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IN THE STARS

EVENTS

SAT., AUG. 25 FLOOD BOND ISSUE

Election Day is Saturday, August 25, 2018. This also of Hurricane Harvey. Vote at your precinct from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

SAT., AUG. 25 GO BIG OR GO HOME **FUNDRAISER**

Cody Stephens Go Big or Go Home Memorial Foundation fundraising, American Legion Hall Post

SAT., SEP. 8 PATTERSON BENEFIT

12 pm - 6 pm. Fried fish plates, \$10. Live & silent auction and much more!! At Frenz Sports Bar, 19128 FM 2100, Crosby. Call 218 328-3162 for more details

SAT., SEP. 22 CROSBY ED. FOUNDATION ANNUAL GALA

Crosby Education Foundation 8th annual Gala, Saturday, September 22nd from 7pm-11pm at new Southern Lace Estates. Buy tickets at the Crosby ISD Administration Building or via Paypal at paypal.me/ CrosbyEF.

BIRTHDAYS

Aug 23–Tarshira Harper Daniel Stone John Wilson Aug 24--Donche Webb Alex Catie Maxev

Aug 25--Cameron Adams Carley Hurta Curtis Hunter Catie Rynn Maxey Alex Russell Maxey Joshua Stuart Madie L.White

Aug 26-Derek Elkins Rebecca Moye Aug 27-Craig Nelson Aug 28-Jimmy Fincher Steve Norris

Aug 29-Alex Creel Myra Hedger

ANNIVERSARIES

Basquez Kaylin & Caleb Morgan Aug 26– Lee Ward & Jo Ann Hammad Aug 28-Gilbert & Mei-ing Hoffman Aug 29-Kent & Barbara

Nelson **DEATHS**

Dorothy Sue Ackerman Harry Austin Jones Jerry Wayne Riggs

Crosby ISD hears report on "spending beyond its means"

CROSBY - At the Monday Board of Trustee's meeting of Crosby ISD as promised Dr. Scott Davis, new superintendent of the district presented his findings in a report.

About 60 community members who were in attendance. The report included information on recently discovered financial issues and he stated, "The district has been spending beyond its means.'

Later during the meeting the board concerned with the safety of the children held a discussion on school safety and security measures, specifically, the hiring of three additional



The Crosby ISD Board of Trustees presented a plaque to Dan and Jennifer Meaux of Crawfish Shack for being Recognized by the Texas Association of School Boards Business Recognition Program for Businesses that exceed standards for generosity

school resource officers. At \$98,000 to \$99,000 each

per school year.
This reporter checked with law enforcement from throughout the area and learned that about \$40,000 of that is for a deputy's

yearly salary.
Sherman Eagleton at his fundraiser on Thursday stated to this reporter that he did not know what de-cisions the schools were going to have to make because funds are tight but "I am going to see after the well-being of these kids, that is a priority."

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31st Annual New Educators' luncheon marks start of School



Crosby Church hosted the Crosby-Huffman Chamber of Commerce as they provided the 31st Annual New Educator's Luncheon sponsored by Community Resource Credit Union on August 15. <u>See Page 2 to see the New Educators</u>. There were speeches by David Frazier of Community Resource, Dr. Benny Solieau and Dr. Scott Davis, and Chamber CEO Rev. Larry Koslovsky

Rotary meets JP candidate Lucia Bates

HIGHLANDS - This year's general election, set for November 6, will see a change in the Justice of the Peace in Baytown's Pct. 3 Position 2. This is the position currently held by Judge

Don Coffey.

Marketing Executive Lucia Bates, a life-long resident of the North Shore area, will become the next JP in that jurisdiction, since she is running with no op-ponent on the Republican

Bates spoke about her life and qualifications at a recent luncheon held by the Highlands Rotary Club. Rotary has had a special relationship with all the JP's in recent years, Tony Polumbo, Mike Parrott, Don Coffey, and Joe Stephens. It was only natural that they wanted to meet and greet



the next JP, Lucia Bates.

She spoke having been born in the Carribean island of St. Lucia, and moving to the U.S. as a child. She originally worked for GTE in Baytown, so she knows the area well. After that, she moved into

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GO BIG OR GO HOME

Heart Screening sees big turnout in Crosby

CROSBY- The annual Community Heart Screening at the Crosby Community Center was August 18. Over 500 students were screened from nine until noon last Saturday. August 25 tickets are still available for the Cody Stephens Memorial Fundraiser to provide heart screenings across Texas. Call (713) 451-3600 for ticket information.



12th Annual Rotary Washer **Tournament Sept. 15th**

HIGHLANDS – The Washer throwing tournament, held every year at Charlie's Ice House, has become a city-wide mustdo for many District 5890 Rotarians, as well as local folks from the greater Highlands area. Proceeds from this charity event are sent to the national Rotary program Polio Plus, which has almost eliminated this dread disease from the whole world. Highlands Rotarians are able to give one of the highest contributions, per



Team competition at the Rotary Washer Tournament last year

capita, of any club in the

world due to this event. The Public is invited to participate. It will be held Saturday, September 12 from 2pm to 6pm at Charlie's Ice House, 906 N. Main St. in Highlands. Teams are limited to 50, entry fee is \$50, and you must register by 1:30pm. Awards and 3 teams. In addition, there will be a silent auction, live auction, and a Raffle. Prizes in the raffle include two or a cart full of liquor, or

other goodies Sponsorships are also available, with your name displayed on boards or teeshirts. Sponsorships vary from \$100 to \$500. Contact Denise Smith for information, niecv1616@gmail.com

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CROSBY HUFFMAN NEW EDUCATORS LUNCHEON *

CROSBY NEW EDUCATORS





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Ingrid Reyes, Christy Kovan, Laniee Black of Newport



