, Happy the Clown with magic tricks.
•Summer themed story times for Preschoolers on Tuesday and for babies and toddlers on Thursday. Both story times at 10:30 am.
•Free lunch provided Monday - Friday from 12:00 noon to 1:00 pm for everyone aged 1-18 and their caregiver. For more information, call 281-328-3535.

SAT., JUNE 16
ASCS GOLF SOUTH
SPRINTS

8:00 p.m. at San Jacinto Battleground Speedway, 10625 Crosby Lynchburg Rd., Crosby, TX 77532. See ad, page 8 for more details.

WED., JUNE 20
POST HARVEY
MEETING SJRC

Wednesday, June 20, 6:30 pm at Highlands/San Jacinto Community Center, 604 Highland Woods Dr., Highlands, TX 77562.

TUE., JUNE 26
CANCER
SURVIVORS
CELEBRATION

11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Survivors walk, lunch buffet, music and dancing. Hilton Garden Inn, 4910 E. Chase St., Baytown, TX. See ad, page 8 for details.

BIRTHDAYS

Jun 14--Shelby Russell
Jun 15-- Tina Hill
Jun 16-- Steffany de la Cruz
Tim Grisham
Evelyn Del Angel
Jun 17--Garret Oviedo
Brandi Rutledge
Jun 18--Erica Castro
David Mata
Jun 19--Lara Sue Hill

ANNIVERSARIES

Jun 18--Cliff & Janise McKee
Jun 19--David & Susie Coffman

Record-setting Crosby Livestock Show nets over \$375,000; \$25,000 bid for GC steer

CROSBY Although official tallies are not completed yet and there is still to be much billed and collected it seems the livestock sale last Wednesday including silent auction, live auction, resale and other factors brought in about \$375,000 total.

About 60 local youth exhibited livestock or Ag. mechanics or horticulture exhibits and sales were at a record high including the grand champion steer for \$25,000 to Bayshore Dodge.

Unofficial tallies indicate that the Livestock Live Auction brought about \$310,000 but there was much on-going.

Next week the Star-Courier intends to present the Livestock Auction in full photo of the grand and reserves.



Shelby Kouba exhibits "Tucker" as the auctioneer reaches out for \$22,000 a gasp comes from the audience, this is Shelby's second year to show the Grand Champion steer in Crosby.

'Tough Enough' bestows \$150,000

CROSBY - Tough Enough to Wear Pink a committee of the Crosby Fair & Rodeo raised a stunning amount of money from the Bras for the Cause last February, last Saturday they gave those funds to two deserving charities that help people fighting cancer, oh, and they passed a million dollar milestone in funds they raised and gave away, too.

Lanette Armstrong, "I am thankful to have the support of the community that we have year after year. Although we are a small community it blows me away that we are able to do this and give back. There are so many people that are in such need."

See Pink Heals
Continued on Page 8



Tough Enough to Wear Pink Committee of the Crosby Fair & Rodeo bestows \$150,000 Saturday night at the Crosby Fair & Rodeo \$120,000 to the Pink Heals Foundation that helps those fighting cancer pay regular bills. They awarded \$30,000 to Candlelighters Childhood Cancer Family Alliance. These fund were raised by the volunteer organization at Bras For The Cause last February. More on page 8.

Cristy Graves named Citizen of the Year, again



Christy Graves, Medical Services Chief for HCESD#5, the ambulance crews in Crosby and board member of HCESD#4 in Huffman receives the 2018 Citizen's Recognition Award from Eastside Veteran's Celebration engraved Citizen of the Year from Bob Ward. Eddie Foster of the organization looks on and John Lindsay, Lifetime member Crosby Fair & Rodeo applauds.

Commissioners Court puts \$2.5b flood bond on Aug. 25 ballot

If approved by voters, Flood Protection Bond issue would finance major flood protection projects

HOUSTON, June 12, 2018 - Harris County Commissioners Court voted today to place a \$2.5 billion bond proposal on the Aug. 25 ballot, asking voters to finance a 10- to 15-year program of flood mitigation projects that include drainage improvements, upgraded warning systems, infrastructure repairs, home buyouts, and construction of more detention basins. County Judge Ed Emmett said today that the goal of the bond issue is to speed up a host of projects that ultimately will provide greater protection for county residents and their property.