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HUFFMAN NEW EDUCATORS



Tina Anderson, Wade Tillery, Andrea Avelar, Cheryl Carrol, Kimberly Walker, Brandon Cole, Shawna Stevens, Dextor Brent, Stacy Turner, Sarah



Tasha Bennet, Courtney Dobbins, Sarah Holmes, Kristin Huff, Angie LeVier, Gabrielle Chimene-Moore, Tara Strong, Kimberly Winslow, Ben McGary



Emily Ames, Elissa Christensen, Florence Edgley, Olga Ferrales, Mollie Hanna, Kathleen Seitz, Matthew



Linda Fernandez De Jesus, Aubree Keissling, Alayna Lowerie, Kaitlyn McMurtry, Kelsey Pagel



Fred J. Salinas, owner of Friendly Ford of Crosby, presented \$500 checks to Dr. Benny Soileau for the Back Pack Program in Huffman and to Dr. Scott Davis for the Back Pack Program in Crosby. These programs provide school supplies to needy school children to help them stay up with their classes. Here backed by Chamber of Commerce

CEO Larry Koslovsky of Crosby Brethren Church. Friendly Ford of Crosby

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Meghani Aziz of Raceway 6764 Crosby, second from right, presented Gas Cards valued at \$25 each to two Crosby and two Huffman teachers, here with the Rev. Larry Koslovsky CEO of the Crosby-Huffman Chamber

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ROUND-UP

Eagleton "Pork Chop Cook-Off" Fundraiser has sell-out crowd

Improvements begins on roads including Baytown

Commissioner Jack Morman announced the start of construction on 3 BetterStreets2Neighborhoods (BS2N) projects for last Monday, August 13th along various roadways throughout the Channelview, Baytown Crosby, and Huffman

BS2N is a Precinct 2 program dedicated to preserving asphalt roadways by conducting base repairs, milling and overlaying with new pavement, as well as roadway striping and button replacement.

All three projects combined will cost \$10.2 million and result in nearly 34 miles of roadway improvements. Roadwork will require single-lane closures, so drivers are encouraged to drive with caution through the construction zones.
Construction is expected to be complete in the

fourth quarter of this year. Commissioner Morman's BS2N program currently has one project in active construction for the Crosby area, which began last month, and includes 14 miles of roadway improvements. He is expected to begin construction on a BS2N project for the Barrett Station area in upcoming

Gatorfest looking for performers

Texas Gatorfest is inviting applications from all local talent to perform at this year's festival on the Alli Theater stage. Alli Theater Applications to Perform are available at the festival's office, the Anahuac Area Chamber of Commerce or online at www.texasgatorfest.com The deadline to receive these applications is August 31, 2018.n Applicants picked to perform will be notified after that date.

Texas Gatorfest will take place Friday, September 14 through Sunday, September 16 in Fort An Park, With the Alli Theater, the festival hopes to provide a venue in which the entertainers' natural abilities and talents can be encouraged and develop in a positive and enriching atmosphere. Texas Gatorfest sees this as another way to showcase the many assets of the Anahuac area and to further involve the community in the festival.

This year's festival and the Alli Theather will be a great opportunity for local individuals and groups to showcase their talent. Groups who provided entertainment on the Alli Theather in the past have later been booked to perform on the festival's main stage in the beer garden. Entertainers wishing to obtain information about performing as an individual or group on the Alli Theater Stage, or, an application, should contact the festival office at 409-267-4190 or visit the festival's website www.texasgatorfest.com



Here Constable Sherman Eagleton confers with Major Ricky Larkin as over 1,500 pork chops are prepared for the Pork Chop Cook-Off last Thursday. The event was a sell out as crowds waited on the last few chops to be cooked.

BAYTOWN FAIR-GROUNDS – The Sherman fit was an unqualified success last Thursday.

ton showed that he had plates of pork chops.

wide support from people in ered funds from a Live and Silent Auction, a .22 caliber Harris County Precinct 3
Constable Sherman Eaglegame and selling over 1,600

GROUNDS - The Sherman
Eagleton Pork Chop BeneCrosby areas as he gathfriends got a chance to catch up with active deputies and retired law enforcement. The action continued from 4 until 8:00



Hill Country Jane played a wide variety of songs from a variety of genres Everyone was moving or singing along at times



Eagleton has a smile and kind word for all his supporters. He also expressed that he felt the safety of school children were a priority

Pilot Club of Baytown participates in health fair



Community Service Area Leader, Delores Ellis and Pilot volunteers Gail Wilson, Susan Pitts and Judy Wheat gave out prizes won by spinning the "Wheel" and bicycle helmets to children who needed them. The West Baytown Promise Center

Walk to End Alzheimer's

The Pilot Club of Baytown and the Alzheimer's Association were in attendance to thank Freddy's in Baytown for a Give Back Day in July where from 4 pm - 9 pm, 20% of their proceeds were donated to the Baytown Walk for Alzheimer's. The Baytown Walk to End Alzheimer's is sched am. October 13 at Bayland Parl on Highway 146 near Fred Hartman Bridge and is coordinated by the Pilot Club of Baytown.

Any donation is accepted to walk. Pictured at Freddy's are Alzheimer's Association Chief Development Officer, Alexis Eaton with Pilot Members Gail Wilson and Susan Pitts





The Community Service Area presents Pilot Club of Baytown donation to Habitat for Humanity

Presenting the check to Executive Director DiAnne Wilson (second from left) is Delores Ellis, (Center) Community Center Co-Leader and Pilots are Susan Pitts, Gail Wilson and Jenice Coffey.

CHAMBERS COUNTY Public input needed for intersection of I-10 at FM 3180 project

CHAMBER COUNTY -TxDOT held an open house and hearing last Tuesday, August 21, 2018 at Eagle Point Recreation Complex in Mont Belvieu, Tx.