"After a series of catastrophic floods in recent years, Harris County residents rightly expect major improvements in the way we protect our homes and residents from disaster," Emmett said. "We must take steps now to make our county more resilient. We all saw the way that Texans helped Texans during the Memorial Day floods of 2015, the Tax Day floods of 2016 and Hurricane Harvey last year. Now is our chance to work together to protect each other proactively."

The county's Budget Management Department has estimated that, if passed, the bond issue would result in an overall tax rate increase of 2-3

See Flood Bond, page 6

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Rodeo recognizes working youth



Sony Armstrong, Rick Larkin, “Tandy” Gillespie and Rick Loggins executive Crosby Fair & Rodeo Board members present the Top Hand Award to Blake Larkin, Senior Top Hand and Tristan Fuchs, Junior Top Hand for the 2018 Crosby Fair & Rodeo.

Hopper Primary educates children on sun safety



Hopper Primary kindergarten students sing about sun safety, modeling their sunglasses, their hats and the shirts they made as they participate in the “Ray and the Sunbeatables®” program, part of Be Well Baytown, an initiative of MD Anderson sponsored by ExxonMobil.

SAN JACINTO WASTE PITS

Post Harvey Meeting

Researchers and a local geologist to will present Post-Harvey findings. Two important presentations in one meeting.

Wednesday, June 20
6:00 p.m.,
Highlands/San Jacinto
Community Center
604 Highland Woods Dr.,
Highlands, TX 77562.

Almost one year ago, Hurricane Harvey devastated our region. In Harvey’s path were over 20 toxic waste sites. The site we focus on? The San Jacinto River Waste Pits Superfund Site. Join the community next wednesday, June 20 to hear two different sets of research related to Harvey’s after-

math. Both presenters will provide new post-Hurricane Harvey findings. The geologist will provide independent insight for the Waste Pits post-Harvey. This meeting is an incredible unique opportunity for you to hear what chemicals were found in the wristbands worn by local community members as they rebuilt their lives after Harvey.

Guest 1: Local Geologist and Professor of Environmental Management, Dr. Kathleen Garland. Dr. Garland examined the chronology of investigations and sampling events for the Waste Pits following Harvey. She will

present her interpretation of findings and summary of testing results.

Guest 2: Oregon State University and Texas A&M Researchers will provide findings from their post-Harvey wristband study. In September of 2017 a collaboration of Universities from across the country came together looking for volunteers to wear bracelets that could then be tested for over 1,500 chemicals. The results of the study are in.

Can’t make it? Join the San Jacinto River Coalition Tuesday, July 10 and August 7. Both meetings begin at 6:30 p.m. at the Highlands Community Center.

By Susan Passmore

Learning about sun safety is fun for students at B.P. Hopper Primary School, and it’s all thanks to a program through Be Well™ Baytown, an initiative of The University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center sponsored by ExxonMobil. Hopper staff kicked off the summer with a special program to teach sun safety to kindergartners.

Called “Ray and the Sunbeatables®,” the program is an exciting learning experience for everyone. It features superhero characters and fun classroom activities where the kids are really engaged—songs, puppet shows and hands-on demonstrations.

“They are really applying what they are learning. One parent the other day said, ‘My daughter, my kindergarten student, came home teaching my older daughter about sun safety,’ so they are really learning,” says Maria Rosas, Hopper principal.

Learning about sun-safe clothing, students made wide-brimmed sunhats from newspaper and duct tape as well as superhero capes. Teachers teamed up to put on a sun-safety skit. The activity ended with students participating in a style show and singing a song about sun safety.

“As a melanoma survivor, had I known some of these things, I may have been able to prevent skin cancer myself. I was actually a lifeguard and had no concept of sun protection in my era, but I think these kids are learning early and taking precautionary measures,” said Randal O’Brien, Goose Creek CISD superintendent. “The curriculum is valuable and a good example of how our teachers engage with our students with everything they need to know instructionally, but also with their lives, going away from the school building as well.”