The purpose of the public hearing was to present the proposed improvements and gather public input for the intersection of I-10 at FM 3180 in Chambers County, Texas. During the open house displays were available for viewing to the public, and submittion of comments.

Comments must be received on or before Thursday, September 6, 2018, to be a part of the official hearing record. People who could not attend the hearing may call TxDOT Beau-District 409-892-7311 for instructions to submit their co-

Proposed improvements include the following:

• Reconfigure the I-10 and FM 3180 intersection by reconstructing I-10 as an overpass across FM 3180; currently, FM 3180 is an overpass across I-10

• Widen FM 3180 from two lanes to four lanes

• Install traffic signals at the intersection of FM 3180 and I-10 frontage roads

• Widen the I-10 frontage road bridges over Cotton Bayou

All work would occur within the existing right of way (ROW). No additional ROW, permanent/temporary easements are required; therefore, no displacements or relocations of residences and businesses are necessary.

Everyday **Arthritis Relief**

BAYTOWN (August 17, 2018) — Stiff, arthritic knees can make activities like gardening, taking leisurely strolls around the neighborhood, shopping or even playing with the grandchildren extremely difficult.

Arthritis pain and stiffness usually stem from joint inflammation, muscle strain and fatigue. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) estimates about 50 million adults and 300,000 children in the U.S. have some form of arthritis—osteoarthritis is the most common type, followed by rheumatoid and gouty arthritis. If you are suffering from chronic arthritis symptoms, Dr. Karthik Jonna, orthopedic surgeon at Houston Methodist San Jacinto Hospital, offers these simple strategies to help keep discomfort in

1 Move it Exercise actually helps arthritis pain, increases range of motion and strengthens muscles around joints. "Try to be active every day. Low-impact exercises like walking,



Jonna

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Lose it Eating right and shedding excess pounds takes undue stress off your joints. A low-fat diet, such as DASH (Dietary Approaches to Stop Hypertension), may decrease your body's in-flammatory response, re-

ducing joint inflammation.
3. Go warm, go cold. Applying cold packs or warm compresses can relieve pain and stiffness. Cold packs work best within the first 24 hours of an injury or flare-up. Heat works well after that time A warm shower can also provide some relief

4. Rub it in. Massage eases pain and stiffness by

See Arthritis Relief,

OPINION \bigstar PAGE \bigstar

6 Tips to Keep Children Safe in Digital World

With the increase in cyberbullying, parents vorry about the safety of their children in the digital world. Technology and digital devices are ingrained in our children's daily lives from an early age. David McGeary, curriculum director for Digital Education and Innovation at Harris County Department of Education, provides safety tips to help keep children from harm and be good digital citizens.

1.Talk to kids about digital safety at a young age and do it often.

Have parents talk to kids about what to do if something happens online. If students are at school, tell a trusted teacher. If something happens at home, tell a parent or other trusted adult.

Talk to children about their district's code of conduct and safety plans. If the district has an anonymous tip line, how do you access it? What kind of information should be shared? If the district maintains an account for routine safety updates or communications during an event, where is that social media channel located? How can parents engage that channel to stay informed or share information?

The Department of Homeland Security $\underset{\sim}{\text{publicizes its "See}}$ Something, Say Something" initiative. Not only is it a good practice to follow this advice for personal safety, a student's report could save lives of others through conscientious sharing of information.

2. Be a part of your children's online experiences. Know the sites they visit and games they play.

Research shows that kids ages 12-17 are increasingly aware of the disparity between the "perfect life" that they see others share online and the "real life' they experience every day. Parents should work to remind their kids that social media is often a reflection of a person's best experiences, but it does not represent the whole person. Kids should learn to cherish themselves, flaws and all. All this while also keeping an open mind about what is happening on social media.

3. Don't allow young children to spend unsupervised time online.

Keep the family computer in a common area in the home. Keep private areas like bedrooms.

4. Enforce this rule: If

you won't do something face-to-face, don't do it online. (Discuss social interactions.)

Research shows that victims of cyberbullying have often bullied someone online themselves. By humanizing the online space and developing empathy for others, parents can help their children break the cycle of victim-andvictimization.

5. Humanize online social interactions.
Remind them that behind every pixelated avatar is a human being.

When kids begin to get more active on social media, help them to use social media in a healthy way. Encourage them to share snaps of things that they are interested in or Instagram posts of cool experiences they have. Social media is becoming increasingly important in the world after high school. Help kids to share the best versions of themselves online so they may be better positioned for a life outside of school once they graduate.

6. Parents and students: Be fierce guardians of your personal information.

If a student is being asked to use a thirdparty tool that requires the student to give out personal information, it's okay to ask if the district has a policy in place to protect the information that is being given away. Parents can further help their kids by reading the terms of service and privacy policy." (This policy is usually found at the very bottom of a web page or in the settings of an application on any website that a student uses outside of their district's network.)

McGeary suggests that while children may be getting information about safe online behavior from their school, students who have regular discussions with their parents about digital safety are more likely to be vigilant, selfadvocates when something goes wrong online. He also suggests parents become partners in their child's online experienc-

"Take interest in the sites your children visit and the games they play," said McGeary. "If kids are engaged in constant discussion about the digital realm, they are much more likely to approach a parent or guardian if something out of the

For more resources erbullying and digital safety, visit http:/ /www.cyberwise.org/ digital-citizenshipresources.



Texas Education Agency releases two sets of ratings

AUSTIN — The Texas Education Agency on Aug. 15 released 2018 campus accountability ratings and, for the first time ever, A-F district accountability ratings.
More than 8,700 inde-

pendent school campuses received a rating of Met Standard, Met Alternative Standard or Improvement Required. Some 7,260 public school campuses and 558 charters were rated Met Standard or Met Alternative Standard, while 293 public school campuses and 56 charters were rated Improvement Required. Some 86 campuses would have received an Improvement Required rating but were affected by Hurricane Harvey to an extent that they were labeled Not Rated: Harvey Provision. Also, 506 campuses received a Not Rated label for reasons other than Hurricane Harvey.