“We are excited to be part of these changes because we know that they can have such a positive

impact over the long-term especially as one more sunburn in childhood doubles a person’s lifetime risk of melanoma,” says Ruth Reichis, the Director of Be Well Communities™ at MD Anderson.

Hopper Elementary and Goose Creek CISD will be implementing evidence-based programs over the summer and the next few school years including teaching “Ray and the Sunbeatables®” and other sun safety curricula informing the school community about the risk of sun exposure and reducing exposure to the sun. In addition, Hopper Primary will be receiving two sunshades for the playground area to keep children sun safe while playing outdoors.

A presentation of “Ray and the Sunbeatables®” was recently featured on Fox 26 by medical reporter Melissa Wilson. To see that story, visit: <http://www.fox26houston.com/health/kindergartners-fight-skin-cancer-the-fun-way>

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ROUND-UP

Taste of Dayton

Thursday, June 14,
2018 4:00 pm - 7:00 pm at
Dayton Community
Center, 801 S. Cleveland
St. The Dayton Chamber
of Commerce invites you.

Jones Public Library June Story Hours

•June 20, 2018
Book: Click Clack
Quackity Quack/Babar's
Picnic
Craft: Make your own
bubble blower
Everyone is welcome
to bring their own picnic
lunch and enjoy the
afternoon after story time
concludes.

*If it is too hot, story
time will be moved back to
the library and we will have
the bubbles on the patio.

•June 27, 2018
Book: The Star
Spangled Banner
Craft: Patriotic Straw
necklaces

**Synopsis: We will
be closed on
Wednesday, July 4th** for
Independence Day. So, we
will be having our 4th of July
Story Time a week early.
Making patriotic necklaces
out of straw beads! Come
celebrate with us!

Jones Public Library is
located at 801 S Cleveland
St. Ste A, Dayton TX
77535.

Summer Youth Program at Baytown Little Theater

Get ready for a fun
music filled summer!
Nohelia Cantú and Josh
Figueroa would like to
invite you to partake in this
summer's youth camp. This
year's program will offer a
TEKS based theatre
curriculum as well as a fun
environment for them to
grow and experience the
theatre life!

This year's summer
youth camp will take place
at The Baytown Little
Theater from June 25th until
July 13th, ending with three
separate showings starting
on July 13th and ending on
July 15th. This year we will
be accepting kids between
the ages of 5 - 18, each
child will be asked to pay
\$325 to take part in the
program. However if you
have more than one child
enrolled in the summer
youth camp the price goes
down to \$300. If you have
any other questions or
concerns feel free to email
the youth directors at
nohelia68@gmail.com
or joshuafigueroa555@gmail.com

Anahuac National Wildlife Refuge Summer Camp

Anahuac, TX —
Anahuac National Wildlife
Refuge (NWR) will be
hosting 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. Cost is \$28 for
the four day camp. Register
in person at Anahuac
National Wildlife Refuge
(NWR) Visitor Center, 4017
FM 563, Anahuac, TX 77514.
For more information,
please contact Stephanie
Martínez by emailing
stephanie_martinez@twrs.gov
or calling 409-267-3337.

Rep. Babin travels throughout District 36

Washington, DC – U.S.
Rep. Brian Babin (R-TX-
36) and his staff visited all
nine counties – Orange,
Chambers, Harris, Liber-
ty, Polk, Hardin, Newton,
Jasper and Tyler – in the
36th District last week.

"I decided to bring my
entire staff together to
travel throughout the nine
counties that make up Dis-
trict 36. My Washington
D.C. staff, District staff,
wife, and I traveled togeth-
er to different communities
to meet with the people we
serve," said Babin. "We
wanted to make our pres-
ence known, our faces fa-
miliar, and convey that we
are always accessible to
the folks of TX-36."

Congressman Babin
and his team started their
trip throughout District 36
with a tour of NASA
Johnson Space Center
(JSC) in Houston where
they first went into the
Space Vehicle Mockup Fa-
cility which houses mock-
ups of various space
systems used for astronaut
and flight operations train-
ing. These include the In-
ternational Space Station
(ISS), Commercial Crew
Program systems, and the
Orion Program. The staff
were also able to visit the
historic Christopher C.
Kraft Mission Control Cen-
ter (MSS), one of the "new"
control rooms, and the ISS
Flight Control Room. While
at the MCC, the newly ap-
pointed Center Director,
Mark Geyer, greeted and met
with the group. The JSC visit
concluded with a quick stop
at Rocket Park to see the
massive Saturn V Rocket



Rep. Babin tours Port of Houston



Rep. Babin, right, with SJC Director Mark Geyer.

on display.

After finishing the tour
at JSC, Rep. Babin and his
staff participated in a guid-
ed tour of the Port of Hous-
ton and the Houston Ship
Channel on one of the
port's Fireboats. The tour

took place near Bayport
and Barbour's Cut Con-
tainer terminal, and the
team discussed important
issues surrounding the
channel dredging, mainte-
nance, and vessel traffic
issues.

9 mo. old girl left inside hot truck dies

EAST HARRIS COUN-
TY – Tragedy struck a fam-
ily last week, as a 9-month
old child was left unattend-
ed in a hot truck.

Harris County Sheriff's
investigators determined
that the family, two par-
ents and 3 children, re-
turned to their mobile
home about 11 a.m. Mon-
day, June 4th. The home is
at 3100 E. Jones Road,
near Wade Road and J. D.
Walker community center.

The parents took two of
the children inside, and
each assumed that the oth-
er had picked up the tod-
dler. It was several hours
later, when they realized
the child was not there, but
in the truck. Temperature
that day was 91 degrees.

The child, identified as
Maria Solorio, was taken to
San Jacinto Hospital,
where she later died.

Authorities have not
charged the parents, to
date. Sheriff Gonzalez ex-
pressed his concern, "I hate
this. These deaths are pre-
ventable."



Harris County Sheriff
Gonzalez questions
relatives of the child

Jones Library hosts varied Summer Reading Program in July

The Jones Public Li-
brary will be hosting our
annual Summer Reading
Program throughout the
month of July. The theme
for the program is Librar-
ies Rock! We will be incor-
porating this theme each
weekday in fun and differ-
ent ways.

On Mondays we have
two separate, and exciting
activities.

At 10:00 AM on Monday
mornings we will be host-
ing a Spanish Story Hour.
This program will be
geared toward spanish
speaking families, al-
though anyone is welcome.

Throughout the day we
will rock out with an activ-
ity called Free Beats,
where kids will make their
own instruments! This is a
come and go activity where
we will use recycled mate-
rials to create different in-
struments.

Each Tuesday we will
learn that S.T.E.A.M.
Rocks! We will discover the
relationship between sci-
ence and music with differ-
ent experiments
throughout the month.
This will also be a come
and go activity.

Wednesday's we will
again have two separate
events. At 10:00 we will
have our regularly sched-
uled Story Hour. This story
Hour is geared toward
children aged 2-5, but all
ages are welcome. We will
sing, dance, read a story,
and create a craft.

Throughout the day on
Wednesday your older chil-
dren can stop by one of our
two Escape Rooms located
in our Study Rooms. These
will be 15 minute immer-
sive adventure games,
your child will have 15
minutes to solve the clues,
find the key, and unlock
the door. Whoever manages
it out in time will get their
picture added to our Wall
of Fame. We will have two
different rooms... Escape
from the Music Room and
Escape from the Musical
Library. The Escape
Rooms will be open all day,
with the last game of the
day starting at 4:45.

Thursday's we will be
hosting two programs,
each at different specific
times.

Join us at 10:00 AM on
Thursdays for a special 1
hour program for the kids.
Our first week we will be
joined by the Houston
Grand Opera. They will be
singing a story to us. The
second week we will have
a KinderMusic class pre-

sented by Erynn Anderson.
For our final week Mem-
phis Rashad of FIIT Camp
Training will be hosting a
Zumba class for our little
ones.