Top performers

lauded Some 153 Texas school districts and district char-ters received an "A" rating under the A-F state ac-countability system, Education Commissioner Mike Morath announced.

"Achieving an A rating reflects the hard work and commitment of everyone within a school district, starting with our class-room teachers," Morath said. "We should all celebrate the outstanding work of these dedicated educators. Districts with high levels of poverty who attain this high level of performance are proof positive that poverty is not destiny. With strong instruction and curriculum, all students can succeed."

The A-F ratings are based numerical grades in three areas:

Student Achievement, showing how much students know and are able to do at the end of the

school year;
— School Progress, showing how students perform over time and how that growth compares to similar schools; and

- Closing the Gaps, showing how well different student groups within a school are performing.
School and school dis-

trict report cards can be viewed at TXschools.org.

STATE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS By Ed Sterling

In July 2017, a U.S. District Court dismissed the professors' complaints on the grounds that they were baseless and without legal stand-

'Watch app' recommended

The Texas Department of Public Safety and Gov. Greg Abbott on Aug. 16 encouraged school staff, parents, students and community members to download the new "iWatchTexas" mobile application "to help law enforcement protect Texans."

At the direction of Gov. Abbott, DPS launched the mobile application in June to make it easier for the public to report suspicious activity, including criminal, terroristic or school safety-related threats

Safe driving is promoted

The Texas Department of Transportation has renewed its annual effort to prevent drunken driving during the Labor Day holiday weekend.

TxDOT Executive Director James Bass on Aug. 16 said, "It's completely irresponsible and absolutely inexcusable to drink and drive. Finding a sober ride is easy, and it can save you from being arrested or from injuring or killing yourself or others. Make

an effort to plan ahead for a sober ride this Labor Day weekend. You owe it to yourself and everyone else on the road. Bass promoted the

agency's anti-drinking and driving "Plan While You Can" campaign and recommended the website SoberRides.org as a source of alternatives to drinking and driving,

Designating a sober driver or calling someone for a sober ride home:

- Contacting a taxi or ride-share service; - Using mass tran-

-Spending the night. $Bond\ rating\ is\ highest$ Texas has received the highest credit ratings for this year's Texas Tax and Revenue Anticipation Notes, allowing the state to manage its cash flow needs

for fiscal 2019. State Comptroller Glenn Hegar made the announcement on Aug. 10, saying the ratings issued by the financial services companies Standard & Poor's Fitch. Moody's and Kroll are the result of "conservative economic leadership and sound policies."

The notes are sold to help fund school payments and manage cash flow between the start of the fiscal year and the arrival of tax revenue later in the year. This year's \$7.2 billion TRAN sale is set for Aug. 22.

DPS reminds drivers of traffic dangers associated with new school year

AUSTIN - As the new school year begins, the Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) cautions Texans to slow down in school zones, and to be aware of children walking to and from school or waiting for buses. Drivers should be especially alert and careful around school buses which make frequent stops and always follow traffic laws regarding school buses and school zones. The start of the school year also generates an increase in overall traffic in many areas, and drivers should take extra precau-

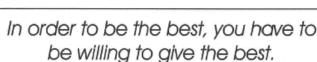
tions.
"With school districts across Texas returning to classes in the coming weeks, DPS is urging drivers to slow down and be alert in school zones and wherever children are present," said DPS Director Steven McCraw "Motorists who disregard the law and illegally pass stopped school buses put our schoolchildren in harm's way - and that reckless and irresponsible behavior will not be tolerated by DPS.'

The moments when students are entering or exiting the bus can be one of the most dangerous times during a child's trip on a school bus. Accordingly, DPS reminds drivers to reduce speed and be aware that children may unexpectedly step into a roadway without checking for oncoming traffic.

State law requires that drivers stop when a bus is stopped and operating a visual signal – either red flashing lights or a stop sign. Drivers should not proceed until the school bus resumes motion; the driver is signaled by the bus driver to proceed: or the visual signal is no longer activated. Approaching drivers do not have to stop for a school bus that is operating a visual signal if the roadway is separated by a physical barrier or an intervening space. (If a highway is divided only by a left-turning lane, the roadways are not considered separated, and drivers must stop for school buses.)

As a reminder, school buses, by law, must stop at all railroad crossings.

Drivers who illegally pass hool buses face fines up to \$1,250 for the first offense For individuals convicted of this offense more than once, the law allows the individual's driver license to be suspended for up to six months. (A ticket for illegally passing a school bus cannot be dismissed through defensive driving.) Additionally, this offense could potentially include criminal charges if they cause serious bodily injury to another.

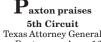




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Ken Paxton on Aug. 16 commended a panel of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 5th Circuit for upholding a lower court's dismissof a lawsuit by three University of Texas at Austin faculty members.

The UT professors challenged Senate Bill 11, the campus carry law, claiming that the legislation passed by the Texas Legislature in 2015 would have a "chilling effect" and stifle discussion in their classrooms SB 11 took effect Aug. 1,

"The right to keep and bear arms is guaranteed for all Americans, including college students, and the 5th Circuit's decision prevents that right from being stripped away by three individuals who oppose the law enacted by the Legislature," Paxton said.



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★ LIFESTYLE PAGE ★



Dorothy Sue Ackerman

Dorothy Sue Ackerman, 58, passed away on Sunday, August 12, 2018. She was born on September 9, 1959 in Houston, Texas to Max William Ackerman and Viola Strakos Ackerman. She worked in different departments as a valued employee of Kroger for many years. Dorothy enjoyed doing word-search puzzles and taking trips to the casino. She loved watching different TV shows from cooking shows, westerns, and soap operas. Dorothy was a fan of George Strait and enjoyed dancing. She will be dearly missed by all who knew and loved her.