Another fun program on
Thursdays will be for our
performers. This program
is called Zoozical the Play
and it will begin at 2:00
PM. If your child is inter-
ested in performing, this is
the program for them! We
will be creating masks for
their parts, and rehearsing
throughout the month.
The performance will be
held at the finale party.

Fridays are all about
the teens and door prizes
this month!

At 10:00 AM on Fridays
we will have our Teen
Reads Program. We will be
reading through the book
Guitar Notes. We will also
have something fun and
interactive to do through-
out the hour. This could
include a craft, science ex-
periment, art, a game, or
a drum circle.

Also on Friday is our
Door Prize Day. Any reg-
istered member of the
Summer Reading Program
who comes into the library
on Friday will have their
name put in the drawing
for a door prize.

Our Rock n' Roll Finale
party will be held on
Thursday, July 26th in the
ballroom of the communi-
ty center. This party is
open to everyone who
meets their reading goals
for the Summer Reading
Program. We will have
food, entertainment, per-
formances, dancing, and
more. We will also reveal
our Grand Prize winners
for the Summer Reading
Program.

There is one last pro-
gram that we would like to
mention! This is a partner-
ship that we are very ex-
cited about! The Jones
Public Library has part-
nered with the Houston
Food Bank to provide
healthy and delicious
lunches to the children of
Dayton at no cost to them.
Each weekday we will be
serving lunches from
11:30-1:30 here at the li-
brary. Any child 18 and
under can come in during
that time and receive a free
hot meal.

Registration will begin
June 25th and continue
through July 6th. We are
looking forward to seeing
everyone here at the Jones
Public Library for the
Summer Reading Pro-
gram!

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Jerry and Ellie Mc Donald of Sheldon Texas will be celebrating their wedding anniversary this month on June 21st 2018. They have been happily married for 55 years. They are blessed with two sons, 7 grandchildren and one great grand daughter.

Vacation Bible School

Vacation Bible School "LEGO Kingdom Builders" at Eastgate Church will be Monday through Friday evenings, June 25 - 29 from 6:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. Eastgate VBS is for children ages 4-10 years old. Bring your children to be a part

of this really fun time. Eastgate Church is located at 1707 CR 611 - 6 miles east of Huffman on FM 1960 then south 1/4 mile at the Shell Station. For more information: <http://www.eastgate-church.com>

THE ILLUSTRATED BIBLE

So he got up and came to his father. But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and felt compassion for him, and ran and embraced him and kissed him.

LUKE 15:20

Detail of "The Return of the Prodigal Son" by Rembrandt, 1642

Mutton Busters steal the show



Thursday night Sadie Linee Genseal won the mutton bustin' contest when she "Did like my Maw said," and hung on for a belt buckle. At right with Sponsor James Motley and Kaysin Marek, she shows her T-shirt from TB Jones.



Friday night Dacie Murray clung gracefully for an 8.9. At right with James Motley and Kaysin Bellyflop Marek. Not shown is T-shirt sponsor T.B. Jones.



Saturday above Melaina Maldonado rides for near 9 points. At right with James Motley and Kaysin "BellyFloP" Marek she holds aloft her belt buckle.



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Psalm: 46:1

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ROMANS 8:18

All of them were filled with

the Holy Spirit and began to

speak in other tongues as the

Spirit enabled them. Acts 2:4

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the faith. Have courage

and be strong.

1 Corinthians 16:13

Rise in the presence of the

aged, show respect for the

elderly and revere your God.

Leviticus 19:32

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Plastics in water, from your cup to the oceans: What to know

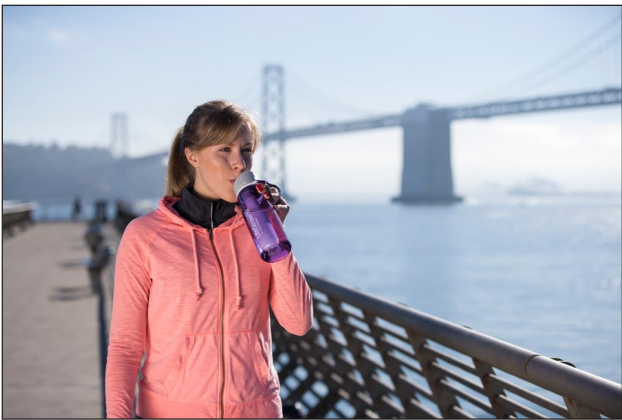
(StatePoint) You may not realize it, but there's a lot of plastics in water -- both in the water you drink, as well as in rivers, lakes and oceans.