She is preceded in death by her parents, Max and Viola Ackerman; grandparents, Max L. Ackerman, Angelina Janak Ackerman, John Stakos Sr., and Ludmilla Budova Strakos; uncle, Charles Bederka; aunt, Doris Bederka; aunt, Liz Skrla; and brother-inlaw, William D. Stubbs.

Dorothy is survived by her sisters, Viola Stubbs, Sandra Arsement, Mildred Bebee, and Mary Ackerman; brother-inlaw, Bruce Bebee; nieces, Angela Jentho, Ashley Stubbs, Jennifer Pulsifer, and Lindsay Parmer; nephews, William Stubbs Jr and wife JoAnn., Eric



Arsement and Hannah Adams, Tyler Bebee, and Corey Bebee; great niece, Dixie Adams; great nephews, Tyler Jentho, Scott Jentho Jr., Owen Parmer, Ethan Parmer, Hollis Arsement, Jamison Pulsifer, and Bentley Adams; special friends, Diane Davis and Ruby Phillips; and a host of extended family and friends.

A visitation for family and friends was held on Thursday, August 16, 2018 from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. with a rosary at 7:00 p.m. Funeral services were at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, August 17, 2018 also at Sterling White Funeral Home. Interment followed in Sterling-White Cemetery. Arrangements were entrusted to Sterling-White Funeral Home, 11011 Crosby-Lynchburg Rd, Highlands, Texas. To share memories and offer condolences please visit www.sterlingwhite.com.

Harry Austin Jones



Harry Austin Jones age 60 and former resident Channelview, Texas later Iota, Louisiana passed away peacefully August 19, 2018. Mr. Jones is survived by his wife, Kay Elizabeth Jones; sons Stephen and wife Mark and daughter Valerie; brother Trimm, sisters Rosemary, Carol, Nancy and Lisa as well as three grandchildren.

Harry loved to barbeque, go fishing and he loved to read. He was an inside salesman in the Industrial Motor industry for many years. Harry loved his family and had many friends and will be missed dearly by all who knew him.

The family will gather at 10:00 AM, August 24, 2018 at the Historic Blanco Cemetery in Blanco, Texas where graveside services will follow at 11:00 AM.

Jerry Wayne Riggs

Jerry Wayne Riggs age 74, went to be with the Lord on Tuesday August 14 2018 He was born in Bakersfield, California on January 19, 1944 to O'Nell Carroll Riggs and Thomas Earl Riggs. He enjoyed traveling, cooking and making money, but most of all spending time with his family, especially his grandchildren. He had a humorous side to him, telling corny jokes and chuckling. He was a mentor to any one who needed his support, could have been considered strong willed at times and will be loved and missed by all who knew

He is preceded in death by his parents. Jerry is survived by his children, Cherry Riggs, Edward Clancy (and wife, Tammi), Lori Mueller (and husband, Michael), Jennifer Avers (and husband, Chad), Chris Riggs and Sarah Riggs (and husband, Bob Starkey); his grandchildren, Juliana Jimenez, Miranda, Jack and Jeremy Clancy, Olivia Mueller, Heather Becvar, Jessi Jones, Darby Davis and Dustin, Daniel, Michael and Jill Starkey. Also survived by other relatives and many friends.



A visitation for family and friends will be held at Sterling-White Funeral Home 11011 Crosby-Lynchburg Rd. Highlands, on Friday evening August 17, 2018 from 5:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. Services will be held on Saturday morning August 18, 2018 at 11:00 a.m. in Sterling White Funeral Home Chapel. Interment will be in Sterling White Cemetery. Arrangements entrusted to Sterling-White Funeral Home 11011 Crosby-Lynchburg Rd. Highlands, Texas 77562. To offer condolences to the family, please visit www.sterlingwhite.com.

BIBLE TRIVIA

By Wilson Casey

- 1. Is the book of Lamentations in the Old or New Testament or neither?
- 2. From 1 Kings 3, who asked God, "Who is able to judge this thy so great a people"? Israelites, Elijah, Abraham, Solomon
- 3. Who used the excuse, "My family is poor, and I am the least in my father's house"? Aaron, David, Gideon, Jeroboam
- 4. From Exodus 2, who married the shepherd girl Zipporah? Samson, Daniel, Joel, Moses
- 5. Who was the mother of Ishmael? Tabitha, Hagar, Ruth, Mary
- 6. What was the homeland of Job? Thyatira, Ur, Corinth, Uz
- ANSWERS: 1) Old; 2) Solomon; 3) Gideon; 4) Moses; 5) Hagar; 6) Uz

THE ILLUSTRATED BIBLE

For if you forgive others for their transgressions, your heavenly Father will also forgive you.
But if you do not forgive others, then your Father will not forgive your transgressions.

MATTHEW 6: 14.15



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

COMMUNITY PAGE ★

Commissioner Jack Morman begins playground upgrades at **Riley Chambers Park**



Concept for one of Riley Chambers Park's new playground sets

BARRETT STATION, Texas - Construction is underway for playground upgrades at Riley Chambers Park. The \$350,000 project will include the replacement of older playground equipment, installation of rubberized fall surfaces, and shade

sets will be equipped to accommodate children from ages 2 through 12.

Construction is expected to be complete in October of this year. Residents are reminded that the Crosby Park and Highlands Park playgrounds

canopies. The playground are great alternates until the Riley Chambers Park playgrounds are complete.

For more information and updates on the Precinct, visit www.hcp2.com and follow their Facebook page, "Harris County Pre-

Arthritis Relief,

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helping your body produce painkilling endorphins. Look for a trustworthy massage therapist who has experience with arthritis sufferers.