Know the Problem
According to recent investigations by Orb Media, 90 percent of bottled water and 83 percent of tap water is contaminated with microplastics. These small pieces of plastic can't always be seen by the naked eye, but they're harmful to human health.

What's more, according to the United Nations Environment Program, only one in five single-use plastic water bottles is recycled, meaning 80 percent end up in the environment, contributing to the 46,000 pieces of plastic floating in each square mile of earth's oceans. Each year, 8 million metric tons of plastics enter oceans, adding to the estimated 150 million metric tons that currently circulate marine environments, according to Ocean Conservancy.

You can take action to protect your health and the environment from harmful plastics. Here's how:

Filter Your Water
Start by ensuring that the water you and your family drinks is both healthy and safe. Using a water filtration system can help eliminate harmful microplastics present in your drinking water and minimize the need for single-use plastic bottles and pollution.



Remove microplastics and other contaminants from water with a filtration bottle.

Note: Not all water filters remove microplastics, so knowing which filters address this issue is important as you make a decision.

Water filtration products from LifeStraw, for example, remove chemicals, bacteria, odors, bad taste and 99.999 percent of microplastics from contaminated water, enabling access to safe drinking water on-demand nearly anywhere. This is higher protection than the standard carbon-based filters that are available on the market.

The brand offers several designs, including portable models suitable for travelers, kids, groups, natural disaster victims and anyone seeking an easy way to make their water safer, and are available for purchase at LifeStraw.com, sporting goods stores as well as Walmart, Target and Amazon. The lifespan of most LifeStraw filters is equal to

8,000 single-use plastic water bottles, and for every product purchased, a child in need receives safe drinking water for an entire school year.

Shop Responsibly
Another way to effect change?

Make sure the brands you support are engaging in responsible business practices to reduce waste.

Avoid single use-plastic water bottles when possible and avoid products with high levels of plastic packaging. Try re-usable storage bags or items made of compostable material.

To improve your family's wellness and protect the planet, think water. Avoid consuming microplastics, invest in filtration, and prevent more plastic from contaminating our oceans and environment by shopping responsibly and supporting brands that share these values.

Governor's program for School Safety

Gov. Greg Abbott has proposed 40 recommendations to improve school safety in the wake of the recent Santa Fe shooting. While his plan stopped short of the kinds of gun control policies implemented by Florida Gov. Rick Scott after the Parkland shooting, it prioritized recommendations from Abbott's recent three-day summit.

Although several recommendations focused on making schools safer by strengthening security and increasing law enforcement presence, what is critical is that the proposal included a resounding call for improving mental health assessments and services.

Steps in this direction would include providing mental health evaluations that identify students at risk of harming others or themselves, increasing mental health training, improving mental health crisis response, and most notably the expansion of Texas Tech University's Telemedicine Wellness, Intervention, Triage and Referral Project, which seeks to identify junior and high school students who show a risk of committing violence.

The priority on mental health is vital. But let's be clear about what we mean by mental health so as to not stigmatize the person given the label. After all, many readers have experienced depression, anger, rage, mood swings and the like, but most people experiencing these issues or episodes do not commit school violence or violence of any nature.

CAPITAL UPDATE

By Gov. Greg Abbott

Efforts aimed at identifying individuals who exhibit severe antisocial tendencies and providing them the services they need should be a high priority, and this should not be limited solely to teenagers. In fact, it goes much further back. As my own research in the Journal of Criminal Justice has shown, conduct disorder, mental illness and antisocial behavior in early childhood left unaddressed can have long-term adverse impacts on children, their families and society at large.

Effective, evidence-based strategies here include cognitive behavioral therapy and social-emotional programs that focus on learning to manage one's emotions and changing a child's decision-making patterns and priorities. These programs not only generate positive returns on investment in the individual's life, but my research in the journal Criminology & Public Policy shows that the public has a greater interest in spending money on early interventions than punishing people as adults.

At the same time, it is also important to bear in mind that simply because someone exhibits some of these characteristics does not mean that person will always react negatively. Conversely, the fact that someone does not exhibit any issues does not guarantee the person will never engage in an atrocious

act. In some school shootings, we read later that the "signs were always there," but in other cases they were not. Great care must be taken to ensure that we do the best we can at predicting what humans might do. It is not always a simple answer with 100 percent accuracy.

The Governor and all of the constituents he brought to Austin should be commended for starting conversations about an issue that many of us wish were not even a topic of conversation. But it is.

Yes, we will have more conversations in the future. Yes, we will have more recommendations in the future. And yes, we will have some tangible actions in the future. Above all else, we need to remember what South African revolutionary and president Nelson Mandela once observed, "Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world." The students in Florida, Texas and many other states are leading the way. In that sense, when it is their turn to lead, we are in good stead.

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Flood Bond,

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cents per \$100 assessed valuation - meaning that most homeowners would see an increase of no more than 1.4 percent in their property tax after all bonds were sold. (Homeowners with an over-65 or disabled exemption and a home assessed at \$200,000 or less would pay no additional

taxes.)
The Harris County Flood Control District has begun planning and scheduling a series of 23 "community engagement" meetings - one in each county watershed - to present proposed projects and to solicit public input on other potential flooding

solutions in each area. The proposed project list, information about community engagement meetings and an online comment form are all available on the "Bond Program" website at www.hcfcd.org/bondprogram.

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PERMIT NO. WQ0012691001

APPLICATION. Roving Meadows Utilities, Inc., 2027 Round Spring Drive, Kingwood, Texas, 77339, has applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) to renew Texas Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (TPDES) Permit No. WQ0012691001 (EPA I.D. No. TX0112259) to authorize the discharge of treated wastewater at a volume not to exceed a daily average flow of 22,500 gallons per day. The domestic wastewater treatment facility is located at 3806 Farm-to-Market Road 1942, Crosby, in Harris County, Texas 77532. The discharge route is from the plant site to a series of Harris County Flood Control District ditches; thence to Buck Gully; thence to Cedar Bayou Above Tidal. TCEQ received this application on February 23, 2018. The permit application is available for viewing and copying at Atascocita Branch Library, 19520 Pinehurst Trail Drive, Atascocita, Texas. This link to an electronic map of the site or facility's general location is provided as a public courtesy and not part of the application or notice. For exact location, refer to application.
<http://www.tceq.texas.gov/assets/public/hb610/index.html?lat=29.854719&lng=-95.006633&zoom=13&type=r>

ADDITIONAL NOTICE. TCEQ's Executive Director has determined the application is administratively complete and will conduct a technical review of the application. After technical review of the application is complete, the Executive Director may prepare a draft permit and will issue a preliminary decision on the application. **Notice of the Application and Preliminary Decision will be published and mailed to those who are on the county-wide mailing list and to those who are on the mailing list for this application. That notice will contain the deadline for submitting public comments.**

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

OPPORTUNITY FOR A CONTESTED CASE HEARING. After the deadline for submitting public comments, the Executive Director will consider all timely comments and prepare a response to all relevant and material, or significant public comments. **Unless the application is directly referred for a contested case hearing, the response to comments, and the Executive Director's decision on the application, will be mailed to everyone who submitted public comments and to those persons who are on the mailing list for this application. If comments are received, the mailing will also provide instructions for requesting reconsideration of the Executive Director's decision and for requesting a contested case hearing.** A contested case hearing is a legal proceeding similar to a civil trial in state district court.

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operates a 1-800 phone line, serves as a patient navigation for information and referral services, operates a websiet on cancer treatments, provides peer support groups, in-hospital visits, and assistance programs for families with children with cancer, as well as community awareness programs.



Pink Heals and Candlelighters according to Debbie Holmilan, "I am in awe of the Community of Crosby and supports us every year. We are

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