5. Kick your pumps to the curb. Instead, opt for well-cushioned, well-fitting supportive shoes that give your feet and toes plenty of room.

6. Brace yourself. Braces for elbows, wrists, knees and other joints can take a load off your aching joints. "Check with your health care provider to see whether a brace might benefit you," Jonna said.

7. Assess your space. Change your home to make it more user-friendly. Add a shower chair, install rails near the toilet, use a long-handled shoe horn and special grips to open jars and peel vegeta-bles. An occupational thercan suggestions and help you find the items you need. 8. Stop smoking. Smok-

ers face greater bone frac-ture risks because smoking can reduce bone mass. It can also lengthen your recovery time if you have joint surgery. Look into quit-smoking aids to kick the habit.

9. Boost your mood. Counteract stress and the negative mental effects of arthritis pain with relaxation techniques, such as meditation, yoga or deep breathing. Cognitive behavioral therapy may help you overcome feelings of helplessness. 10. Follow doctor's or-

ders. "Take arthritis medicine as directed. If the drug causes unwanted side effects, don't stop taking it before talking with your provider," Jonna explained. The same goes for prescriptions you may feel aren't working. Your provider can change your medicine or make other suggestions."

houstonmethodist.org/san jacinto or call 281-427-7400 to schedule an appointment with an orthopedic specialist at Houston Methodist San Jacinto Hospital.

Hopper Primary school receives Sunshades



Randal O'Brien, Goose Creek CISD superintendent (third from left) cuts the ribbon on one of two new sunshades on the playgrounds at Hopper Primary School. The sunshades were installed at Hopper through the support of Be Well™ Baytown, an initiative of The University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center sponsored by ExxonMobil. As part of the initiative, GCCISD is implementing evidence-based programs, including teaching "Ray and the Sunbeatables®"and other sun safety curricula to inform the school community about the risk of sun exposure. Hopper piloted a school-wide approach to sun safety, including the implementation of the Sunbeatables Program, and met an established set of objectives. The opportunity to implement sun safety programming and to be considered for a shade structure will be extended to all schools this coming school year. Pictured are (from left) Elizabeth Caballero, Be Well Communities™ Program Manager, Cancer Prevention & Control Platform, MD Anderson; Priscila Garza, Healthy Community School Coordinator for Goose Creek CISD; Randal O'Brien, Goose Creek CISD Superintendent; Maria Rosas, Hopper Principal; Ruth Rechis, PhD, Director Be Well Communities™, Cancer Prevention & Control Platform; MD Anderson; Emily Russell, Public and Government Affairs Advisor, ExxonMobil Baytown Area and Hopper staff.

BS2N begins in Barrett

BARRETT STA-TION, Texas – Commissioner Jack Morman announced the start of construction on a new BetterStreets2Neighborhoods (BS2N) project for Monday, August 20th along various roadways throughout the Barrett Station area. BS2N is a ${\bf Precinct} \ 2 \ {\bf program} \ {\bf ded}$ icated to preserving asphalt roadways by conducting base repairs,

asphalt milling and

overlay, as well as roadway button and striping replacement.
This \$1.3 million

project will repair nearly 9 miles of roadway, including Zinn Drive, St. Charles Drive, and Cottontail Drive, among many others. Construction is expected to be complete in the fourth quarter of this year. Roadwork will require single-lane closures, so drivers are encouraged

to drive with caution through the construc-

Commissioner Morman currently has four other BS2N projects in active construction, resulting in 48 miles of additional improvements for east Harris ounty.

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HARVEY'S ANNIVERSARY ★

Harvey Timeline

Aug. 13, 2017: Harvey began as a tropical wave off the west coast of Africa.
Aug. 17, 2017: The National Hurricane Center began tracking Tropical Cyclone Nine. Later that day the storm was named Tropical Storm Harvey.
Aug. 18, 2017: Tropical Storm Harvey hit the Windward Islands and entered the eastern Caribbean Ocean as a minimal tropical storm.

Aug. 19, 2017: Tropical Storm Harvey dissipated into a tropical wave.
Aug. 23, 2017: Harvey reformed into a tropical depression after hitting the warm

vaters of the Bay of Campeche and the western Gulf of Mexico. The governor of Texas ssued a state disaster declaration for 30 counties.

 Aug. 24, 2017: Tropical Storm Harvey strengthened into a hurricane. FEMA established an Incident Support Base at Randolph Auxiliary Airfield near Seguin, Texas, to pre-position supplies including water, meals, blankets and other resources closer to the potentially affected areas, should they be needed and requested by the state. State and local officials would then be responsible for distributing any supplies to their communities

 Aug. 25, 2017: Harvey became a Category 3 major hurricane and quickly gained strength to become a Category 4 storm. That night, Harvey made landfall on San Jose Island between Port Aransas and Port O'Connor as a Category 4 hurricane. Harvey made a second landfall at Holiday Beach as a Category 3 storm. The president issued a major disaster declaration for the State of Texas.

• Aug. 26, 2017: FEMA's Transitional Sheltering Assistance (TSA) began in Texas

Harvey weakened into a tropical storm. More than 15 inches of rain fell over San Patricio, Refugio, Nueces and Aransas counties as Harvey headed north toward Vic-

toria County. The governor added 20 more counties to the state declaration.

• Aug. 27, 2017: FEMA mobilized four Incident Command Teams, worked with the State of Texas to develop an evacuation and support plan, supported the state with a food task force, set up three Incident Support Bases and a Federal Staging Area in San Antonio (Joint Base San Antonio) and supported 100 shelters for evacuees. The governor adds four more counties to his state declaration. Over the next few days, Harvey dropped up to 60 inches of rain (North American record) in parts of southeast Texas including Fort Bend, Brazoria and Harris counties.

Aug. 28, 2017: The governor added four more counties to his state declaration.
 Fifteen to 25 inches of rain fell over much of Aransas, Refugio, San Patricio and Victo-

Aug. 29, 2017: Tropical Storm Harvey moved back into the Gulf of Mexico.

Aug. 30, 2017: Harvey made its final landfall near Cameron, La.

Sept. 7, 2017: The governor signed a proclamation creating the Governor's Commission to Rebuild Texas. The State of Texas requested FEMA provide manufactured nousing units and travel trailers for Hurricane Harvey survivors.

Sept. 14, 2017: The governor added two more counties to the disaster declaration.
Sept. 18, 2017: \$1 billion in disaster assistance and flood insurance claims were

n the hands of Texans recovering from Harvey.
• Sept. 22, 2017: The Texas General Land Office signed an agreement with FEMA which includes a new model for simplifying and expediting the transition out of sheltering to short-term and long-term housing recovery efforts.

• Sept. 23, 2017: First extension of the TSA program.

• Sept. 25, 2017: FEMA Community Education and Outreach mission began in the

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Oct. 7, 2017: First MHU licensed in to Aransas County applicant.
Oct. 10, 2017: End of first TSA extension.

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 Oct. 16, 2017: Two counties added to federal declaration: Grimes and Caldwell.
 Oct. 24, 2017: End of second TSA extension.
 Oct. 31, 2017: Deadline for local and state governments as well as nonprofit organizations to request reimbursements from FEMA Public Assistance.

Nov. 27, 2017: End of third TSA extension.

Nov. 30, 2017: Deadline for survivors to register with FEMA.

Dec. 11, 2017: End of fourth TSA extension.
March 12, 2018: End of fifth TSA extension.

April 20, 2018: Last day for most survivors to schedule an inspection for the Direct Assistance for Limited Home Repairs program (DALHR).

April 23, 2018: End of sixth TSA extension.
May 31, 2018: End of seventh TSA extension

• June 1, 2018: FEMA Joint Field Office in Austin became the Texas Recovery

June 30, 2018: End of the TSA program in Texas.
Aug. 25, 2018: One year after Hurricane Harvey first made landfall in Texas.

Harris County continues to focus on recovery and resiliency efforts as Hurricane Harvey's first year anniversary approaches

 $(Houston, TX) - As\ Hur$ ricane Harvey's first year anniversary approaches, the Harris County Office of Homeland Security & Emergency Management (HCOHSEM) reflects on this historic storm that devastated southeast Texas with unprecedented flooding and destruction. Harvey was the most extreme rain event in U.S. history - close to 50 inches of rain fell during a fourday period.

Harvey claimed 36 lives in Harris County alone and led to one of the largest rescue efforts in Texas history. More than 300,000vehicles and up to 160,000 homes and businesses were damaged. Damages are expected to exceed \$125 billion.

"Harvey presented a tremendous test of strength for our region, especially for residents still trying to recover from pre-vious floods," said Harris County Judge Ed Emmett. "Our area had been impacted by severe flooding for three consecutive years prior to Harvey."

Harris County has had five declared disasters since 2015. A year after Harvey, it is clear that the

and will require an unwavering effort from all levels of government, the public and private sector.

"Our priorities rest on helping communities recover and backing flood control projects to make our county more resilient," added Emmett. "We must all work together to accomplish this."

To date, the federal government has provided \$800 million in housing and other disaster related expenses, and close to \$260million for public assistance projects. Most recently, an additional \$1.1 billion was granted to fund Harris County recovery projects.

Harris County will over see the allocation of \$214 $\ million\ in\ federal\ funds\ to$ help rebuild and repair single-family homes and an additional \$119 million will go toward the construction of new singlefamily homes. More than \$204.5 million will go to assist with damaged multifamily housing projects and affordable rental projects in areas affected by Harvey. Another \$200 million will go to purchasing homes that have flooded throughout the county.

The Hurricane Harvey Relief Fund, established by Harris County Judge Ed Emmett and Houston Mayor Sylvester Turner, has distributed more than \$110.5 million dollars to more than 100 local nonprofit organizations. This fund, now managed by the Greater Houston Community Foundation, helps with needs that are not met by other local and federal efforts.

"As we reflect on Harvey, we cannot forget the first responders, law enforcement, and communivolunteers who dedicated their time to response and recovery," said Emmett. "It is this neighbor helping neighbor spir-it that helped us get through this year."

Although hurricane season has remained quiet so far, HCOHSEM reminds residents that storms can develop quickly and without warning. As we enter the peak of hurricane season, residents are urged to stay informed by downloading the Ready Harris App or by following HCOHSEM on Twitter and Facebook

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The Harris County Emergency Services District #14 will hold a meeting at the Highlands Volunteer Fire Department, 2301 E. Wallisville Road, Highlands, TX 77562 at 12 noon, on Monday, August 27, 2018, to consider adopting a tax rate for tax year 2018. The proposed tax rate is 0.0500 per \$100 of value.

No change in the tax rate is planned. The ESD#14 tax rate has not increased since the inception of ESD #14 in 1999. The proposed tax rate for the 2018 tax year is the same rate of 0.0500 per \$ 100 the value that has always been in place for ESD#14 since its formation.

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NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE AND MONTHLY MEETINGS

The Administrative office of Harris County Emergency Services District #14 ("District") is located 2301 E. Wallisville Road, Highlands, TX 77562. The District's mailing address is PO Box 96, Highlands, TX 77562. The District holds regular meetings on the fourth Monday of each month at the Highlands Volunteer Fire Department located at 2301 E. Wallisville Road Highlands, TX 77562 at 12:00 noon. The public is cordially invited to attend all meetings. The Board of Commissioners are Jim Strouhal, President; Chester Stasney, Vice President; Jerry W. Ickes, Secretary; and Johnny Gaeke, Treasurer.

The attorney for the District is Weston Cotten, Law Offices of Weston Cotten, P.C. 1500 E. Wallsiville Road, Highlands, TX 77562, telephone number 281-421,4050, Email address veston@westoncotten.com

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The Mayor and City Council of Jacinto City will meet in Special Session on Thursday, August 23, 2018 at 5:30 p.m. In the Council Chamber, 10301 Market Street for the purpose Of the first public hearing on the anticipated budget for the Fiscal year 2018/2019. Public participation is encouraged.

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Crosby Superintendent's Report,

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According to the school district's officials. "Dr. Davis and new Chief Financial Officer, Lesa Jones, discovered a cash flow issue that appears to date back to the Spring of 2017. This cash flow problem resulted in the district par-taking in a short-term loan and internal fund borrowing from the district's Debt Service and Construction Funds to cover operational needs and the district's payroll obligations. Prior to Davis' arrival, \$5.65 million had been borrowed from the Construction Fund to cover the district's payroll obligations. When Davis arrived in late June, he had to borrow an additional \$1.99 million from the Construction Fund to cover expenses for the July 15th payroll. To date, the total amount borrowed from the Construction Fund stands at \$7.64 million. Davis stated that the plan is to repay the \$1.99 million he had to borrow by the end of November 2018. He and Jones worked closely with the district's bond counsel to determine if there were any qualifying expenditures made in 2017-2018 that could be subtracted from the total amount due to the Construction Fund. Approximately \$2.25 million of capital expenditures have been identified as potential qualifying expenses leaving \$3.4 million outstanding that the District intends to repay by December 2018.

Recovery from the financial issues is expected to take 3-5 years. While additional short-term loans, also known as Tax Revenue Anticipation Notes (TRAN), will be required to subsidize the cash flow shortage, the plan will be to create a diminishing dependence on these loans over the next

several years by implementing cost-saving measures including a 10-20% budget cut, absorbing staff positions through attrition and potentially a reduction

in force, if necessary.
Fund Balance Fund Balance is essentially a school district's savings account. The Texas Education Agency recommends a district keep 2-3 months of operating expenditures in Fund Balance, which would total approximately \$14.4 million for Crosby ISD. As of August 31, 2016, the District had an audit-ed \$10.6 million in Fund Balance. It was at that time that the district approved changing the end of the fiscal year from August 31st to June 30th, creating a 10-month fiscal year for 2016-2017. During that 10-month fiscal year, the District had a net decrease in Fund Balance of \$5.2 million, leaving only \$5.4 million in the District+fs Fund Balance account to start the 2017-2018 school year. Recently, district staff discovered that payroll was not accrued at the end of the 2016-2017 fiscal year in the amount of \$3.8 million for the General Fund. This discovery will require a Prior Period Adjustment (PPA) to be made, which will decrease the June 30, 2017, Fund Balance amount to \$1.5 million instead of the original audited amount of \$5.4 million. However, due to a required restricted General Fund Balance for Debt. Service of \$1.7 million, other Fund Balance categories will be negative. Replenishing the Fund Balance to a healthy state will require spending less than the Dis-

trict earns.
2018-2019 Budget The
next order of business for
the District is to closely examine the 2018-2019 budget that was approved this

past June in order to ensure that it will allow the district the opportunity to begin repairing the aforementioned issues. Staff has already been instructed to cut their 2018-2019 budgets by 10% and to judiciously examine every expenditure made. Approximately 20 positions have already been absorbed by the district through attrition."

"We are going to actually have to be as gritty as we preach to our own kids," said Davis, "We will do so as a team and figure out a way to get through it."

And to this reporter in the audience, "Lewis, don't let 10% of the reality write 100% of the story because that's not fair to Crosby ISD. This is a great place."

It's also broke from overspending but their is reform in the works, the Community Pep Rally will be replaced by an encouraged Family Night this year. Dr. Davis intends to present a 2018-2019 budget amendment in the near future for approval by the Board of Trustees to ensure that an accurate, right-sized budget is realized

The board also engaged in discussion regarding the three previously proposed School Resource Officers. Discussion regarding implementation of a Guardian Plan or Marshall Plan was ultimately refused as an alternative to the hiring of School Resource Officers. Crosby ISD currently employs 5 full-time School Resource Officers. In light of the financial situation, however, the Board voted to approve the hiring of one additional School Resource Officer for this school year and potentially adding one officer per year for the next 2 years.





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advertising and marketing, first for the Houston Chronicle, and later for Houston Community Newspapers. She currently has her own business, LB Marketing Solutions. In many of these positions, she has won awards for outstanding performance.

outstanding performance.

Bates said her motivation to be a judge came from her passion to give back to the community. Her resume is full of public service positions, as a Rotary director, Chair of the North Channel Chamber, president of her HOA, and former board members of the YMCA, Pilot Club, Top Ladies of Distinction, Advisory Panel to LyondellEquistar, and much more.

Bates holds degrees from U of H Clear Lake, and the University of Phoenix.

Phoenix.

As a JP, she plans to expande community education on new laws, add an evening court session, work with school districts to stop truancy, introduce punishment options that do not include incarceration, restart Teen Court, and work with local businesses to find jobs for persons recently released from jail that otherwise find a hard time getting permanent employment.

She says she will run the "People's Court" with Integrity, Respect for Everyone, and a Welcoming or

Inviting attitude.

Bates noted that becoming a JP is more than winning an election, and she has been studying hard on an internet course meant for first-time Justices of the Peace.

Bates is married, and has two daughters, and lives in the North Shore

She plans to bring her love for community to her new job, and her grand-mother's teaching, of Diplomacy and Decorum.

